

## All are welcome at any or all of the following Church Events: December

- Wed 3rd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 6th **Catcott:** 'Spirit of Christmas' - donations to the Salvation Army's 'Be A Star' Christmas Appeal - an opportunity to spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would not otherwise receive a gift or a festive meal. Please bring donations to St Peter's Church from 10am to 1pm and stay for a mince pie and tea or coffee.
- Sat 6/7th **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Tree Festival - see box for details
- Wed 10th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints Church - CANCELLED.
- Fri 12th **Catcott:** Christmas Coffee Morning at Court Farm, Steel Lane. 10.30-12noon. Suggested donation £2 for coffee and cake. Christmas hamper raffle £1 per ticket.
- Fri 12th **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments.
- Sat 13th **Ashcott:** Christmas Coffee morning in All Saints Church 10-12am. Refreshments, goodies and gifts for sale and a Christmas raffle.
- Wed 17th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 20th **Edington:** Christmas Coffee Morning at Holywell House 10.30 to 12noon. Entry £2. Bring and Buy and Raffle. All welcome.
- Wed 24th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints Church - CANCELLED.
- Wed 31st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

## Sunday Readings for December

- 7th December: Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12
- 14th December: James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11
- 21st December: Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-end
- 25th December: Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14
- 28th December: Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23



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December 2025



Hi folks,

What do you consider as being essential to Christmas?

- Christmas trees with baubles, tinsel, lights and random decorations?
- Christmas lunch with turkey and all the trimmings, followed by plum pudding and mince pies?
- Presents given and received - especially those for children?
- Time spent with family getting together, including grandparents with their grandchildren?

All of these are good in themselves - and we enjoy them as a family; but they'd be equally meaningful even if Christmas was re-branded as Winterval. Moreover, the effort needed to deliver all of these extra demands means that many people end up stressed out by all the preparations.

Why not make this year one in which the true meaning of Christmas takes centre stage in your household? We have carol services and other Christmas events, all of which are designed for us to spend a bit of time contemplating what it's all about: Jesus, God's son, coming to Earth in the form of a human baby - God's gift to humanity. You'd be most welcome to any of them!



Every blessing,  
Rich Tweedy  
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## Carol Services in the Polden Wheel

Ashcott:	Fri 19th	7.00pm	Carol Service **	
Burtle:	Tues 9th	7.30pm	Young Farmers	
	Thurs 18th	7.30pm	Carols around the Crib with Burtle Silver Band (Followed by refreshments in the village hall.)	
Catcott:	Sun 7th	9.30am	Advent Communion with Carols **	
Chilton Polden:	Sun 21st	4.30pm	Carol Service **	
Edington:	Thu 18th	7.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service	
	Wed 24th	5.30pm	Nativity Play with Carols	
Shapwick:	Wed 17th	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight *	
	Wed 24th	4.00pm	Outdoor Carols (at the Village Hall and Green) **	

## Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 6th & Sun 7th Dec

11.00 am– 4.00 pm

St Edward's Church, Chilton Polden

With an all-age service @4.30pm on Sunday 7th, amongst the trees with the Village Voices Choir

In aid of St Edward's Church

Refreshments, Raffle & Activities for Children

Collection point for items for the Foodbank, please help us build a food tin Christmas Tree

## Church Contacts

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## Church Services in December 2025

### Sunday 7th December - Advent 2 (Purple)

9.30 Catcott - Advent Communion with Carols \*\*

4.30 Chilton Polden - Christmas Tree Service \*

### Tuesday 9th December

7.30 Burtle - Young Farmer's Carol Service

### Sunday 14th December - Advent 3 (Purple)

9.30 Burtle - Holy Communion

11.00 Ashcott - Informal Worship

4.00 Chilton Polden - Christingle \*\*

5.30 Edington - Holy Communion

### Wednesday 17th December

7.30 Shapwick - Carols by Candlelight \*

### Thursday 18th December

7.30 Edington - Candlelit Carol Service

7.30 Burtle - Carols around the Crib with Burtle Silver Band

(Followed by refreshments in the village hall.)

### Friday 19th December

7.00 Ashcott - Carol Service \*\*

### Sunday 21st December - Advent 4 (Purple)

10.00 Shapwick - Café Church

4.00 Catcott - Prayers for Peace at Christmas

4.30 Chilton Polden - Carol Service \*\*

### Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve (White)

4.00 Shapwick - Outdoor Carols (at the Village Hall and Green) \*\*

5.30 Edington - Nativity Play with Carols

9.30 Ashcott - Christmas Communion

11.15 Burtle - Christmas Communion

### Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day (White)

9.00 Catcott - Christmas Communion

10.30 Shapwick - Informal Worship

### Sunday 28th December - Christmas 1 (White)

11.00 Burtle - Holy Communion

### A Quiet Service

Tuesday  
16th December  
St Peter's Church  
Catcott - 7pm



### Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday  
17th December  
St George's Church  
Edington - 10am



\* Polden Praise

\*\* Mince pies & mulled wine or other refreshments