

All are welcome at any or all of the following Church Events:

February

Wed 4th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

Thur 5th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm. Contact Rich for more information if you would like to join.

Wed 11th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

Thur 12th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm.

Fri 13th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo CANCELLED DUE TO ILL HEALTH.

Tue 17th **Ashcott:** Pancake Bake – 10.00 - 12.00am in Ashcott Village Hall. £2.50 for coffee/tea and pancake with choice of fillings.

Wed 18th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

Thur 19th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm.

Fri 20th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee morning at 14 Brook Lane. 10.30 to 12noon. Suggested donation £2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.

Sat 21st **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown Inn. 8.45am. Speaker - Chris Gadd. Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast (£9).
Contact Rich to book a place.

Sat 21st **Edington:** St. George's Coffee morning at Lotta, Broadmead Road. 10.30 to 12noon. Entry £2. Bring and Buy and Raffle. All welcome.

Wed 25th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

Thur 26th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm.

March

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Website: poldenwheel.co.uk

February 2026



Hi folks,

Names are important. If you don't believe me - try getting to know someone well without knowing their name! I've embarrassed myself quite a few times when I've failed to remember someone's name when I should know it quite well - I suspect most of us have had that experience at one time or another. Forgetting a name is definitely a barrier towards knowing someone.

There's a lovely passage in the Old Testament, where God speaks to his people through the prophet Isaiah.

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
you are mine."*

[Isaiah 43:1, ESV]

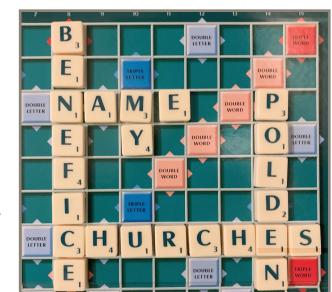
The point of it is to express God's intimate care for his people - we are each known by God by name.

As you may know, the six churches of the Polden Wheel (from Ashcott, Burtle, Catcott, Chilton Polden, Edington and Shapwick) will be joined by two more (from Moorlinch and Stawell). We therefore need a new name to reflect the new identity!

We are inviting people to come up with suggestions. If you have an idea for one, please let me know (vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk), or pass one to your local churchwarden, by Saturday Feb 28th.

These will be collected up and sent round to the eight different church friends' groups, who will be able to select their preferred choices. From this, the name preferred by the majority of the friends' groups will become the new benefice name.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy
vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk



Treasurer Wanted

The Polden Wheel is looking for someone with an accountancy background to work with the Parish Cashiers and the Administrator to oversee the Benefice accounts. Please contact Rich if you would like more information.



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Have you wished that your understanding of the Bible was deeper?

The Bible Course has been developed by the Bible Society. Thursdays at 3pm at the Vicarage (possibly skipping the odd week). Starting with refreshments, then a video presentation and discussion. Join in the discussion or sit quietly and reflect on what others are saying. Contact Rich if you are interested.

Men's breakfast

Saturday 21st February 8.45am at The Crown Inn, Catcott.
Speaker - Chris Gadd
Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast (£9).
Contact Rich to book a place.



Church Contacts

Vicar:

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Vacant

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St Peter's, Catcott: Corinne Reynolds 01278 723060

St Edward's, Chilton Polden: Vacant

St George's, Edington: Rosie Tilbury 01278 722208

St Mary's, Shapwick: Vacant

Church Services in February 2026

Sunday 1st February - Third Sunday before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Catcott* - Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 *Chilton Polden* - Informal Worship **

Sunday 8th February - Second Sunday before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Burtle* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* - Informal Worship

4.00 *Edington* - Holy Communion

Sunday 15th February - Sunday next before Lent (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* - Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* - Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

2.30 *Ashcott* - Holy Communion

A Quiet Service

Tuesday 17th February

7pm

at St Peter's Church
Catcott

A space for contemplative reflection for half an hour.

Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday

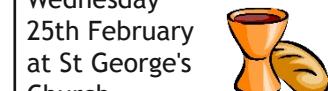
25th February

at St George's Church

Edington

10 am

All are welcome.



Sunday 22nd February - Lent 1 (Green)

9.30 *Shapwick* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* - Informal Worship

11.00 *Edington* - Informal Worship **

6.30 *Ashcott* - Holy Communion

Sunday 1st March - Lent 2 (Green)

9.30 *Catcott* - Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 *Chilton Polden* - Informal Worship

** With Polden Praise

Sunday Readings for February

1st February: Heb 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

8th February: Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-34

15th February: 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

22nd February: Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Ash Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21