

OCTOBER 2022

SPOKES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

Hi folks,

It's been an extraordinary couple of weeks. We should have expected that, at 96, the Queen didn't have much longer left – but it was still a shock for most of us, especially as she had been inducting a new Prime Minister only two days previously. Right to the end, she was utterly devoted to her role of serving our nation as Queen – and as a nation we recognised that devotion.

What underpinned her dedication was her real, deep faith in Christianity. She spoke about this consistently in her Christmas messages - although you wouldn't have thought so from some of the newspaper coverage! As she said in her 2020 Christmas broadcast:



Image credit: Press Association

The teachings of Christ have served as my inner light, as has the sense of purpose we can find in coming together to worship.

As a nation we should be deeply grateful that she saw her role as monarch as one of dedicated service, following the Servant King.

The greatest ruler we can follow is the Servant King himself, Jesus. As the son of God, he could have used his position for his own power – but this was not in the character of God. Instead, as we read in the gospels, “the son of man [as he called himself] did not come to be served, but to serve”. He showed this in his teaching, his healing the sick, in the way that he often took the side of the powerless, and in his dying on the cross. His rising from the dead shows how God's power is very different to human power.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy

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Talking Jesus

This is an outstanding course, with videos that are entertaining, informative and challenging, which help us to talk about Jesus in an easy and natural way.

Shapwick Church
Wednesdays at 7.30pm
Oct 5, 12, 19; Nov 2, 9

All Souls Service

There will be an **All Souls service** at **Shapwick Church** on **30th October** at **4.30.**

This will be an opportunity to remember those whom you have lost in the past year and to light a candle in remembrance. If you would like to have a loved one's name added to the list to be read out please contact Sue Ball, Parish Administrator on 01458 210260 or admin@poldenwheel.co.uk.



Saturday 8th October All Saints, 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.



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Church Services in October 2022

Sunday 2 October

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

Trinity 16 (Green)

Harvest Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal Worship

Sunday 9 October

9.30 *Burtle*
11.00 *Ashcott*
4.30 *Edington*

Trinity 17 (Green)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship
Harvest Evensong

Sunday 16 October

10.00 *Shapwick*
10.30 *Chilton Polden*

Trinity 18 (Green)

Café Church
Holy Communion

Sunday 23 October

9.30 *Shapwick*
11.00 *Burtle*
11.00 *Edington*
6.30 *Ashcott*

Bible Sunday (Green)

Holy Communion
Informal Worship
Informal Worship
Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 30th October

11.00 *Edington*
4.30 *Shapwick*

4th Before Advent/All Saints Day (White)

Holy Communion
All Souls Service

Sunday 6 November

9.30 *Catcott*
11.00 *Chilton Polden*

3rd Before Advent (Green)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Informal Worship

Sunday 13 November

9.30 *Burtle*
10.50 *Ashcott*
4.30 *Edington*

Remembrance Sunday (Green)

Holy Communion
Benefice Remembrance Service
Holy Communion



Service of Quiet

Tuesday
October 25th
7pm in Catcott church.

This will be a quiet space for contemplative reflection for half an hour. *NB This is fourth not third week for this month only.*

Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday October
26th at 10am in Edington Church.

Readings for October

2 Oct: Habakkuk 1.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

9 Oct: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

16 Oct: Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8

23 Oct: Isaiah 45.22-25; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 15.1-6; Luke 4.16-24

30 Oct: Daniel 7.1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

Diary of Church Events

October

- Sun 2nd to Nov 10th **Chilton Polden**: Poppies crocheted by local lady Marion available in church. Come along and choose your poppy and put £1 in the donation box.
- Wed 5th **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 5th **Shapwick**: 'Talking Jesus' at 7.30 in the church.
- Sat 8th **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.
- Wed 12th **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 12th **Shapwick**: 'Talking Jesus' at 7.30 in the church.
- Fri 14th **Chilton Polden**: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Wed 19th **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 19th **Shapwick**: 'Talking Jesus' at 7.30 in the church.
- Sat 22nd **Edington**: Coffee morning at St. Gratien, Manor Road, TA7 9HB. 10.30 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Entrance £2.
- Sat 22nd **Chilton Polden**: St Edward's Gift Day. 10-12 in the village hall. Teas and coffees will be served.
- Wed 26th **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Thurs 27th **Catcott**: St Peter's coffee morning at Little Trees, 21 Manor Road, Catcott TA7 9HF. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2. Raffle.

November

- Wed 2nd **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 2nd **Shapwick**: 'Talking Jesus' at 7.30 in the church.
- Wed 9th **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 9th **Shapwick**: 'Talking Jesus' at 7.30 in the church.
- Fri 11th **Chilton Polden**: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.
- Sat 12th **Ashcott**: Concert by Ebbw Vale Choir in Church at 7pm followed by supper in village hall. Tickets £15 available from beginning October.
- Wed 16th **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 23rd **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 30th **Ashcott**: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.