

MAY 2022

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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

If you love wildlife, then the Polden villages are wonderful places to live. We have some amazing nature reserves within about a quarter of an hour's drive from the front door, where you can see species that are common here but rare elsewhere in the UK: for example, marsh harriers, bitterns and otters.

That's why we're running a photography exhibition, called "Somerset's Glorious Wildlife" in Shapwick Church, from Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's being organised along similar lines to the one in June 2018, showcasing some of the best local wildlife photography.

We have over a dozen invited exhibitors, including Carl Bovis, Chris Hooper and Andrew Kirby, as well as local photographers Kim Hemmings (from Shapwick), Colin Whitcombe and Dan Hargreaves (both from Burtle).

We will also have contributions from both the Taunton and mid-Somerset camera clubs.

There'll also be a café running throughout, being organised by Helen Wade. For updates and more details, see <https://poldenwheel.co.uk/events/wildlife-photography-exhibition/>. So do come and enjoy some amazing local wildlife photography!

During June we will be running a three-week course (one evening a week) called Hope Explored, for those who aren't churchgoers (see ad inside). We all need hope in our lives – so where do we get real hope from? This course explores that question.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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Great White Egret. Photo: Chris Hooper



Our next Messy Church in 2022 is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** from 4pm until 6pm in Shapwick Church. Join us for activities, crafts, Bible-based songs and stories and a meal at the end.

**Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 8.45am at the Albion Inn in Ashcott. Our speaker will be Laurie Burn.



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## Church Services in May 2022

<b>Sunday 1 May</b>	<b>Easter 3 (White)</b>
9.30 <i>Catcott</i>	Holy Communion
11.00 <i>Zoom</i>	Informal Worship
<b>Sunday 8 May</b>	<b>Easter 4 (White)</b>
9.30 <i>Burtle</i>	Holy Communion
11.00 <i>Ashcott</i>	Informal Worship with baptism
11.00 <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Informal Worship
6.00 <i>Edington</i>	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15 May</b>	<b>Easter 5 (White)</b>
10.00 <i>Shapwick</i>	Café Church
10.30 <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 22 May – Easter 6 (White)</b>	
9.30 <i>Shapwick</i>	Holy Communion
11.00 <i>Burtle</i>	Informal Worship
11.00 <i>Edington</i>	Informal Worship
6.30 <i>Ashcott</i>	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day</b>	
11.00 <i>Ashcott</i>	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 29 May</b>	<b>Rogation Sunday/Easter 7 (White)</b>
11.00 <i>Butterwell Farm, Chilton Polden</i>	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 5 June</b>	<b>Pentecost (Red)</b>
9.30 <i>Catcott</i>	Holy Communion
11.00 <i>Zoom</i>	Informal Worship
<b>Sunday 12 June – Trinity Sunday (Red)</b>	
9.30 <i>Burtle</i>	Holy Communion
11.00 <i>Ashcott</i>	Informal Worship
11.00 <i>Chilton Polden</i>	Informal Worship
6.00 <i>Edington</i>	Evening Prayer

### Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Edington Church.



### Service of Quiet

Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in **Catcott** church.

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

To access our Zoom services, please visit the Polden Wheel website and complete the online form. You will then be added to the list for future services.

## Readings for May

**1 May:** Acts 9.1-6(7-20); John 21.1-19

**8 May:** Acts 9.36-43; John 10.22-30

**15 May:** Acts 11.1-8; John 13.31-35

**22 May:** Acts 16.9-15; John 5.1-15

## Diary of Church Events

### May

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> **Ashcott:** Annual Parish Church Meeting at 7.30pm in the church. Coffee at 7pm.
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Albion Inn at 8.45am. Speaker is Laurie Burn.
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm.
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> **Edington:** Coffee morning at Church House, The Walls, Edington, TA7 9JU. 10.30 – 12 noon. £2 entry. Bring and Buy and Raffle.
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 18 – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> **Shapwick: Somerset's Glorious Wildlife.** An exhibition of wildlife photography in Shapwick church. Wed – Sat 11-4; Sun 2-5. Free entry. Gallery café.
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> **Catcott:** Coffee morning 10.30 – 12 noon at The Old School House, Old School Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HE. £2 entry to include coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Entries close for Chilton Polden Platinum Jubilee Scarecrow Competition.
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £7 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.

### June

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> **Shapwick:** 'Hope Explored'. In the church at 7.30pm.
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> **Shapwick:** 'Hope Explored'. In the church at 7.30pm.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **Shapwick:** 'Hope Explored'. In the church at 7.30pm.
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.