

MARCH 2019

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

If you were asked to pick the number 1 global issue in the world today, what would you choose?

I'd like to suggest that it's climate change. I think many of us recognise it but find ways of putting off doing anything about it. That's been true for me until recently.



*Starving polar bear on Svalbard
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For this reason, our **Lent course** this year will be about **Creation Care** – which will look at some of the different environmental crises in the world today, including climate change, and how Christians could respond to them.

It's not entirely surprising that environmental issues are often a hard sell – they make us feel gloomy rather than cheerful, and cause us some discomfort when we consider our own lifestyles.

This therefore makes it entirely appropriate to think about these topics during Lent, a season designed for us to be challenged in the way that we live. Lent requires us to ask ourselves the awkward questions we'd rather shy away from – for example, are we more selfish in the way we live our lives than we think we are? This is part of what Lent is about: the only difference this year is that we're doing this while addressing environmental issues.

The course will start on **Thursday March 14**, in **Shapwick Church** at **7.30pm**, and will last for five weeks, ending on Thursday April 11. Each week will include a short introduction with video clips and some factual background, and some time to reflect biblically on the issues. There's more on the Bible on this topic than might be supposed!

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy

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Creation Care

Thursdays at 7.30 in Lent
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11
in Shapwick church

Our **Lent course** will focus on the care of creation from a Christian perspective. Each week we'll focus on a separate topic, such as biodiversity, climate change, pollution, water and soil.

Men's breakfast:
3rd Sat of each month!

8.45am at the Piper's Inn in Ashcott.

The next is on **Sat March 16** with Rev Chris Hopkins as our speaker.



Next Messy Church: Sat 23 March

From 4pm until 6pm in Shapwick Church
Join us for fun activities, crafts, Bible-based songs and stories and a meal at the end.

Future dates:

Sat 20th April, Fri 24th May, Sat 22nd June,
Sat 20th July



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Church Services in March 2019

Friday 1 March –World Day of Prayer

7.30 *Chilton Polden* – World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 3 March – Next before Lent (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

10.30 *Edington* Family Communion

3.30 for 4.00 *Catcott* Praise 'n' Prayer

Wednesday 6th March – Ash Wednesday

7.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion

Sunday 10 March – Lent 1 (Purple)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion

4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

Sunday 17 March – Lent 2 (Purple)

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

3.30 for 4.00 *Catcott* Family Worship

6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

Saturday 23 March

4.00 *Shapwick* Messy Church

Sunday 24 March – Lent 3 (Purple)

10.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion

10.30 *Burtle* Family Communion

4.30 *Edington* Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 31st March – Lent 4/Mothering Sunday (Purple)

10.30 *Ashcott* Family Communion

Sunday 7 April – Lent 5 (Purple)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship

6.00 for 6.30 *Burtle* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday Readings for March

3 March: Exodus 32.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinth. 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]

10 March: Deut. 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2,9-16*; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

17 March: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

24 March: Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

31 March: Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35



Time to Breathe

A Service of Quiet

Weds March 20 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 27 March in Edington School Room at 10am followed by coffee.

Thursdays March 7 and 21 in All Saints Church, Ashcott at 10am.

All are welcome.

Diary of Church Events

March

- Friday 1st **Chilton Polden:** World Day of Prayer at St Edwards Church at 7.30pm. If anyone needs a lift please let Anne Lush know on 01278 722408.
- Tuesday 5th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Tuesday 5th **Ashcott:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Cook. 11am-1pm in Village Hall committee room. Choose your pancake topping. Coffee/tea.
- Friday 8th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Tuesday 12th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Thursday 14th **Shapwick:** 'Creation Care' Lent course in the church. 7.30pm.
- Friday 15th **Burtle:** Skittles at the Duck. 7pm. Tickets £10 to include supper of lasagne, salad and chips. Call Rosemary on 01278 722321
- Saturday 16th **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Piper's Inn. 8.45am.
- Saturday 16th **Edington:** Coffee Morning at Ivy House, Holywell Road, Edington. TA7 9LD. 10.30-12 midday. £1 entrance. In aid of St. George's Church. Raffle and Bring and Buy.
- Monday 18th **Shapwick:** Lite Bite 12:30-2pm. In St Mary's Church. Minimum donation of £2.50 for a light lunch. All welcome.
- Tuesday 19th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon.
- Wednesday 20th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Buckfurlong Farm, Manor Road, TA7 9HT. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome.
- Thursday 21st **Shapwick:** 'Creation Care' Lent course in the church. 7.30pm.
- Saturday 23rd **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm
- Tuesday 26th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Thursday 28th **Shapwick:** 'Creation Care' Lent course in the church. 7.30pm.
- Friday 29th **Chilton Polden:** Games Afternoon in the Sunday School. 2.30-4.30pm. £1.50 in aid of church funds. Tea and biscuits.

April

- Thursday 4th **Shapwick:** 'Creation Care' Lent course in the church. 7.30pm.
- Thursday 11th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Farleigh, 8, Hector Road, TA7 9HL. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. All welcome.
- Thursday 11th **Shapwick:** 'Creation Care' Lent course in the church. 7.30pm.
- Friday 12th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Saturday 20th **Edington:** Easter Coffee Morning at Hill House, Broadmead Lane, TA7 9JS. 10.30-12 midday. £1 entrance. In aid of St. George's church. Raffle and Bring and Buy.