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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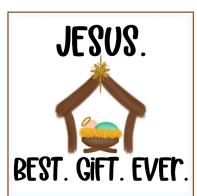
Hi folks,

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 vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

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 Wed 24th	7.30pm 4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight * Outdoor Carols (at the Village Hall and Green) **

Christmas Tree Festival Sat 6th & Sun 7th Dec

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

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St Edward's, Chilton Polden: Vacant

St George's, Edington: Rosie Tilbury 01278 722208

St Mary's, Shapwick: Vacant **Website:** www.poldenwheel.co.uk

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

- * Polden Praise
- ** Mince pies & mulled wine or other refreshments

A Quiet Service

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



Midweek Holy Communion

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

