

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

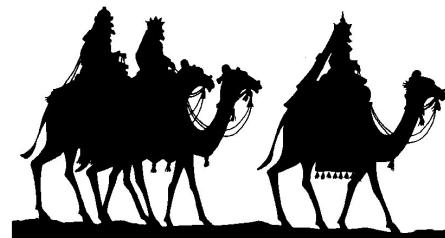
Wed 4th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

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

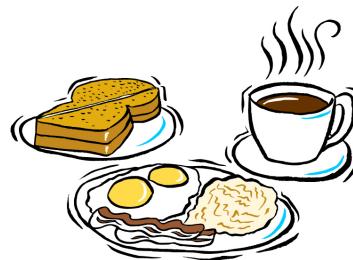
Ashcott Village Hall

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 Contacts

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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

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.



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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