

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

## January

- Wed 7th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 9th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.  
£1 per book. Raffle and refreshments.
- Wed 14th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 17th **Ashcott:** Big Breakfast in Ashcott Village Hall 9.00am-11.00am £10,  
(children half price), for full English, cereals, juice and as much  
coffee and toast as you want. Bring and buy stall and raffle.
- Wed 21st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thu 22nd **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee morning at 15 Steel Lane. 10.30 to  
12noon. Suggested donation £2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Sat 24th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown Inn. 8.45am. Speaker Richard  
Graham, a local farmer from Stawell with a strong faith. Full cooked  
breakfast with tea, coffee and toast (£9).  
*Contact Rich to book a place.*
- Wed 28th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 31st **Chilton Polden:** Church yard tidy at St. Edwards 10-12. Bacon  
butties for the workers! Please let Anita Hayne know (01278 722227)  
if you plan to come.

## February

- Wed 4th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 11th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 18th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 20th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee morning at 14 Brook Lane. 10.30 to  
12noon. Suggested donation £2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Wed 25th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.



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January 2026



Hi folks,

Happy new year!

As we enter 2026, I'm sure we all realise that the world as a whole is increasingly unsettled. Part of this is the increasing polarisation of the political scene. For example, internationally, the American president and his associates seems hell-bent on stoking up division, in Europe as elsewhere; while the Russian president continues to peddle his own 'alternative truth' to justify his ongoing, unprovoked destruction of a sovereign nation.

Meanwhile, 2025 was the second-hottest year, globally, on record - just behind 2024, while fossil fuel emissions reached an all-time high. The reality of climate change and the threats that it poses are hard to deny. So how do we enter 2026 without succumbing to despair? Here are a few suggestions:

- Enjoy the world around us - for example, family, friends, our gardens, the beauty of the Somerset Levels and the Polden Hills and its wildlife.
- Do what you can, not what you can't - none of us can change international politics, but we can do things that enable us to be responsible citizens - for example, in choosing to live a lifestyle that involves lower carbon emissions.



- Get to know the Creator - the One who created our world does not delight in the destruction of his creation - but he is sovereign still.

Let's hope and pray for 2026 to be less polarised and more peaceful than 2025!!

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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## All Saints Big Breakfast

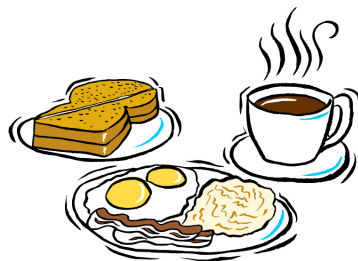
Ashcott Village Hall

Saturday 17th January 9.00am-11.00am

£10, (children half price)

Full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.

Bring and buy stall and raffle.



## Men's breakfast

Saturday 24th January 8.45am at The Crown Inn, Catcott.

Speaker Richard Graham, a local farmer from Stawell with a strong faith.

Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast (£9).

*Contact Rich to book a place.*



## St. Edwards - Church yard tidy



Chilton Polden

Saturday 31st January 10am - 12noon.

**Bacon butties for the workers!**

Please let Anita Hayne know if you plan to come. (01278 722227)

## Church Services in January 2026

### Sunday 4th January - Epiphany (White)

9.30 *Catcott* - Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 *Chilton Polden* - Informal Worship

### Sunday 11th January - Baptism of Christ (White)

9.30 *Burtle* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* - Informal Worship \*\*

4.00 *Edington* - Holy Communion

### Sunday 18th January - Epiphany 3 (White)

10.00 *Shapwick* - Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* - Holy Communion

### Sunday 25th January - Epiphany 4 (White)

9.30 *Shapwick* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* - Informal Worship

6.30 *Ashcott* - Holy Communion

### Sunday 1st February - Third Sunday before Lent (Green)

9.30 *Catcott* - Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 *Chilton Polden* - Informal Worship \*\*

\*\* With Polden Praise

### A Quiet Service

Tuesday 20th January  
7pm

at St Peter's Church  
Catcott



A space for  
contemplative  
reflection for  
half an hour.

### Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday  
28th January  
at St George's  
Church  
Edington  
10 am



All are welcome.

## Church Contacts

Vicar:

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St Edward's, Chilton Polden: Vacant

St George's, Edington: Rosie Tilbury 01278 722208

St Mary's, Shapwick: Vacant

## Sunday Readings for January

**4th January:** Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

**11th January:** Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

**18th January:** 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

**25th January:** 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23