FEBRUARY 2020



Hi folks,

The new Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, once wrote a book with the teasingly ambiguous title, "Do nothing to change your life".

We live in a world in which busyness is almost considered an essential virtue.

We feel can end up feeling guilty if we're not busy, as if we're therefore not being responsible with our lives.

And yet... our busyness crowds out so much from our lives. If we're constantly busy, we have no time for creativity – something which depends upon having the freedom to think freely and widely. Fortunately there are the occasional refreshing articles



that strike the opposite note, such as "Children Develop Better When You Let Them Be Bored, Psychologists Say" (from lifehack.org).

Spiritually, too, we need to slow down, remove distractions and spend time with God in silence and stillness. Sometimes, Christians can be so busy that we are tempted to think that God does not speak to us; but instead it is the noise of our lives that drowns out our ability to tune into the quietness of God's speaking to us.

Once a month we have a service of quiet in Catcott, "Time to Breathe". It's on the third Tuesday at 7pm. After a short introduction there is a period of complete silence lasting 20 minutes. For those who come it is refreshing to be still, and to experience God in the stillness. I warmly commend the service to anyone who would like to experience it.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy
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Church Services in February 2020

Sunday 2 February – 4th Before Lent (White)

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion

10.30 Edington Informal Worship

6.00 for 6.30 Chilton Polden Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 9 February – 3rd Before Lent (Green)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church at the Pavilion

10.30 Chilton Polden Holy Communion (BCP)

4.30 Burtle Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 16th February -2nd before Lent (Green)

10.30 Catcott Informal Worship

10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Worship

6.30 Ashcott Holy Communion

Tuesday 18 February

7.00 Catcott A Time to Breathe – a Service of Quiet

Sunday 23 February - Next before Lent (Green)

10.30 Shapwick Holy Communion

10.30 Burtle Informal Worship

4.30 Edington Songs of Praise

Wednesday 26 February – Ash Wednesday

7.30 Shapwick - Holy Communion

Saturday 29 February

4.00 Shapwick Messy Church

Sunday 1 March - Lent 1 (Purple)

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Ashcott Informal Worship

10.30 Edington Family Communion

6.00 for 6.30 Edington Praise 'n' Prayer

Friday 6 March – World Day of Prayer

7.30 Shapwick World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 8 March – Lent 2 (Purple)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church at the Pavilion

10.30 Chilton Polden Family Communion

4.30 Burtle Holy Communion (CW)

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 26 February in Edington School Room at 10.30am preceded by coffee at 10am.

Thursdays 6 and 20 February and 5 March at All Saints Church, Ashcott at 10am.

All are welcome.

Men's Breakfasts 2020

are on the 3rd Saturday of every month, 8.45am at the Piper's Inn in Ashcott. Future dates are **Saturdays Feb 15, March 21, April 18** and **May 16**.

Contact Rich by e-mail to book.



World Day of Prayer 2020



'Rise, Take Your Mat and Walk' March 2020 - Zimbabwe

This year's service will be held on **Friday 6th March** in Shapwick Church at 7pm.

For more details contact **Rosemary** on **01278 722321.**

All are welcome.

Please continue to donate to **Bridgwater Foodbank;** there are donation boxes and details of what is needed in each church. We are most grateful to Anita Hayne for all that she does to organise the collection and delivery of the food.



Sunday Readings for February

2 Feb: Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24. (1-6)7-10; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke2.22-40

9 Feb: Isaiah 58.1-9a(b-12); Psalm112.1-9(10);1 Cor. 2.1-12(13-16); Matt. 5.13-20

16 Feb: Deut. 30.15-20; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Cor. 3.1-9; Matt.5.21-37

23 Feb: Genesis 1.1-2.3; Psalm 136; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-34

26 Feb: Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 51.1-18; 2 Corinth. 5.20b-6.10; Matt. 6.1-6,16-21

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Diary of Church Events

Friday 13th

February	
Tuesday 4 th	Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
Saturday 8 th	Ashcott Big Breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. Full English,
	cereals, juice, tea/coffee and toast for £6.
Saturday 8 th	Chilton Polden Skittles evening at the White Hart. 7 for 7.30pm.
	Tickets from Anne Lush on 01278 722408.
Tuesday 11 th	Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
Tuesday 11 th	Burtle: Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle.
	'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Rahab'
Friday 14 th	Chilton Polden: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down
	7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
Saturday 15 th	Ashcott: Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. £8. 8.45am. Talk by
	Mark Hutchinson.
Monday 17 th	Shapwick: Lite Bite 12:30-2pm. In St Mary's Church. Minimum
	donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome.
Tuesday 18 th	Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
Thursday 20 th	Catcott: St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Westcoast House, Lippetts
	Way, TA7 9HZ. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee/cake. Raffle.
Saturday 22 nd	Edington Coffee morning at Holywell House, Holywell Road, TA7
	9LB. 10.30-12 midday. £1 entrance. In aid of St. George's Church.
	Raffle and Bring and Buy.
Tuesday 25 th	Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
Tuesday 25 th	Ashcott Shrove Tuesday Pancake Cook. 11am-1pm. £2 for fresh
	pancakes with a choice of fillings and coffee. In the village hall
	committee room.
Tuesday 25 th	Burtle: Bible study home group. 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle.
+b	'Women of Faith from the Old Testament – Deborah'
Saturday 29 th	Chilton Polden Book Sale with refreshments at Chilton Polden
a aath	Village Hall 10am – 12 noon.
Saturday 29 th	Shapwick: Messy Church 2-4pm.
March	
Saturday 7 th	Catcott/Edington: Quiz at Edington Village Hall. 7pm. £12 a ticket
	including a meal.
Thursday 12 th	Catcott: St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Ruscombe House, Old
	School Lane, TA7 9HE. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee/cake. Raffle

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