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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

MAY 2023

As Reverend Tweedy is currently convalescing, we have included a letter written by Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Remember Jesus too

Writing about the celebration of Holy Communion almost eighty years ago, Gregory Dix posed the question 'Was ever another command so obeyed?' It's well worth searching online for his whole answer. An edited quote of his response reads:

'For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God.'

The first of Dix's scenarios will be played out before us at the coronation of King Charles III. At the heart of the ceremony, amidst all the pomp and circumstance, the oaths and declarations, the regalia and crowning, will be the celebration of Holy Communion. The words used will be just the same as those spoken in our parish churches Sunday by Sunday. From Communion, the King and Queen will be sent out from Westminster Abbey to live like us the prayer we say at the end of many of our services. They will offer 'their souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice, sent out in the power of [God's] Spirit to live and work to [God's] praise and glory.'

The command that the King, Queen and all of us obey is Jesus's direction to 'Do this in remembrance of me.' So, as you watch the Coronation please remember Jesus too. For he is the one who comes to us as a servant; the king of Kings.



Polden Wheel Coronation Thanksgiving Service

7th May at 11am

All Saints Church, Ashcott

To be followed by a Bring and Share lunch (drinks will be provided). Inside if wet.

All are Welcome!

Events in Ashcott in June

The Ashcott Big Breakfast

Sat **10 June** 9-11 in

Ashcott village hall

£8 (children

half price)

for full English,

cereals, juice and as much

coffee and toast as you want. All welcome.



Talk, Tea and Cake Sunday

18 June 3pm.

A talk by **Val Stones** at 3pm

In Ashcott Village Hall about

her '**Great British Bake Off**'

experience.

Tickets £10 from Freda on 01458 210485 or

Sian on 01458 210608. Proceeds to go to

Ashcott Church Repair fund.

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Church Services

Sunday 7th May

9.30 *Catcott*

11.00 *Ashcott*

Sunday 14th May

9.30 *Burtle*

11.00 *Ashcott*

Thursday 18th May

11.00 *Ashcott*

Sunday 21st May

10.00 *Shapwick*

10.30 *Chilton Polden*

Sunday 28th May

9.30 *Shapwick*

11.00 *Burtle*

11.00 *Edington*

6.30 *Ashcott*

Sunday 4th June

9.30 *Catcott*

11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Coronation weekend/Easter 5 (White)

Coronation Holy Communion (BCP)

Coronation Thanksgiving

followed by Bring and Share lunch (drinks provided)

Easter 6/Rogation(White)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Ascension Day

Holy Communion

Easter 7 (White)

Café Church

Holy Communion

Pentecost (Red)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Informal Worship

Holy Communion

Trinity Sunday (White)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Informal Worship



Service of Quiet

Tuesday May 16th
at 7pm in **Catcott**
church.

This will be a quiet space
for contemplative
reflection for half an hour.

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed May 24th at 10am

in **Edington Church.**

Readings

7th May: Acts 7.55-60; John 14.1-14

14th May: Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

18th May: Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-53

21st May: Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

28th May: Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23

Diary of Church Events

Please note date change for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is now being held on the 30th May.

May

- Wed 3rd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 10th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 12th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play
- Wed 17th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 19th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at St Gratien, Manor Road, Catcott, TA7 9HB. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.
- Wed 24th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 27th **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Church House, The Walls, Edington, TA7 9JU. 10.30 – noon. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Tues 30th **Burtle:** Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church. 7.30pm with refreshments at 7pm.
- Wed 31st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

June

- Wed 7th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 10th **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £8 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.
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