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SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

NOVEMBER 2024

Hi folks,

The American elections take place during November. The result will have a profound effect on global politics, whether NATO, or climate change, or the war in Ukraine, or any other topic of global political interest. In one way, this is true of all American elections, because of the strength and power of the American nation.

However, there is widespread concern about another aspect: the integrity of the entire democratic system. The candidate at the heart of the Capital Hill riots in January 2021 has recently called them “an act of love”. If he loses, what are the chances of his accepting the loss? If he wins, what are the chances of free and fair elections in 2028?

Winston Churchill once remarked that:

...it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time...

Democracy may have many flaws, but it has the one major virtue that the Government is accountable to the entire electorate.

While it cannot be said that democracy is a Biblical concept (it isn't), justice is at the heart of God's relationship with his people: hence the law codes of the Old Testament. Respecting the democratic system is one aspect of respecting the rule of law. If a democratically-elected ruler shows contempt for both democracy and justice, then you know that troubling times are ahead.

If you pray, pray for democracy and the rule of law to be upheld.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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Remembrance Services

Sunday 10th Nov at 10.45 in Ashcott
Benefice Remembrance Service

Monday 11th Nov at 10.50
Service of Remembrance
at **Catcott War Memorial**

Christingle Services

4pm Sunday 1st Dec **Ashcott**

4pm Sunday 8th Dec **Chilton Polden**



Men's breakfast

Saturday 23rd November 08:45
at The Crown, Catcott.

Full cooked breakfast with tea,
coffee and toast.

Our speaker will be
Bishop Michael.

He will be sharing something of his
own journey of faith and of his
background in science, in which he
specialised in the epidemiology of
infectious diseases.

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Church Services

Sunday 3rd November **All Saints Day/4th Before Advent (White)**

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

Sunday 10th November **Remembrance Sunday (Red)**

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

10.45 *Ashcott* Benefice Remembrance

Monday 11th November **Armistice Day**

10.50 *Catcott* Remembrance Service at
Catcott War Memorial

Sunday 17th November **2nd before Advent (Green)**

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church

10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Sunday 24th November **1st before Advent/Christ the King (Red)**

9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion

11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship

11.00 *Edington* Holy Communion

6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Sunday 1st December **Advent Sunday (Purple)**

9.30 *Catcott* Advent Service with Communion

11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

4.00 *Ashcott* Christingle

Sunday 8th December **Advent 2 (Purple)**

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion

11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship

4.00 *Chilton Polden* Christingle

5.30 *Edington* Holy Communion



Service of Quiet

**Tuesday
November 19th
at 7pm in
Catcott church**

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

Midweek Holy Communion



**Wed November 27th
at 10am**

in Edington Church.

Readings

3rd Nov: Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44

10th Nov: Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 1.14-20

17th Nov: Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18)19-25; Mark 13.1-8

24th Nov: Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

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

November

- Sat 2nd **Catcott:** All Souls Day. The church will be open for quiet remembrance. There will be candles to light in memory of those we love and have lost.
- Wed 6th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 8th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments
- Sat 9th **Ashcott:** Pre-Christmas event in the village hall. 10am - midday. Take away lunches, stalls including pre-loved, gifts, goodies. Refreshments and raffle.
- Wed 13th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 15th **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at 3, Lippetts Way, TA7 9HY. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus raffle.
- Sat 16th **Ashcott:** Concert by Ebbw Fach Choir in the church at 7pm followed by fish and chips in the village hall. Tickets £20 from Debbie on 01458 210947.
- Wed 20th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 23rd **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Speaker will be Bishop Michael.
- Sat 23rd **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Church House, The Walls, Edington, TA7 9JU 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle
- Wed 27th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 30th **Catcott:** 'Be A Star' and take part in the Catcott Spirit of Christmas collection for the Salvation Army's appeal for Festive Food and Gifts for children (new only). Bags and flyers will be delivered to all Catcott homes. Please leave bags out to be collected by 12 noon. Church will be open between 10 and 1 to receive donations. Please stay and enjoy mince pies and coffee. More details on Facebook and website.
- Sat 30th **Burtle:** Burtle Silver Band Pre-Christmas Concert joint with the church and village hall at 7pm. £5. Tickets from Rosemary 01278 822321.

December

- Fri 13th* **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. *Not 9th as in letter.
- Sat 14th **Edington:** St George's coffee and mince pies at Poples Farm, Holywell Road, TA7 9LB. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Sat 14th **Ashcott:** Christmas coffee morning in the church. 10-12. Stalls of goodies, gifts etc, coffee and cakes and Christmas raffle.