

SPOKES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES



JULY/AUGUST 2025

Hi folks,

What do you think it would mean to live life the way God intended, as described in the Bible?

I wonder whether you think the answer might be “you should work hard every hour that God gives you, and only then would you gain God’s approval”? Fortunately, that’s not God wants of us!



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Relax and enjoy God

One of the things that characterises the life that God desires for us is that we include rest within it. Of course, there is plenty written in the Bible about working hard – but right from the start, rest is part of the picture!

It’s even embedded in the ten commandments:

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy... On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

We’re entering holiday season, when many of us will go away for a while. You may not have thought of it this way before – but taking a holiday (holy-day) is closer to how God wants us to live our lives than not doing so!

It’s an example of how God wants us to receive his grace, freely given to us, rather than to strive in our lives, either to impress God or our employers or our colleagues or anyone else.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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Cream Teas in the Polden Wheel

St Philip & St James', Burtle

Cream Teas on the lawn
at Catcott Burtle Farm,
Burtle, TA7 8NE

Raffle

Sat 5th July

2.30 – 4.30pm



St George's, Edington

Cream Teas and Stalls
at Holywell House,
Holywell Road, TA7 9LB.

Sat 16th August, 2.30- 5pm

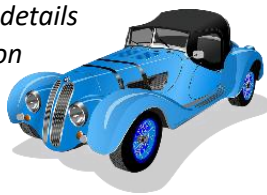
Pip 'n' Jay Classique Car Run

*Enjoy a classic car tour through
the Somerset countryside to and
from Catcott Burtle Farm, TA7
8NE.*

Saturday 2nd August

£50 to enter. Includes bacon bap,
light lunch and cream teas for 2.

*Entry forms and details
from Rosemary on
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Church Contacts

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Church Services

Sunday 6th July

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Sunday 13th July

9.30 *Burtle*
11.00 *Ashcott*
6.30 *Edington*

Sunday 20th July

10.00 *Shapwick*
10.30 *Chilton Polden*

Sunday 27th July

9.30 *Shapwick*
11.00 *Burtle*
6.30 *Ashcott*

Sunday 3rd August

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Sunday 10th August

9.30 *Burtle*
11.00 *Ashcott*
6.30 *Edington*

Sunday 17th August

10.00 *Shapwick*
10.30 *Chilton Polden*

Sunday 24th August

9.30 *Shapwick*
11.00 *Edington*
6.30 *Ashcott*

Sunday 31st August

11.00 *Burtle*

* *With Polden Praise*

Trinity 3 (Green)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal Worship

Trinity 4 (Green)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship*
Holy Communion

Trinity 5 (Green)

Café Church
Holy Communion

Trinity 6 (Green)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship*
Holy Communion

Trinity 7 (Green)

Holy Communion Celebrating Lammastide
Informal Worship*

Trinity 8 (Green)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship
Holy Communion

Trinity 9 (Green)

Café Church
Holy Communion

Trinity 10 (Green)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship (*joint with Burtle*)*
Holy Communion

Trinity 11 (Green)

Holy Communion



Service of Quiet

**Tuesdays July 15th
and August 19th
at 7pm in
Catcott church**

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

Midweek Holy Communions

Wed 23 July
and **27 August**
at **10.00am**
in **Edington Church.**



Readings

Jul 6: Gal. 6. [1-6]7-16; Luke 10.1-11,16-20 **Aug 3:** Col. 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

Jul 13: Col. 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

Aug 10: Heb.11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40

Jul 20: Col. 1.15-28; Luke 1-13

Aug 17: Heb.11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56

Jul 27: Col. 2.6-15[16-19]; Luke 11.1-13

Aug 24: Heb.12.18-29; Luke 13. 10-17

Aug 31: Heb 13.1-8,15,16; Luke 14.1,7-14

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

July

- Wed 2nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 5th **Burtle:** Cream teas on the lawn at Catcott Burtle Farm, TA7 8NE
2.30 – 4.30. Raffle.
- Wed 9th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 12th **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Church House, The Walls,
Edington TA7 9JU. 10.30 – 12 noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle
- Wed 16th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 23rd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 25th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Little Trees, Manor Road,
Catcott, TA7 9HF. 10.30 – 12. Suggested donation £2 for tea/coffee
and cake. Raffle.
- Wed 30th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

August

- Sat 2nd **Burtle:** Pip 'n' Jay Classique Car Run round trip starting from Catcott
Burtle Farm. Entries are £50 for 2 people to include bacon bap, light
lunch and cream tea. Entry forms from Rosemary on 01278 722321.
- Wed 6th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 13th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 16th **Edington:** Cream teas and stalls at Holywell House, Holywell Road,
Edington, TA7 9LB. 2.30 – 5.00.
- Wed 20th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 27th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 29th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at St Gratien, Manor Road,
Catcott, TA7 9HF. 10.30 – 12. Suggested donation £2 for tea/coffee
and cake. Raffle.

Advanced dates for your diaries

- Sat **Sept 20th** St George's, **Edington's** Harvest Lunch 12-2
- Fri **Sept 26th** St George's, **Edington's** McMillan Tea 2pm
- Sat **Sept 27th** St Philip & St James, **Burtle's** Harvest Lunch. 12 noon.
- Sat **Sept 27th** All Saints, **Ashcott.** Concert with Glastonbury Male Voice choir
in the church with supper in the village hall.
- Sat **Oct 4th** St Peter's, **Catcott.** Harvest 'Soup and a Pud' 12-2 in Edington
Village Hall. Food served 12- 1pm.