

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

## April

- Wed 1st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 8th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 10th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo CANCELLED DUE TO ILL HEALTH.
- Wed 15th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 18th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown Inn. 8.45am. Speaker - Alec Lavery from Creech St Michael Baptist Church. Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast (£9). **Contact Rich to book a place.**
- Wed 22nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 25th **Edington:** St. George's Church Gift Day at the Church 10.30-13.00. Coffee, tea and cakes. Bring and buy but no raffle. Also plant sale. All welcome.
- Wed 29th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thu 30th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee morning at Autumn House, Manor Road. 10.30 to 12noon. Suggested donation £2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle

## 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.
- Mon 18th **Burtle:** The Polden Wheel's 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meeting. 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 20th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

**The Polden Wheel's 2026  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Monday 18th May at  
St Philip and St James Church, Burtle 7.30pm.  
All welcome**

Website: [poldenwheel.co.uk](http://poldenwheel.co.uk)

April 2026



Hi folks,

The former Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins, famously compared belief in the bodily resurrection as a “conjuring trick with bones”. It was a clever sound-bite which stirred plenty of debate. However, I think he was fundamentally misguided in what he said, in so many ways.

It's clear from the gospels that the resurrection that was witnessed by the disciples was indeed bodily. In Luke's gospel, the resurrected Jesus ate a piece of broiled fish; in John's gospel, Thomas (the doubter) placed his hands in Jesus' wounds.

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet... He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. [Lk 24:40-43, NIV]

The point of the bodily resurrection is that it shows that God is supernaturally sovereign over even death itself. Even the evil that led to God's own son dying on the cross was defeated. The physicality of the resurrection means that we can recognise it as an objective, historical event - not just some kind of group hallucination.

We may struggle to make sense of the evil going on in the world today - but if God has shown that he can defeat death itself, then we can have hope, despite whatever fear we may be experiencing as a result of global politics.

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

Good Friday	2.00pm	Shapwick	Stations of the Cross
Easter Sunday	6.30am	Ham Wall	Sunrise Service
	9.30am	Catcott	Easter Day Communion
	11.00am	Ashcott	Easter Day Communion

## St. George's, Edington Gift Day



10.30-13.00. Coffee, tea and cakes. Bring and buy (no raffle). Also plant sale. All welcome.

## Men's breakfast

Saturday 18th April at The Crown Inn, Catcott.

Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast (£9).  
Speaker - Alec Lavery from Creech St Michael Baptist, Creech.



Contact Rich to book a place.

..... If you can't get your plants to St George's Gift Day, they would be welcome at:

St. Peter's Church Plant Sale - May 9th.



## Church Contacts

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## Church Services in the Polden Wheel

### Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

2.00 Shapwick - Stations of the Cross  
.. following the events of Good Friday and relating it to Christ's suffering today



### Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday (White)

6.30 Ham Wall - Sunrise Service  
9.30 Catcott - Easter Holy Communion  
11.00 Ashcott - Easter Holy Communion

### Sunday 12th April - Easter 2 (White)

11.00 Chilton Polden - Informal Worship \*\*

### Sunday 19th April - Easter 3 (White)

10.00 Shapwick - Café Church  
10.30 Chilton Polden - Holy Communion

### Sunday 26th April - Easter 4 (White)

9.30 Shapwick - Holy Communion  
11.00 Burtle - Informal Worship  
11.00 Edington - Informal Worship \*\*  
6.30 Ashcott - Holy Communion

### Sunday 3rd May - Easter 5 (White)

9.00 Catcott - Holy Communion (BCP) note earlier time than normal.  
10.00 Moorlinch - The new Bishop of Taunton, Fiona Gibson is taking the communion service and we have been invited to join them.

\*\* With Polden Praise

## Sunday Readings for April

5th April: Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18  
12th April: Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-31  
19th April: Acts 2.14a,36-41; Luke 24.13-35  
26th April: Acts 2.42-47; John 10.1-10  
3rd May: Acts 7.55-60; John 14.1-14

## He is Risen

### A Quiet Service

Tuesday 21st April  
7pm  
at St Peter's Church  
Catcott



A space for contemplative reflection for half an hour.

### Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday  
22nd April  
at St George's  
Church  
Edington  
10 am  
All are welcome.

