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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

MARCH 2025

Hi folks,

The world order appears to be being upended by the new incumbent of the White House. So what are we to make of it? Are we to change our understanding of morality to suit the changing political climate – or do we check with God’s perspective?

Jesus lived in a nation ultimately under the rule of the Roman emperor. Political power was obtained by currying favour with the Roman elite. Rebellion was punished by executing rebels using crucifixion. But the son of God was born not into power, but to a poor family from Galilee. He spent his life associating with the disadvantaged, telling people to love their enemies, and proclaiming God’s ultimate rule. When he encountered the sick, he healed them. For all of this, his human reward was to be executed by crucifixion.



“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt 5:3)

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One day, a rich young man approached Jesus, asking how to earn his way into heaven, having kept the law since childhood. Jesus told him to give all his worldly wealth to the poor, and then to follow him. For the man it was deeply challenging, but wealth and power were not the way to advancement in the Kingdom of God. If we want to keep a healthy perspective on the world around us, we need to be rooted in God’s teaching.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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RENEWAL OF THE POLDEN WHEEL ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

What is a Church Electoral Roll?

Being on the Church Electoral Roll is a way of demonstrating your willingness to help shape the future of the church. It enables you to participate and vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting as well as hold a position of office in the church. It might not sound exciting, but it is an important thing we need to do as a church.

Whilst the roll is updated every year, every 6 years each parish of the Church of England prepares a new electoral roll and 2025 sees this taking place. To be on the electoral roll you must be:

- 16 yrs or over
- Be baptised
- Either live in the parish or have attended the church regularly for at least 6 months

You can apply by filling in your details on the forms that will be available in the Churches of The Polden Wheel from 1st March. Simply fill it in and return it to the individuals named on the Notice of Preparation displayed from 1st March in each of the Churches. These forms must be returned completed by 4th April.

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Church Services

Sunday 2nd March

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Wednesday 5th March

11.00 *Edington*

Sunday 9th March

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

Sunday 16th March

10.00 *Shapwick*
4.30 *Chilton Polden*

Sunday 23rd March

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

Sunday 30th March

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Ashcott*

Sunday 6th April

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Next Before Lent (Green)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal Worship

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion

Lent 1 (Purple)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship with Baptism
Holy Communion

Lent 2 (Purple)

Café Church
Holy Communion

Lent 3 (Purple)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship
Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday (Purple)

Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion (CW)
Mothering Sunday
Informal Worship

Lent 5 (Purple)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal Worship

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed 26th March
at 10am
in **Edington Church**.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday March
18th
at 7pm in
Catcott church

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

Readings

2nd March: 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2; Luke 9.28-36(37-43a)

Ash Wed: Isaiah 1.10-18; Luke 15.11-32

9th March: Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

16th March: Philippians 3.17- 4.1; Luke 13.31-35

23rd March: 1 Corinthians 1.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

30th March: Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.25-35

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

March

- Tues 4th **Ashcott:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Bake in Ashcott Village Hall Committee room 10am -12 noon. Tea/coffee and pancakes with a choice of fillings for £2. Extra Pancakes £1 each. Raffle. All are welcome.
- Wed 5th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 12th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 14th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments
- Sat 15th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Our speaker will be Malcolm Turner of the Christian TV Association. ***Please book your place by contacting Rich.***
- Sat 15th **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Kootya, Broadway, Edington TA7 9HA. 10.30 – 12 noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 19th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 21st **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at 14, Brook Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HG. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus raffle.
- Wed 26th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

April

- Wed 2nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- 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

St Edward's, Chilton Polden

Easter Bonnet Parade On Easter Sunday April 20th

Ladies, gentlemen
and children
welcome!



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Plants and cuttings for
St George's Edington's
Gift Day plant sale
on 23rd April.