

# SPOKES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

**NOVEMBER 2022**

Hi folks,

For local birdwatchers, this is the season for bearded reedlings. They breed on the reserves, but become much more visible in the autumn as their feeding habits change. I took this photo in October during a guided walk on Shapwick Heath.



Many of us in the area recognise the therapeutic benefits of being in the countryside – getting immersed in the landscape, or absorbed by watching the wildlife. For a few moments we can escape the stresses of our ordinary, everyday lives, and we can forget the political dramas that dominate the news headlines. When we return to normal life, we often feel refreshed, better able to tackle what lies before us.

There are aspects of religious life that offer similar benefits – especially the opportunity to take a step back from everyday life, to reflect and to be refreshed. But faith in Jesus takes us deeper: when we pray to him, we're not doing it just as a contemplative exercise, but as a way to connect with the God who created everything.

It's easy to despair when looking at the political world: chaos in the Government, chaos in Ukraine, looming disaster with climate change combined with political inaction – but despite all this, if we follow Jesus, we follow a God who remains sovereign over everything. That's why praying to God through Jesus takes us deeper than a walk in the countryside can.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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## Men's breakfast

**Saturday 26 November** 8.45am at  
the Albion Inn.

Full cooked breakfast with tea,  
coffee and toast: £6 small, £8 large

Our speaker will be  
Rev David Hatrey.



## Remembrance Services

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.50**

Service of Remembrance at the  
**War Memorial, Catcott**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.50, Ashcott**  
Benefice Remembrance Service

## Shoebboxes

Filled boxes to  
Cafe Burtle on Nov 12  
or call Rosemary 01278 722321  
[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)



## Christingle

4pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November **Ashcott**

4pm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
**Chilton Polden**

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## Church Services

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup> Before Advent (Green)**

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day**

10.50 *Catcott* Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday (Green)**

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion  
10.50 *Ashcott* Benefice Remembrance Service  
4.30 *Edington* Holy Communion

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King (Red)**

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church  
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November Advent 1 (Purple)**

9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion  
11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship  
4.00 *Ashcott* Christingle

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 (Purple)**

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion  
4.00 *Chilton Polden* Christingle

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

7.00 *Burtle* Young Farmers Carol Service

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3 (Purple)**

11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship  
4.00 *Catcott* Carol Service  
7.00 *Burtle* Carol Service

## Readings

**6 Nov:** 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17; Luke 20.27-38

**13 Nov:** 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

**20 Nov:** Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

**27 Nov:** Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

**4 Dec:** Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

**11 Dec:** James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11



### **Service of Quiet**

**Tuesday  
November 15<sup>th</sup>  
7pm in Catcott  
church.**

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

### **Midweek Holy Communion**

**Wed Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am  
in Edington Church.**

## November

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> **Shapwick:** 'Talking Jesus' at 7.30 in the church.
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> **Shapwick:** 'Talking Jesus' at 7.30 in the church.
- Fri 11<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 12<sup>th</sup> **Edington:** Coffee morning at Poples Farm, Holywell Road, TA7 9LB. 10.30 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Entrance £2.
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Concert by Ebbw Vale Choir in Church at 7pm followed by supper in village hall. Tickets £15 available by calling 01458 210437.
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> **Catcott:** St Peter's coffee morning at Buckfurlong Farm, Manor Road, Catcott 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2. Raffle.
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Albion Inn at 8.45am. Speaker is Reverend David Hatrey.
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Bumper Christmas coffee morning in church 10.00 -12.00 Festive stalls, tombola, crafts etc. Teas/coffees/cakes/ mince pies.
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.

## December

- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

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