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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

DECEMBER 2024

Hi folks,

The resignation of Justin Welby as Archbishop of Canterbury was a sad way for him to go, but absolutely necessary considering his failure to act over the John Smyth case, given the appalling abuse that was involved. He had previously served the Church of England with considerable commitment, passion and deep faith, at a time when the denomination has become more deeply divided than ever. My hope and prayer for the Church of England is that the process to appoint his successor will not be deeply divisive – despite there being considerable potential for this.



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In the final part of his resignation letter, he said:

...[A]bove all else, my deepest commitment is to the person of Jesus Christ, my saviour and my God; the bearer of the sins and burdens of the world, and the hope of every person.

That hope began two thousand years ago, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This is what we will be celebrating later this month at Christmas. Let us not become lulled by the traditions – but realise afresh how extraordinary it is that God himself became a human baby.

In a world where human power is expressed in walls and wars, God's power was revealed in an utterly different way.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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Carols in the Polden Wheel



Ashcott:	Fri 20 th	7.00pm	Carol Service*
	Wed 25 th	9.00am	Christmas Communion
Burtle:	Mon 16 th	6.30pm	Carols Around the Crib
	Sun 22 nd	11.00am	Carol Service** <i>(with the Christmas Story in Lego)</i>
	Tues 24 th	11.15pm	Christmas Communion
Catcott:	Wed 25 th	9.30am	Christmas Communion
Chilton Polden:	Sun 22 nd	4.00pm	Carol Service*
Edington:	Thurs 19 th	7.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service*
	Tues 24 th	5.30pm	Nativity Play with Carols* <i>(rehearsal on Mon 23rd at 11am for those who can make it)</i>
Shapwick:	Wed 18 th	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight*
	Tues 24 th	4.00pm	Outdoor Carols* <i>(at the village hall and green)</i>
	Wed 25 th	10.30am	Informal Worship

*Followed by mince pies and mulled wine **Followed by refreshments

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Church Services

Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday (Purple)
9.30 *Catcott* Advent Service with Communion

11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

4.00 *Ashcott* Christingle **

Sunday 8th December Advent 2 (Purple)

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

4.00 *Chilton Polden* Christingle*

5.30 *Edington* Holy Communion

Sunday 15th December Advent 3 (Purple)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Monday 16th December

6.30 *Burtle* Carols around the Crib

Wednesday 18th December

7.30 *Shapwick* Carols by Candlelight*

Thursday 19th December

7.30 *Edington* Candlelit Carol Service*

Friday 20th December

7.00 *Ashcott* Carol Service*

Sunday 22nd December Advent 4 (Purple)

9.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

10.00 *Edington* Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* Carol Service **
(with Christmas Story in Lego)

4.00 *Chilton Polden* Carol Service*

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve (White)

4.00 *Shapwick* Outdoor Carols*
(at village hall/green)

5.30 *Edington* Nativity Play with Carols*

11.15 *Burtle* Christmas Communion

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day (White)

9.00 *Ashcott* Christmas Communion

9.30 *Catcott* Christmas Communion

10.30 *Shapwick* Informal Worship

Sunday 29th December Christmas 1 (White)

11.00 *Ashcott* Holy Communion



Midweek Holy Communion

Wed Dec 18th
at 10am

in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday
December 17th
at 7pm in
Catcott church

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

*Followed by mince pies and mulled wine **Followed by refreshments

Readings

1st December: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21. 25-36

8th December: Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

15th December: Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

22nd December: Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45(46-55)

25th December: Hebrews 1.1-4(5-12); John 1.1-14

29th December: Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52

All are welcome at any or all of the following church events:

December

Sun 1st to Fri 20th **Edington:** Post box at the church for sending cards to Edington for a donation.

Wed 4th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

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Fri 13th* **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments.

Fri 13th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Court Farm, Steel Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HW. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus £1 for the raffle to win one of the Christmas hampers full of Christmas treats.

Sat 14th **Edington:** St George's coffee and mince pies at Poples Farm, Holywell Road, TA7 9LB. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.

Sat 14th **Ashcott:** Christmas coffee morning in the church. 10-12. Stalls of goodies, gifts etc, coffee and cakes and Christmas raffle.

Mon 16th **Catcott:** Catcott Village Association's Carols around the Christmas tree with Burtle Silver Band at Catcott War Memorial at 7.30pm.

Wed 18th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

