

Diary of Church Events

November

- Friday 3rd **Ashcott:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm.
Tuesday 7th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
Tuesday 7th **Shapwick:** 'The Holy Spirit' Bible Study. 7.30pm at the Vicarage.
Friday 10th **Shapwick:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm.
Friday 10th **Chilton Polden:** Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
Tuesday 14th **Shapwick:** 'The Holy Spirit' Bible Study. 7.30pm at the Vicarage.
Thursday 16th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Gamma House, Old Steel Lane (opposite Framptons in Manor Road) at 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. Look forward to seeing everyone there, please do come and join in, all are welcome.
Friday 17th **Ashcott:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm.
Friday 17th **Edington:** St. George's Coffee Morning at Edington Lodge, The Broadway, Edington. 10.30- noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle
Saturday 18th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown. 8.45am.
Saturday 18th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm
Monday 20th **Shapwick:** Lite Bite Lunch at St. Mary's Church. 12.30-2pm.
Tuesday 21st **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
Friday 24th **Shapwick:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm.
Friday 24th **Shapwick:** Tea and Cakes at St. Mary's Church. 10-12. £2.00.
Tuesday 28th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon

December

- Saturday 9th **Edington:** St. George's Coffee and Mince Pies at Holywell House, Holywell Road, Edington.10.30-noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle.
Saturday 9th **Ashcott:** Christmas Coffee Morning. 10am.
Thursday 14th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Christmas Coffee Morning at Court Farm, Steel Lane. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. Please come and join the chat and laughter, everyone welcome.

Bible Study Group

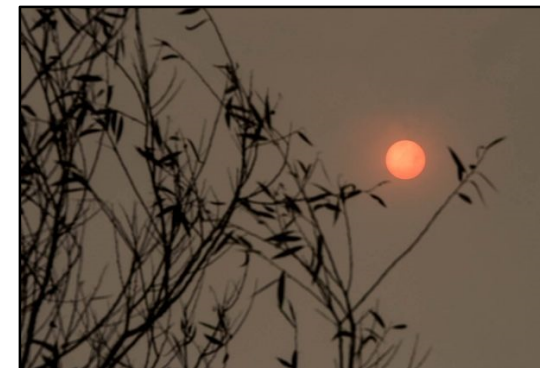
Continuing to look at Luke's gospel, led by Jen. Thursdays 9 and 30 November. Call or email Rich for more details.

NOVEMBER 2017



Hi folks,

Last Monday, many people noticed that there was an eerie atmosphere around, with a strange light and a strong wind blowing. It would have made a great opening for a disaster movie – or a prelude to an alien spaceship landing! In reality the red light was caused by dust dragged up from the Sahara by Hurricane Ophelia, and obscuring the Sun.



*The red sun over Somerset on Monday.
Photo: Len Copland / Western Gazette*

This set me thinking... how often do we let things obscure our view of God's Son? Sometimes it may be genuine theological issues: why does God allow suffering, for example? (as with the hurricanes last month). Or it may be our own experiences which, for one reason or another, have led us to a negative impression of who God is. I don't for a moment want to underplay that.

However, sometimes it's more minor stuff: maybe we allow the busyness of our own lives to obstruct our view. Even church stuff can get in the way: we're so busy that we don't allow time for the most important thing, which is to develop our relationship with God. And yes, even vicars can be in danger of letting church stuff get in the way! ☺

But if, as I believe, the good news of God's Son is the most important reality that we should be engaging with, then – where we easily can – we should make time to get a clearer view of him.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy
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Advent Course

Dates: Mondays at 7.30 from Nov 27
Venue: Chilton Polden
Sunday School room
Hosts: Fred and Margaret

This is an opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of the season, and to go on a devotional journey to prepare for Christmas.



Fun, food & friendship for young families.

In **Shapwick Church** 4-6pm.

Next ones: **Nov 18 and Dec 16**

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

Please take your filled boxes to the next Café Burtle on November 11th or leave them in the church before that date. Any queries please contact Rosemary Tucker on 01278 722321.

Last year we sent off 81 boxes so let's see what we can do this year!!



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Church Services in November 2017

Sunday 5 November – All Saints (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship
10.30 *Edington* Family Communion
6.30 *Hayloft, Shapwick School* Praise 'n' Prayer

Saturday 11 November – Remembrance Day

10.50 *Catcott* War Memorial

Sunday 12 November – Remembrance Sunday (Red)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church followed by Communion
10.45 *Burtle* Remembrance Service

Sunday 19 November – 2nd before Advent (Green)

10.30 *Catcott* Matins (BCP)
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship
6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 26 November – Christ the King (Red)

9.00 *Shapwick* Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 *Burtle* Celtic Communion Service
4.00 *Chilton Polden* Christingle
4.30 *Edington* Evensong

Sunday 3 December – Advent 1 (Purple)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship
10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)
6.30 *Edington* Praise 'n' Prayer

Thursday 7 December

6.30 *Shapwick* Singing Around the Christmas Tree

Sunday 10 December – Advent 2 (Purple)

10.30 *Shapwick* Café Church
10.30 *Chilton Polden (BCP)* Holy Communion (BCP)
4.00 *Ashcott* Christingle
6.30 *Burtle* Carol Service

Thursdays 2 and 16 November; 7 December: *Ashcott* 10.00 Holy Communion

Sunday Readings for November

5 Nov: Micah 3.5-end; Psalm 43 or 107.1-8; 1 Thess. 2.9-13; Matt. 24.1-14
12 Nov: Amos 5.18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess. 4.13-end; Matthew 25. 1-13
19 Nov: Zeph. 1.7.12-end; Ps. 90.1-8(9-11)12; 1 Thess. 5.1-11; Matt. 25.14-30
26 Nov: Ezek. 34.11-16,20-24; Ps. 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matt. 25.31-end



**Celtic
Communion
at Burtle**

Sunday Nov 26

*Music led by Nigel &
Rowena.*

Edington midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday Nov 22. This will be back in the School Room and **not** St. George's Church starting at 10.30am.

*Preceded by coffee at
10am.*