

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

May

- Wed 6th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 8th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo CANCELLED DUE TO ILL HEALTH.
- Sat 9th **Catcott:** Plant Sale at St Peter's Church 2 - 4pm.
- Wed 13th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 15th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee morning at Woodstock, Weares Lane. 10.30 to 12noon. Suggested donation £2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle
- Sat 16th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown Inn. 8.45am. Speaker - Craig Philbrick, the vicar of St Paul's, Weston Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast. **Contact Rich to book a place.**
- Sat 16th **Ashcott:** Big Breakfast in Ashcott Village Hall 9.00am-11.00am £10, (children half price), for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want. Bring and buy stall and raffle.
- Sat 16th **Edington:** St. George's Coffee morning at Sunnyside, Broadmead Lane, Edington. 10.30-12noon. Bring & Buy. Raffle. £2 All welcome.
- Mon 18th **Burtle:** The Polden Wheel's 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meeting. 7.30pm. All welcome.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Polden Wheel Churches

Monday 18th May at St Philip and St James Church, Burtle 7.30pm.
All welcome

- Wed 20th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 30th **Burtle:** Cream Teas 2:30-4.30pm at Catcott Burtle Farm, Burtle TA7 8NE. (Held in the barn if the weather is not very nice.)
Donations to St. Philip & St James Church.
- Wed 27th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

June

- Wed 3rd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 10th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 12th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo CANCELLED DUE TO ILL HEALTH.
- Sat 13th **Catcott:** St Peter's Church Gift Day 10am to 2pm.
- Wed 17th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

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May 2026



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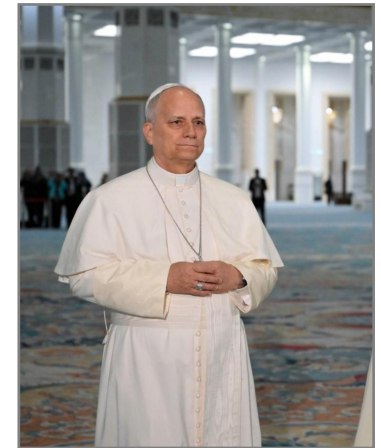
We are in a strange world when the President of the United States thinks it is a smart move to insult the Pope. The present Pope, Leo, follows recent predecessors, like John Paul II and Francis, in showing great courage in speaking truth to power. Christians are called to follow Jesus above all else - and certainly above the antics of political leaders.

I was recently listening to an audiobook about an extraordinary (and well documented) trend in Muslim countries: Muslims having visitations in their dreams from Jesus. The individuals concerned don't immediately come to faith. Instead, many begin a process of finding out who Jesus is and what it would mean to follow him - and to consider the personal cost of doing so.

During this process, potential converts are often asked two questions: "are you willing to suffer for your faith in Christ?" and "are you willing to die for Christ?". These are not the seeker-sensitive questions that you'd find in the courses we run here! It is very challenging and humbling to know that Muslims who convert to faith in Jesus Christ do so while fully recognising that they may suffer greatly for doing so, even to the extent of losing their lives.

Boldness in the face of opposition is a striking characteristic of many who follow Jesus. Converts from Islam display it. Pope Leo's outspoken boldness with regard to the President is therefore entirely appropriate for a Christian leader.

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy
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A global leader
Image credit: Vatican News

All Saints Big Breakfast

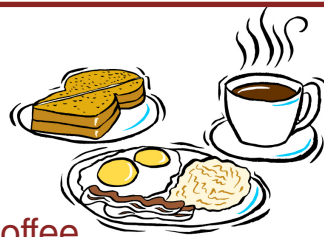
Ashcott Village Hall

Saturday 16th May 9.00-11.00am

£10, (children half price)

Full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee

and toast as you want. Bring and buy stall and raffle.



Church Services in the Polden Wheel

Sunday 3rd May - Easter 5 (White)

9.00 *Catcott* - Holy Communion (BCP) note earlier time than normal.

10.00 *Moorlinch* - Holy Communion. The new Bishop of Taunton, Fiona Gibson, is taking the communion service and we have been invited to join them.

Sunday 10th May - Easter 6 (White)

9.30 *Burtle* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* - Informal Worship **

6.30 *Edington* - Holy Communion

Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day

11.00 *Ashcott* - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May - Easter 7 (White)

10.00 *Shapwick* - Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost (Red)

9.30 *Shapwick* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* - Informal Worship **

6.30 *Ashcott* - Holy Communion

Sunday 31st May - Trinity Sunday (Green)

10.00 *Stawell* - Holy Communion

4.00 *Catcott* - Prayers for Peace

** With Polden Praise

Sunday Readings for May:

3rd May: Acts 7.55-60; John 14.1-14

10th May: Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

17th May: Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

24th May: Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23

31st May: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

Ascension Day Readings 14th May: Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-53

St. Peter's Church, Catcott Plant Sale

May 9th 2-4pm at the Church.



Bargains to be had,
and the opportunity
to give away your
excess when doing
your thinning &
dividing!

All proceeds for
St. Peter's Church.

Burtle Cream Teas

Saturday
30th May

2:30-4.30pm

at

Catcott Burtle Farm,
Burtle,
TA7 8NE.

(In the barn if the weather is bad.)
Donations to St. Philip & St James
Church.

Men's breakfast



Saturday 16th May at The Crown Inn, Catcott.
Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee & toast.
Speaker - Craig Philbrick, the vicar of St Paul's,
Weston

Contact Rich to book a place.

Church Contacts

Vicar:

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Vacant

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Vacant

A Quiet Service



Tuesday 19th May
7pm at St Peter's
Church Catcott

A space for
contemplative
reflection for half
an hour.

Midweek Holy Communion



Wednesday
27th May at 10am
St George's Church
Edington

All are welcome.