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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

APRIL 2023

Hi folks,

Where do we turn for hope in a world full of crisis?

We're coming to the Easter season, when Christians celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is the centrepiece of Christianity, the fulcrum around which everything turns. But what if it's all just a myth?

There's little doubt that Jesus was a historical figure: the evidence, even outside the Bible, is too strong. But why should we trust the stories of Jesus's death and resurrection? Two quick points:



He was really dead – In John's gospel, the Jewish leaders wanted no dead bodies remaining on the crosses before Passover, so the soldiers were sent to break the legs of those crucified. But as Jesus was already dead, *"one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water."* We now know scientifically how the separation of blood is an immediate sign of death, which shows that Jesus was really dead.

He really rose again – When Thomas doubted that Jesus had really risen, he insisted that he touch the nail marks in Jesus hands and feet to be sure it really was Jesus. A few days later, Jesus appeared and told Thomas to do exactly that, to know that he had bodily risen from the dead.

Through the events of Good Friday and Easter, we see that God is sovereign even over life and death itself. Faith in Jesus, the risen son of God, provides an anchor when the world around us seems so uncertain, and gives us hope for the future.

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



Our first meeting is on
Saturday 8th April, 2pm to 4pm

Shapwick Heath, western entrance
(Shapwick side)

*For full details and to book, please
contact Rich (details on this page)*

Join us for a trail through the woods,
fun activities, and Bible-based stories.

(This is a joint venture with
Edington Chapel)

Please join us for our

Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

**Thursday April 6 at 7pm at the
Duck in Burtle.**

*To book a place please call 01278
722321. Payment
of £12.95 required
in advance.*



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Church Services

Sunday 2nd April

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Palm Sunday (Red)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal worship

Tuesday 4th April

19.00 *Shapwick*

Stations of the cross

Thursday 6th April

19.00 *Burtle*

Maundy Thursday

Last supper & communion*

Friday 7th April

14.00 *Chilton Polden*

Good Friday

Hour at the cross

Saturday 8th April

19.30 *Catcott*

Easter Eve

Easter Vigil

Sunday 9th April

6.15 *Ham Wall*
9.30 *Burtle*
11.00 *Edington*
11.00 *Ashcott*

Easter Day (White)

Sunrise service (*light breakfast to follow*)
Holy Communion
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Sunday 16th April

10.00 *Shapwick*
10.30 *Chilton Polden*

Easter 2 (White)

Café Church
Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd April

9.30 *Shapwick*
11.00 *Burtle*
18.30 *Ashcott*

Easter 3 (White)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship
Holy Communion

Sunday 30th April

11.00 *Edington*

Easter 4 (White)

Holy Communion

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed April 27th at 10am

in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday April 18th
at 7pm in Catcott church.

This will be a quiet space
for contemplative
reflection for half an hour.

* At the Duck. Booking required. Contact 01278 722321.

Readings

Palm Sunday 2nd April: Matthew 21.1-11; 27.11-54

Maundy Thursday 6th April: Matthew 27.17-30

Good Friday 7th April: Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Psalm 22; John 18.1-19.42

Easter Sunday 9th April: Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 28.1-10

16th April: 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

23rd April: Acts 2.14a,36-41; Luke 24.13-35

30th April: Acts 2.42-47; John 10.1-10

Diary of Church Events

April

- Wed 5th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Thurs 6th **Burtle:** Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion at 7pm. £12.95 for one course. Call 01278 722321 to book.
- Sat 8th **Edington:** Easter Garden Competition in the churchyard. 10am to 12 noon. Open to all children across the Polden Wheel. All materials provided. Easter egg hunt at the end. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.
- Sat 8th **Shapwick:** Muddy Church 2-4pm. See box for details.
- Wed 12th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 14th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 19th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 21st **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Hollybrook, Brook Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HG. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.
- Sat 22nd **Ashcott:** Men's breakfast at the Albion. 8.45am.
- Sat 22nd **Edington:** St George's Gift Day coffee morning in the church. 10-2. Plant sale, bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 26th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

May

- Tues 2nd **Burtle:** Annual Parish Church Meeting. 7.30pm.
- 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 in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play

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