

Diary of Church Events

November

- Wed 1st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 1st **Shapwick:** Four Cornerstones course. 7.30pm.
- Wed 8th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 10th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 15th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 15th **Shapwick:** Four Cornerstones course. 7.30pm.
- Sat 18th **Ashcott:** Men's breakfast at The Albion Inn. Our speaker will be Ian Croxford and his talk is entitled 'Good news for the poor'.
- Sat 18th **Ashcott:** Return visit of the Ebbw Fach choir in All Saints Church at 7pm followed by fish and chip supper in the village hall. Tickets £15 from Jenny Todman on 01458 210437.
- Wed 22nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 25th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Nadia and Tom Wilson's home, Pople's Farm, Holywell Road. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring & buy and raffle.
- Wed 29th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 29th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at 4, Vine Orchard TA7 9BB. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.

December

- Sat 2nd/Sun 3rd **Chilton Polden** Christmas Tree Festival in the church 11am to 4pm. In aid of St Edward's church. Refreshments and a children's trail. Collection of gifts and goods for the Foodbank. Service at 4.30pm on Sunday 3rd.
- Wed 6th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 8th **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Sat 9th **Catcott** - Collection for Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal 'Be a Star'. Children's Gifts & Toys, Baby Clothes, T shirts, Hats & Gloves. (All must be new). Christmas food and treats. More details to follow.
- Wed 13th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 16th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Rosie Tilbury's home, Holywell House, Holywell Road. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring & buy and raffle.



NOVEMBER 2023

Hi folks,

As I write, there are two world cups going on: one in rugby and one in cricket. Currently, it's far better to be an England rugby fan than an England cricket fan!

In both tournaments, the world's top sportsmen are on show: there is some exceptional talent on display. In both competitions, the players have the ability to do things that normal people can't do. But – are they at the top because they have exceptional ability – or because they are able to do the basics exceptionally well?



Shapwick's Will Smeed hitting out for Somerset against Glos earlier this summer.

When a team is doing poorly, the problems are usually less about lack of brilliance, and more about failure to do the basics well enough (for example, dropped catches in cricket, or missed tackles in rugby). At the top level of sport, exceptional ability can really only flourish by being built on the foundation of basic skills being done exceptionally well. These days, because there's so much analytical data available, if a player has a weakness in the basics, it can easily be found and exploited – irrespective of brilliance elsewhere.

As a group of churches, we have been doing a course called "Four cornerstones". The main message of the course is that if we want to build a thriving church in this area, we need to start with the basics – and to do that, we need to make sure we have good foundations. Right at the heart of that is our relationship with God through Jesus, which we cultivate through prayer and Bible reading. As we approach Christmas, we'll be able to think again about what it means for God to come to Earth in the form of a baby: the event which is so basic to Christian faith.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy

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Remembrance Services

Saturday 11th Nov at 10.50

Service of Remembrance

Catcott War Memorial

Sunday 12th Nov at 10.45 in Ashcott

Benefice Remembrance Service

Christingle Services

4pm Sunday 3rd Dec

Ashcott

4pm Sunday 10th Dec

Chilton Polden



Return visit of the Ebbw Fach choir

All Saints Church, Ashcott

Saturday 18th Nov at 7pm

followed by a fish and chip supper in the village hall.

Tickets £15 from

Jenny Todman 01458 210437

St Edward's Chilton Polden

Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd Dec

11am-4pm

In aid of St Edward's Refreshments available

Children's trail

Collection of gifts and goods for the Foodbank

Followed on Sunday by a service at 4.30pm.



Church Services

Sunday 5th November 4th before Advent/ All Saints (White)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

Saturday 11th November Armistice Day

10.50 *Catcott* Armistice Day Service at

Catcott War Memorial

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday (Red)

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

10.45 *Ashcott* Benefice Remembrance

4.00 *Edington* Holy Communion

Sunday 19th November 2nd before Advent (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Sunday 26th November 1st before Advent/ Christ the King (Red)

9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship

11.00 *Edington* Informal Worship

6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 3rd December Advent 1 (Purple)

9.30 *Catcott* Advent Holy Communion

4.00 *Ashcott* Christingle Service

4.30 *Chilton Polden* Christmas Tree Service

Sunday 10th December Advent 2 (Purple)

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

4.00 *Edington* Holy Communion

4.00 *Chilton Polden* Christingle Service

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed Nov 22nd at 10am

in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday Nov 21st at 7pm

Catcott Church.

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

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Readings

5th November: 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 24.1-14

12th November: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13

19th November: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

26th November: Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46