

Hi folks,

Just before Easter, the cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris was engulfed in flames. Although this was sad, we may need to be reminded that the essence of Christianity is not in stones and architecture.

Instead, it is that we humans can have a direct relationship with God, brought about by the death



Starts Thursday May 2 7.30pm Shapwick Church

Then May 9 & 23; June 6, 13, 20; July 4

and resurrection of Jesus at Easter, and mediated by the Holy Spirit. Prayer is one of the main ways by which we can enjoy this relationship now.

We're therefore running the **Prayer Course** between May and July. If you think of prayer only as formalised and structured – think again! The exciting spontaneity of Pentecostal prayer and the quiet stillness of contemplative experience are all part of its richness as well. If you would like to have your experience of prayer deepened and stretched, do join us!

Three years ago the Archbishop of Canterbury launched Thy Kingdom Come,

which 'invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus'. It's a season of daily prayer between Pentecost (May 30) and Ascension (June 9), both morning and evening prayer, which we'll run in each of the six churches. Details of venues and times will be announced in early May. We'd love you to be part of this 'global wave of prayer'!

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk





Join the global wave of prayer between Pentecost & Ascension to pray for more people to know Jesus!

> Morning prayer at 9am Evening prayer at 7pm

May 30th to June 9th

"God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it." – John Wesley



Wednesday June 5 Shapwick Church, 7.45pm

Learn about the extraordinary work done among the street sex workers of Bristol, with our own Wendy Goodwin from Burtle.

Celebrating St. George's Church Rebuild 140 Years Ago

Saturday 11th May

10.30am - 4pm Gift Day, refreshments, Bring and Buy and plant sale 7.30pm Concert with solo artists, Village Voices, A Touch of Wind, piano and violin solos. Tickets £6 from Rosie 01278 722208, Gill 722207, Lissie 722136/722106.

Sunday 12th May

10.30 Celebration Family Service

History of Church Exhibition

Saturday 9am-4pm and Sunday 9am-2pm

Church Contacts

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Church Services in May 2019

Sunday 5 May – Easter 3 (White)

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Family Communion

10.30 Ashcott Informal Worship

Sunday 12 May - Easter 4 (White)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church

10.30 *Edington* 140th Celebration Family Service with Holy Communion

6.30 Burtle Holy Communion

Sunday 19 May - Easter 5 (White)

10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Worship

3.30 for 4.00 Catcott Family Worship

6.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)

Friday 24 May

4.00 Shapwick Messy Church

Sunday 26 May – Rogation Sunday (White)

10.30 *Edington* Rogation Service at Corndean Farm, Broadmead Lane, TA7 9JZ followed by bring and share lunch at the same venue

Thursday 30th May – Ascension Day

10.00 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 2 June - Easter 7 (White)

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Ashcott Informal Worship

6.00 for 6.30 *Chilton Polden* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 9 June - Pentecost (Red)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church

10.30 Chilton Polden Holy Communion (BCP)

6.30 Burtle Holy Communion (CW)



Time to Breathe

A Service of Quiet
Weds May 15 at 7pm

in Catcott church.

This will be a quiet space for contemplative reflection, for about half an hour. Contact Jackie Parkes or Rich for more details.

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 22 May in Edington Church at 10.00am followed by coffee.

Thursdays 2 and 16 May in All Saints Church, Ashcott at 10am.

All are welcome.

Sunday Readings for May

5 May: Acts 9.1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-end; John 21.1-19 **12 May:** Acts 9.36-end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30

19 May: Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35

26 May: Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10-22-22.5; John 5.1-9

Diary of Church Events

May Thursday 2nd **Shapwick:** The Prayer Course 7.30pm at Shapwick Church. Tuesday 7th Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon Thursday 9th **Shapwick:** The Prayer Course 7.30pm at Shapwick Church. Friday 10th Chilton Polden: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eves down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play Sat/Sun 11th/12th Edington: 140th Celebration of the church. Gift Day, Bring and Buy, refreshments and plant sale 10.30 to 4pm and concert 7.30 on 11th. Celebration Family service 10.30 on the 12th. Exhibition of church history and local interest 11th and 12th in the church. Sunday 12th Burtle: Wildlife Walk at Avalon Marshes at 8.00am. Tuesday 14th Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon Tuesday 14th Burtle: Bible study home group at 1pm at Pennywise, Catcott Road, Burtle. Hear the Message (Acts 1-2) Wednesday 15th Catcott: St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Barton Farm, Manor Road, TA7 9HF. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome. Saturday 18th Ashcott: Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. 8.45am. Talk by Peter Sage. Monday 20th Shapwick: Lite Bite 12:30-2pm. In St Mary's Church. Minimum donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome. Tuesday 21st Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon. Thursday 23rd **Shapwick:** The Prayer Course 7.30pm at Shapwick Church. Friday 24th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm Tuesday 28th Ashcott: Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon Tuesday 28th Burtle: Bible study home group at 1pm at Pennywise, Catcott Road, Burtle Jesus' return (Revelation 20-22) June Saturday 1st Chilton Polden: Cream Teas at Greystones, Broadway, TA7 9DJ. 3-5pm. Parking at the playing field and entry via Smallways Lane. Wednesday 5thShapwick: One 25 – 'Step Away from the Streets'. 7.45pm. Friday 7th Catcott: St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Woodstock, Weares Lane, TA7 9HS. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome Friday 14th Chilton Polden: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play. Saturday 15th Edington: Coffee morning at Church House, The Walls, TA7 9JU. 10.30 to 12 noon. Entry £1. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Sunday 16th Ashcott: Afternoon Tea in the village hall. 3-5pm. Booking

required. Contact Fred 01458 210485 or Margaret 01458 210448