

Diary of Church Events

March

- Wed 6th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
Fri 8th **Chilton Polden:** Easter Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 13th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
Fri 15th **Burtle:** Quiz night at the Duck @ Burtle. £16 with supper. Tickets available from Rosemary on 01278 722321. Meet up with old friends and make some new ones. All welcome.
- Sat 16th **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at The Walnuts, Holywell Road, Edington, TA7 9LD. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 20th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
Fri 22nd **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Polden Rise, Steel Lane, TA7 9HP. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus raffle.
- Wed 27th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

April

- 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
Sat 20th **Edington:** St George's Gift Day coffee morning in the church. 10-2.30. Plant sale, bring & buy, and raffle.
- Wed 24th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
Mon 29th **Chilton Polden:** Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Polden Wheel in St Edward's Church. 7.15 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

The Polden Wheel's 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will be held on **29 April** at **St Edward's Church, Chilton Polden**. 7.15 for 7.30pm. All welcome



WANTED

Plants and cuttings for St George's Edington's Gift Day plant sale on 20th April.



MARCH 2024

Hi folks,

I am by no means a film buff, but a friend who is introduced me to a phrase I hadn't heard before: jumping the shark. It happens when a movie is proceeding normally, but then something utterly naff happens to force the plot to a contrived conclusion.

Is it possible that the whole Easter story is a spectacular shark jump? Perhaps the Christian story started with an inspiring teacher called Jesus, who got into trouble with the Romans and was executed; but his followers, in a desperate attempt to gain fame and fortune, contrived a story of an empty tomb and a resurrected Jesus.

Possibly. Instead, consider this: the gospels show that Jesus told the disciples three times that he would be executed and would rise again – but they were utterly unable to comprehend what he was telling them. The story of Jesus' crucifixion shows them being cowardly and running away, afraid for their own lives. Their courage returned only when Jesus was resurrected. Ten of them were executed for their faith, and another spent many years in a prison colony. None of this makes sense if the disciples had contrived the story. It makes much more sense to realise both that Jesus really did die and rise from the dead, and that the disciples were willing to die in order to proclaim this amazing truth.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy
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Easter Services in the Polden Wheel

Good Friday	2.00pm <i>Shapwick</i>	Stations of the Cross <i>followed by time for reflection</i>
Easter Sunday	6.30am <i>RSPB Ham Wall</i>	Sunrise Service
	9.30am <i>Catcott</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Holy Communion
	11.00am <i>Shapwick</i>	Informal Worship



Please join us for our

Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

Thursday March 28 at 7pm
at the
**Pig and Wheel, Bath Road,
Chilton Polden**

To book a place
please call Anne
on 01278 722408.



Men's breakfast

Saturday 16th March, 8.45am
at **The Crown Inn, Catcott**

Full cooked breakfast
with tea, coffee and toast
Our speaker will be *Phil Cheale*.
Email Rich to book.

Church Services

Sunday 3rd March	9.30 <i>Catcott</i>	Lent 3 (Green) Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Informal Worship
Sunday 10th March	9.30 <i>Burtle</i>	Mothering Sunday (Green) Holy Communion
	11.00 <i>Ashcott</i>	Informal Worship
	4.00 <i>Edington</i>	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th March	10.00 <i>Shapwick</i>	Lent 5 (Green) Café Church
	10.30 <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th March	9.30 <i>Shapwick</i>	Palm Sunday (Red) Holy Communion
	11.00 <i>Burtle</i>	Informal Worship
	6.30 <i>Ashcott</i>	Holy Communion
Thursday 28th March	7.00 <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Maundy Thursday Meal at the <i>Pig and Wheel</i> (see box for details)
Friday 29th March	2.00 <i>Shapwick</i>	Good Friday Stations of the Cross followed by time for reflection
Sunday 31st March	6.30 <i>Ham Wall</i>	Easter Sunday (White) Sunrise Service
	9.30 <i>Catcott</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00 <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Holy Communion
	11.00 <i>Shapwick</i>	Informal Worship



Service of Quiet

Tuesday March
19th at 7pm in
Catcott church.

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

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed March 27th
at 10am

in **Edington Church.**

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Readings

3rd March: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22
10th March: Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35
17th March: Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33
24th March: Mark 11.1-11; Mark 15.1-39
31st March: Mark 16.1-8; Mark 10.34-43