Diary of Church Events

March

Wed 6th
Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

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

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

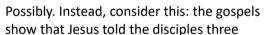


MARCH 2024

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.



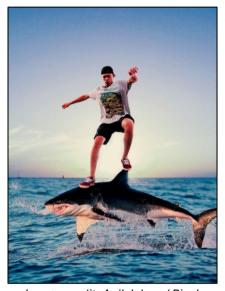


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times that he would be executed and would rise again – but they were utterly unable to comprehend what he was telling them. The story of Jesus' crucifixion shows them being cowardly and running away, afraid for their own lives. Their courage returned 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 vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

Easter Services in the Polden Wheel

Good Friday 2.00pm *Shapwick* Stations of the Cross *followed by*

time for reflection

Easter Sunday 6.30am RSPB Ham Wall Sunrise Service

9.30am *Catcott*11.00am *Chilton Polden*11.00am *Shapwick*

Sunrise Service
Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion

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.

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Church Services

Sunday	3 rd March	Lent 3 (Green)
9.30	Catcott	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00	Chilton Polden	Informal Worship
Sunday 10 th March		Mothering Sunday (Green)
9.30	Burtle	Holy Communion
11.00	Ashcott	Informal Worship
4.00	Edington	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th March		Lent 5 (Green)
10.00	Shapwick	Café Church
10.30	Chilton Polden	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th March		Palm Sunday (Red)
9.30	Shapwick	Holy Communion
11.00	Burtle	Informal Worship
6.30	Ashcott	Holy Communion
Thursday 28 th March		Maundy Thursday
7.00	Chilton Daldan	NASSI SEE DISCOURSE NAMES OF

7.00 Chilton Polden Meal at the Pig and Wheel (see box for details)

Friday 29th March Good Friday

2.00 Shapwick Stations of the Cross followed by time for reflection

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday (White)
6.30 Ham Wall Sunrise Service

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

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Midweek Holy Communion

Service of

Quiet

Tuesday March
19th at 7pm in

Catcott church.

This will be a quiet space

for contemplative

hour.

reflection for half an

Wed March 27th at 10am

in Edington Church.

Readings

3rd March: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

10th **March:** Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35 **17**th **March:** Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33 **24**th **March:** Mark 11.1-11; Mark 15.1-39 **31**st **March:** Mark 16.1-8; Mark 10.34-43