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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

Earlier today, I downloaded an app onto my phone called ‘what3words’. Its purpose is to provide a better, and more easily understandable, way of identifying your location than you can with postcodes or Grid References. To do this, the country has been divided into boxes 3m by 3m, and each box has been assigned three random words. Thus, the front door of the Vicarage is in regretted.helpful.extend, while the kitchen is in lung.shimmered.giraffes.

The Mongolian postal system and the Lonely Planet travel guides are two of the clients who have adopted the system. It has also proven useful for the emergency services in locating people much more quickly than before.

If we need to know where we are geographically, we also need to know where we are spiritually as well – both now and in the future. We can find ourselves asking questions like, “What significance is my life?”; “Where, if anywhere, am I headed after I die?”; “Is there more to life than this?”.

This is why we’re putting on the **Alpha** course, which is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to stimulate conversation. Although it started in the UK, Alpha now takes place all around the globe, and everyone is welcome to come to it.

There are three key things: food (there is a full meal each evening), a talk (a very well-produced video) and good conversation. There’s no obligation to say anything in the discussions and there’s nothing you can’t say (seriously). It’s an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

It starts on **Wednesday Sept 18 at 7pm** in Shapwick Church (which is located at ‘lame.pythons.available’!) If you’re interested, drop me an email (to help with planning the catering).

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk





This year's **Polden Wheel Harvest** charity is the **Trussell Trust Foodbank** in Bridgwater. Gifts and donations will be accepted at our **Harvest Celebrations** in our churches and gift aid envelopes will be available. Items currently needed are small jars of coffee, small bags of sugar, tinned fruit, rice, meat, puddings and jam, shower gel, shampoo, fruit juice.

**St. George's, Edington
Celebration Service and
lunch for Gill Palmer
22nd September**

St. George's, Edington are holding a special celebration service at 10.30am, followed by a bring and share lunch at Edington Village Hall at 12.00 for Gill Palmer before she leaves for Wells. All are invited. RSVP Rosie Tilbury on 01278 722208.



**Bishop Peter comes to Men's
breakfast!**

He will be speaking at our brekkie on Saturday September 21, 8.45am at the Piper's Inn in Ashcott, and speaking on "What does a Bishop really do?"

**St. Edward's, Chilton Polden
History Weekend**

5th and 6th October 10am-4pm

A celebration to mark 130 years since the **rebuilding of St. Edward's church** and the history of the village.

Displays, presentations and collections.
Refreshments and quizzes.

Skittles evening 7pm at the White Hart on Saturday evening. Tickets £10 from Anne or Chris Lush on 01278 722408.

Church Contacts

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Church Services in September 2019

Sunday 1 September – Trinity 11 (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

6.00 for 6.30 *Shapwick* Praise n Prayer

Sunday 8 September – Trinity 12 (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church **at the Pavilion**

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion

6.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 15 September – Trinity 13 (Green)

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Harvest Informal Worship

3.30 for 4.00 *Catcott* Harvest Family Worship

6.30 *Ashcott* Harvest Communion (CW)

Tuesday 17th September

7.00 *Catcott* A Time to Breathe – a Service of Quiet

Saturday 21 September

4.00 *Shapwick* Messy Church

Sunday 22 September – Trinity 14 (Green)

10.30 *Edington* Informal Family Communion and Celebration for Gill Palmer

10.30 *Shapwick* Harvest Communion (CW)

6.30 *Burtle* Harvest Communion (CW)

Sunday 29 September – Trinity 15 (White)

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

Sunday 6th October – Trinity 16 (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

10.30 *Edington* Harvest Informal Service

6.00 for 6.30 *Ashcott* Praise n Prayer

Sunday 13 October – Trinity 17 (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church **at the Pavilion**

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion (BCP)

6.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday Readings for September

1 Sept: Proverbs 25.6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

8 Sept: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33

15 Sept: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35

22 Sept: Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

29 Sept: Amos 6.1a,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31



Sunday October 20
Ashcott Church, 6.30pm

Learn about the extraordinary work done among the street workers of Bristol, with our own Wendy Goodwin from Burtle and a team from One25.

Café Church

The venue for this service each month will be the **Pavilion at Shapwick** from September 8th.

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 25 September in Edington Church at 10.00am followed by coffee.

Thursdays 5 and 19 September and 3 October in All Saints Church, Ashcott at 10am.

Diary of Church Events

September

- Tuesday 3rd **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 10th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 10th **Burtle:** Bible study home group on Acts 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle
- Saturday 11th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Green Acres, 7 Brook Lane (next to old cowshed) 10.30-12 £1 for tea/coffee/cake. Raffle.
- Friday 13th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Sunday 15th **Ashcott:** All Saints Harvest Supper 7.30pm. £10. To book contact [REDACTED] or Margaret 210448.
- Monday 16th **Shapwick:** Lite Bite 12:30-2pm In St Mary's Church. Minimum donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome.
- Tuesday 17th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Wednesday 18th **Shapwick:** The Alpha Course 7pm at Shapwick Church.
- Saturday 21st **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast Piper's Inn 8.45am. Talk - Bishop Peter.
- Saturday 21st **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm.
- Sunday 22nd **Edington:** Celebration service and lunch for Gill Palmer. The bring and share lunch will be in Edington village hall at 12 after the service. All are invited. RSVP Rosie on 01278 722208.
- Monday 23rd **Burtle:** Harvest supper in the village hall at 7pm. Tickets £15 from Rosemary on 01278 722321.
- Tuesday 24th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Tuesday 24th **Burtle:** Bible study home group on Acts 1pm at Pennywise, Burtle
- Wednesday 25th **Shapwick:** The Alpha Course 7pm at Shapwick Church.
- Friday 27th **Edington:** Macmillan afternoon teas 2.30-4.30 in the village hall.

October

- Sat/Sun 5th/6th **Chilton Polden:** History event to mark the rebuilding of the church 130 years ago. 10am to 4 pm in the church. Exhibition, displays, refreshments and quizzes.
- Saturday 5th **Chilton Polden:** Skittles evening with a meal at the White Hart. Tickets from Anne and [REDACTED] on 01278 722408.
- Friday 11th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play
- Friday 11th **Burtle:** Skittles evening at the Duck. Tickets £12 to include a meal
- Saturday 12th **Edington:** Coffee morning at Little Orchard, The Walls, TA7 9JU. 10.30 to 12 noon. Entry £1. Bring and Buy and Raffle.
- Wednesday 16th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Sunny Brow, 14a Steel Lane TA7 9HP. 10.30-12. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.