

SPOKES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

APRIL 2025

Hi folks,

One of the most toxic concepts in the western world today is the idea that we live in a 'post-truth' society. In other words, it doesn't really matter whether something is true or not – merely how you respond to something on an emotional level. This is most obvious with politicians and their campaigns when they show a flagrant disregard for the factual accuracy of what they say.

The power of the Easter story lies in the Christian belief that it is historically true – and therefore, if you examine the historical and archaeological data about Jesus and his world, you will have more (not less) confidence in their



veracity. In the gospels, Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection are not presented as emotionally-charged myths, but as historical events seen by eye-witnesses. The gospel writers are at pains to establish that what they are describing is objectively true.

In the smoke-and-mirrors of a post-truth world, Jesus is obscured by the manipulative use of human emotion. Christians must be clear in their commitment to objective truth: because that's the only way for the beauty of the Easter story to become clear.

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
Easter Eve	8.00pm	<i>Catcott</i>	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	6.00am	<i>RSPB Ham Wall</i>	Sunrise Service
	10.30am	<i>Chilton Polden</i>	Holy Communion
	10.00am	<i>Shapwick</i>	Café Church

St George's, Edington

Gift Day, Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy and Plant Sale

Wed **23rd April** 10.30 -1.00
in **St George's Church**



WANTED

Plants and cuttings
for St George's
Edington's Gift Day
plant sale

St Edward's, Chilton Polden

Primrose Tea

Saturday **5th April** 2-4pm
at the church.



Come and enjoy afternoon tea and follow the trails to see primroses, wildflowers and blossom.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Easter Sunday **20th April** 10am
in the church before the
service at 10.30am.



All welcome.

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Church Services

Sunday 6th April

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Lent 5 (Purple)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal Worship

Sunday 13 April

9.30 *Burtle*
11.00 *Ashcott*
4.00 *Edington*

Palm Sunday (Red)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship
Holy Communion

Friday 18th April

2.00 *Shapwick*

Good Friday (Red)

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 19th April

8.00 *Catcott*

Easter Eve

Easter Vigil

Sunday 20th April

6.00 *Ham Wall*
10.00 *Shapwick*
10.30 *Chilton Polden*

Easter Sunday (White)

Sunrise Service
Café Church
Holy Communion

Sunday 27th April

11.00 *Edington*

Easter 2 (White)

Holy Communion

Sunday 4th May

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Easter 3 (White)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal Worship

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed 23rd April
at 9.30am
in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday April 15th
at 7pm in
Catcott church

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

Readings

6th April: Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

13th April: Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 23.1-49

20th April: Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18

27th April: Acts 5.27-32; John 20.19-31

All are welcome at any or all of the following church events:

April

- Wed 2nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 5th **Chilton Polden:** Primrose tea at the church. 2-4pm. Come and enjoy afternoon teas and admire spring with trails to see the primroses, wildflowers and blossom.
- Wed 9th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 11th **Chilton Polden:** Easter Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments
- Sat 12th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Our speaker will be David Willis of Trull Anglican church. ***Please book your place by contacting Rich.***
- Wed 16th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sun 20th **Chilton Polden:** Easter bonnet parade in the church at 10am before the service. All are welcome.
- Wed 23rd **Edington:** St George's Gift Day, coffee morning, bring and buy and plant sale in the church from 10.30 until 1pm.
- Wed 23rd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 25th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Hollybrook, Brook Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HG. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus raffle
- Wed 30th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

May

- Sat 3rd **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £8 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.
- Sat 3rd **Edington:** Yard Sale for St George's church. There will be a plan with a list of the houses taking part that can be collected from the foyer of the church
- Wed 7th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 14th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome