DECEMBER 2021



Hi folks,

Last Christmas, we were unable to sing in church because of the Covid-19 regulations. This year, all being well, we should be able to do so in all of our services. However, you'll need to wrap up warm as we need to ensure good ventilation, which is the most important thing we can do to minimise the chances of Covid-19 being inadvertently passed on.

Being able to sing in church over Christmas may give us the feeling of being ungagged — so spare a thought for those who live in countries where there is no religious freedom for Christians, so that they are effectively gagged. In recent years there have been bombings in churches in countries such as Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Pakistan. In some countries, even having a church is impossible.



It's inspiring to realise that Christians in these countries are willing to risk their lives because of their faith. They realise just how life-transforming it is to have a living relationship with God through his son, Jesus. It's a reminder that Christmas is about more than the tinsel, the tree and the turkey: it's about an encounter with God who became human, in the form of a baby.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk



Carols and Nativities in December in the Polden Wheel

Ashcott: Tues. 21st 6.30 Carol Service (*mince pies and mulled wine*)

Burtle: Tues. 14th 7.30 Young Farmers Carols

Mon. 20th 6.30 Carols Around the Crib (refreshments)

Catcott: Thurs.23rd 4.00 Carol Service

Chilton Polden: Sun. 5th 4.30 Christmas Tree Service

Sun. 19th 4.00 Carol Service (*tea, coffee and cake*)

Thurs.16th 6.30 Carols by Candlelight **Edington:**

> 5.30 Nativity Play with Carols (mince pies/mulled wine) Fri. 24th

Shapwick: Wed. 15th 7.30 Carols by Candlelight (*refreshments*)

> Fri. 24th 4.00 Outdoor Carols at the Pavilion

Christingle services 2021

4.00pm Sunday 28th Nov Ashcott

4.00pm Sunday 12th Dec Chilton Polden Refreshments.

Our Christmas Messy Church

is in **Shapwick Church** at 4-6pm on Dec 11th. Fun, food & friendship

for young families with the story of Christmas included.

All Saints. Ashcott Christmas Flower Festival

Theme of 'Christmas Carols'.

19th to 24th Dec. Church open 10am -4pm.

Refreshments available.



St George's Edington

Nativity Play with Carols

5.30pm Friday 24th December

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine (Rehearsal 11am on 23rd Dec. for those who can make it)

St Edward's Chilton Polden

Christmas Tree

Festival

Sat 4th & Sun 5th 10am-4pm

Refreshments and activities for children. In aid of St Edwards.

Collection point for foodbank, help us build a food tin and gift Christmas tree.

Followed on Sunday by a service at 4.30pm.

To access our Zoom services, please visit the Polden Wheel website and complete the online form. You will then be added to the list for future services.

















Church Services in December 2021 Sunday 5 December – Advent 2 (Purple)

9.30 Catcott Holy Communion
11.00 Informal Worship via Zoom
4.30 Chilton Polden Christmas Tree Service

Sunday 12 December – Advent 3 (Purple)

9.30 Burtle Holy Communion 11.00 Ashcott Informal Worship

4.00 Chilton Polden Christingle

4.00 Edington Holy Communion (CW)

Tuesday 14 December

7.30 Burtle Young Farmer's Carols

Wednesday 15 December

7.30 Shapwick Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 16 December

6.30 Edington Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 19 December - Advent 4 (Purple)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church4.00 Chilton Polden Carol Service

Monday 20 December

6.30 Burtle Carols Around the Crib

Tuesday 21 December

6.30 Ashcott Carol Service

Thursday 23 December

4.00 *Catcott* Carol Service Friday 24 December – Christmas Eve

4.00 *Shapwick* Outdoor Carols at the Pavilion

5.30 *Edington* Nativity Play with Carols 11.30 *Ashcott* Christmas Communion

Saturday 25 December – Christmas Day

9.30 *Catcott* Christmas Communion 10.00 *Burtle* Christmas Communion

Sunday 26 December – Christmas 1 (White)

9.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 2 January - Christmas 2 (White)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion

11.00 Informal Worship via **Zoom**

Midweek Holy Communion

Weds 15 December at 10am in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tues December 21st at 7pm in Catcott church.

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



Please note that all churches will be well ventilated so please wear warm clothing.

Diary of Church Events in December

Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. Sat 4th / Sun 5th Chilton Polden: Christmas Tree Festival 10-4 in the church in aid of St Edward's church. Refreshments and children's activities. Collection point for foodbank, help us build a food tin and gift Christmas tree. Service at 4.30pm on Sunday.

Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. Wed 8th

Chilton Polden: Christmas Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down Fri 10th 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.

Ashcott: Christmas Coffee morning with gift and goodies stalls 10-12. Sat 11th

Sat 11th **Shapwick:** Christmas Messy Church at Shapwick Church 4-6.

Wed 15th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

Wed 15th Catcott: Coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon at Court Farm, Steel Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HW.

Sat 19th- Fri 24th Ashcott: Flower Festival with the theme of Christmas Carols. Church open 10-4 with refreshments available.

Wed 22nd Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. Wed 29th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

Readings for December

5 December: Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6 12 December: Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3,7-18 19 December: Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 24 & 25 December: Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 2.1-20 26 December: Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52

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