# **APRIL 2022**



#### Hi folks,

We've all been horrified by the events in Ukraine. I don't think anyone expected Putin's Russian army to invade in such a brutal way (although Putin-watchers have said that he's using tried-and-tested techniques, for example from Chechnya). Meanwhile, we have also



admired the courage of the Ukrainians in defending their homeland: we have to pray that their courage will be suitably rewarded.

I'm not sure it's possible to pray dispassionately in this situation, but I'm not sure we're meant to, either. The Psalms (in many ways the hymn book and prayer book of the Old Testament) is a collection of very passionate poetry. In normal times we in the west may sometimes feel embarrassed by the language – such as "Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear" (Ps 27:2), but for those in Ukraine, it is this that helps them.

For Ukrainian Christians, Psalm 31 has become particularly important for them. The Bible Society released an inspiring video of Ukrainians reading the psalm – many of them clearly in basements as they read. These are the opening verses:

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;

be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Since you are my rock and my fortress,

for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

Read from the perspective of a Ukrainian, it has renewed depth of meaning.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy (vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk)



Our Messy Easter is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 4pm until 6pm in Shapwick Church.

Join us for Easter-themed activities, crafts, Bible-based songs and stories and a meal at the end.

#### Please join us for our

## Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

April 14 at 7pm at the Leather & Lace, Chilton Polden. To book a place please call 01278 722208.

£7.50 for one course, £10 for two.



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## **Church Services in April 2022**

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Sunda	y 3 April	Lent 5 (Purple)	
9.30	Catcott	Holy Communion	
11.00	Zoom	Informal Worship	Midweek Holy
Sunda	y 10 April	Palm Sunday (Red)	Communion
11.00	Ashcott	Holy Communion	Wednesday April 27 <sup>th</sup> at
Tuesday 12 April			10am in Edington Church.
7.00	Edington	Stations of the Cross	-
Thursd	ay 14 April	Maundy Thursday	
7.00	Leather and Lace	Last Supper and Communion	
Friday	15 April	Good Friday	
2.00	Shapwick	Hour at the Cross	
Saturd	ay 16 April	Easter Eve	
7.30	Catcott	Easter Vigil	
Sunday	/ 17 April	Easter Sunday (White)	Service of Quiet
6.00	Ham Wall	Sunrise Service	Tuesday April 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm
9.30	Burtle	Holy Communion	in <b>Catcott</b> church.
11.00	Edington	Holy Communion	This will be a quiet space
11.00	Ashcott	Holy Communion	for contemplative
Sunda	y 24 April	Easter 2 (White)	reflection for half an hour.
11.00	Chilton Polden	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday	y 1 May	Easter 3 (White)	
9.30	Catcott	Holy Communion	
11.00	Zoom	Informal Worship	

#### Please note that all churches will be well ventilated so please wear warm clothing.

To access our Zoom services, please visit the Polden Wheel website and complete the online form. You will then be added to the list for future services.

### **Readings for April**

3 April: Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8 10 April: Luke 19.28-40; Luke 22:39-53 17 April: Acts 10.34-43; Luke 24.1-12 24 April: Acts 5.27-32; John 20.19-31

# **Diary of Church Events**

April

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashcott: Coffee morning in aid of Ukraine. 10-12am. Coffee, tea, cakes, bring and buy and raffle.
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Shapwick: Easter Messy Church. 4-6pm.
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> *Chilton Polden:* Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> *Catcott*: Coffee morning 10.30 12 noon at Hollybrook, Brook Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HG. £2 entry to include coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> **Edington:** St George's Gift Day coffee morning in the church. 10-2. Plant sale, bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

#### May

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashcott: Annual Parish Church Meeting.
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> *Chilton Polden:* Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.

