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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

JANUARY 2025

Hi folks,

Happy new year!

The carols have been sung, the turkey has been eaten, the tree and the decorations have been put away for another year. Is that all there is to it? Christians talk about Christmas being about Jesus, the son of God: but does that have any relevance to our world today?

We live in an increasingly troubled world: there are wars and rumours of wars, and difficult ethical questions, some of which weren't envisaged when Jesus was alive. So: **Why bother with the Christian faith?**

That's the title of a talk being given by **Rico Tice** at a special event in Ashcott church on the evening of Thursday 9th January. If the question intrigues you, why not come along and hear Rico speak? Details below and on the website at <https://www.poldenwheel.co.uk/events/why-bother/>.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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Why bother with the Christian faith?

An evening with **Rico Tice**, co-founder of Christianity Explored Ministries



All Saints Church, Ashcott
Thursday 9th January at 7:30pm

No booking required.

Refreshments at the start and end.

The Ashcott Big Breakfast

Sat 11 January 9-11 am

Ashcott village hall

£8 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee, 1

toast as you want.

All welcome.



Men's breakfast

Saturday 18th January 08:45

at The Crown, Catcott.

Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast. Our speaker will be Ben Thorne from Living Light Church in Taunton

Church Contacts

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Website: www.poldenwheel.co.uk

Church Services

Sunday 5th January

9.30 *Catcott*

11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Sunday 12th January

9.30 *Burtle*

11.00 *Ashcott*

4.00 *Edington*

Sunday 19th January

10.00 *Shapwick*

10.30 *Chilton Polden*

4.00 *Catcott*

Sunday 26th January

9.30 *Shapwick*

11.00 *Burtle*

6.30 *Ashcott*

Sunday 2nd February

9.30 *Catcott*

11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Epiphany (White)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Informal Worship

Baptism of Christ (White)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Holy Communion

Epiphany 2 (White)

Café Church

Holy Communion

Baptism

Epiphany 3 (White)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Holy Communion

Presentation of Christ (White)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Informal Worship



Service of Quiet

Tuesday
January 21st

at 7pm in

Catcott church

This will be a quiet
space for contemplative

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed 22nd Jan
at 10am

in Edington Church.

Readings

5th January: Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12

12th January: Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17,21,22

19th January: 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11; John 2.1-11

26th January: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

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

January

- Wed 8th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Thurs 9th **Ashcott:** An evening with Rico Tice, co-founder of Christianity Explored Ministries, in All Saints at 7pm. No booking required. Refreshments at the start and end.
- Fri 10th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments
- Sat 11th **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £8 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.
- Wed 15th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 18th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Speaker will be Ben Thorne from Living Light Church, Taunton.
- Sat 18th **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Holywell House, Holywell Road, TA7 9LB. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 22nd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 24th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at 15, Steel Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HW. 10.30-12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus raffle.
- Wed 29th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

February

- Wed 5th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- 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