

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

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March 2026

March

- Wed 4th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
Thur 5th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm. **Contact Rich for more information if you would like to join.**
- Wed 11th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
Thur 12th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm.
Fri 13th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo CANCELLED DUE TO ILL HEALTH. Also cancelled for April and May.
- Sun 15th **Ashcott:** Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea in Ashcott Village Hall. 3.30-5.30pm. £15 (includes gift for Mum). Must book with Debbie, 210947 or Margaret.
- Wed 18th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
Thur 19th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm.
Fri 20th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee morning at 8 Hector Road. 10.30 to 12noon. Suggested donation £2.50 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.
Sat 21st **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown Inn. 8.45am. Speaker - Rev Martin Kirkbride (see box for details). Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast (£9). **Contact Rich to book a place.**
Sat 21st **Edington:** St. George's Coffee morning at Church House, The Walls, Edington. Bring and Buy. Raffle. £2. All welcome.
Wed 25th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
Thur 26th **Shapwick:** The Bible Course meeting at the Vicarage 3pm.

April

- Wed 1st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.



Plants Wanted

Edington is having a plant sale at their April Coffee Morning, and Catcott is hoping to have one in May. Please think of us when doing your sowing, thinning, dividing. Thank you.



Hi folks,

It is raining while I write. That will not surprise you given how much it has rained since the start of the year - and the Met Office says this may continue for the next month!

Intriguingly, many journalists have called the rainfall 'biblical'. This is a reference to the floods of Noah in Genesis chapters 6 to 8, in which the rain fell continuously for 40 days and 40 nights.

There are some Christians who insist on understanding Noah's flood as being global. However, a closer understanding of the original language used suggests something else. We in the 21st century west naturally understand the phrase "the whole earth" to mean "the whole globe" - but four millennia ago even the roundness of the Earth was not recognised, and the landmasses and animal life of places like America and Australia had not been discovered. Instead "the whole earth" corresponded to "the whole land of Israel", and was consistently used that way in the Bible. (To check this out, Google "Gavin Ortlund flood").

The extensive flooding that we're seeing today demonstrates just how destructive such flooding can be. Imagine how catastrophic it would be in a world without the weather forecasting, news coverage, communication and transportation that we take for granted today!

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy
vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk



Men's breakfast

Saturday 21st March 8.45am at The Crown Inn, Catcott.

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

Speaker - **Rev Martin Kirkbride** - the chaplain to the HMS Coventry association - the survivors from the ship that was sunk in the Falklands. He was with the team who met and reconciled with the Argentinian gunner who sank the boat.

Contact Rich to book a place.



Thank you

The Polden Wheel Churches and villages collected **723 KG**

of goods in 2025, and a cheque for **£581.90**

was sent from the collections made at the Harvest Services. Please continue to donate in 2026 at our collection points in our Churches.

Mothering Sunday Sunday 15th March

10.00 St Mary's, Shapwick

Breakfast ... followed by an Informal Service to think about mothering. Loving, Caring, Nurturing, Comforting, Encouraging, and so much more. There will be posies for anyone who is, or has been, a 'Mother' to someone.

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Afternoon Tea in Ashcott Village Hall.

3.30-5.30pm.

£15 (includes gift for Mum).

Must book with

Debbie, 210947

or Margaret, 210448.



Church Services in the Polden Wheel

Sunday 1st March - Lent 2 (Green)

9.30 *Catcott* - Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 *Chilton Polden* - Informal Worship

Sunday 8th March - Lent 3 (Green)

9.30 *Burtle* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* - Informal Worship **

4.00 *Edington* - Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* - Café Church - Thinking about aspects of 'mothering'

10.30 *Chilton Polden* - Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March - Lent 5 (Green)

9.30 *Shapwick* - Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* - Informal Worship **

6.30 *Ashcott* - Holy Communion

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday (Red)

11.00 *Ashcott* - Palm Sunday Communion

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 Day (White)

6.00 *Ham Wall* - Sunrise Service

9.30 *Catcott* - Easter Day Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* - Easter Day Communion

** With Polden Praise

Sunday Readings for March

1st March: Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

8th March: Romans 5.1-11; John.4 5-42

15th March: 1 Samuel 1.20-28; Luke 2.33-35

22nd March: Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

29th March: Matthew 21.1-11; Matthew 27.11-54

A Quiet Service

Tuesday 17th March
7pm

at St Peter's Church
Catcott

A space for
contemplative
reflection for
half an hour.



Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday
25th March
10am

at St George's
Church, Edington
All are welcome.



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