

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

October

- Wed 4th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 4th **Shapwick:** Four Cornerstones course. 7.30pm.
- Sat 7th **Chilton Polden:** St Edwards Gift Aid Day in Village Hall 10-12.
Refreshments served Tea/ Coffee and Cake.
- Wed 11th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Friday 13th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall . Eyes down at 7.30pm.
- Sat 14th **Ashcott:** Big Breakfast in Ashcott Village Hall 9.00am-11.00am
£8, children half price, includes cereals, juice, full English,
toast/croissants, marmalade/jam, proper coffee, tea.
Not to be missed!
- Sat 14th **Burtle:** Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal Deadline. Fill a box for a
child who would otherwise receive nothing or very little this
Christmas. Please bring your filled boxes to Cafe Burtle on Saturday
14th October or to Rosemary Tucker 722321.
- Wed 18th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 18th **Shapwick:** Four Cornerstones course. 7.30pm.
- Wed 25th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 25th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at 10.30- 12 noon. Hill House, Manor
Road. £2 for tea, coffee & cake. There is also a raffle.

November

- Wed 1st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 1st **Shapwick:** Four Cornerstones course. 7.30pm.
- Wed 8th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 15th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Wed 15th **Shapwick:** Four Cornerstones course. 7.30pm.

Advanced notice **Chilton Polden:** Sat and Sun Dec 2nd and 3rd St Edwards Christmas tree Festival. 10am - 4pm both days..



Hi folks,

There was an exciting announcement today from a team of astronomers. They were observing an exoplanet - a planet orbiting another star - called K2-18b. Its significance is that it's one of only a few known to live both in the habitable zone of a star (ie at the right distance from the star to be comfortable for life), and to have detectable water. While observing it, this team claim to have detected the signature of a chemical in the planet's atmosphere which is believed only to come from life. It's a tantalising hint that life may exist elsewhere in the universe.



There are several caveats to the story. The astronomers themselves admit that the evidence is not particularly strong, and may not stand up to scrutiny. Also, there's history with this exoplanet, with previous stories being over-hyped in the media. The planet itself is a gas giant more like Neptune than a rocky body like Earth, so any life found is likely only to be microbial. But even the detection of nothing more than microbial life would itself be a spectacular discovery.

But it's fun to speculate about life elsewhere in space. You might wonder where God fits into this? Well - if God created the entire universe, it's up to him where life ends up being formed. The reality of Jesus being the Son of God isn't dependent upon the presence or absence of life elsewhere in the universe. In Jesus, God has given us plenty for us to get to know him; if God created more life than what's on Earth, who are we to complain?

Every blessing,
Rich Tweedy
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St Edwards Church Sat 7th October

Chilton Polden
Gift Aid Day in Village Hall
10am - 12noon
Refreshments served Tea/ Coffee
and Cake.

Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal



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this Christmas. Please
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Four Cornerstones for growing a Successful Church

What are the four essential attributes needed to enable a
successful church to develop and grow?

Location:
Shapwick Church

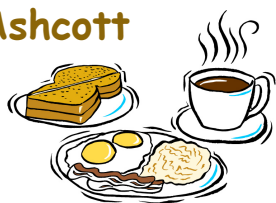
Dates:
Wednesdays at 7:30pm
October 4th and 18th
November 1st and 15th

Course designed by Rich.



Big Breakfast in Ashcott Village Hall

Sat 14th October
9.00am - 11.00am



Cereals, juice, full English,
toast/croissants,
marmalade/jam, proper
coffee, tea. £8. Children
half price.
Not to be missed!

Church Contacts

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St George's, Edington:

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Rosemary Hargreaves 01458 210533

Church Services in October 2023

Sunday 1st October - Trinity 17 (Green)

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

Sunday 8th October - Trinity 18 (Green)

9.30 Burtle Holy Communion
11.00 Ashcott Informal Worship
6.30 Edington Holy Communion

Sunday 15th October - Trinity 19 (Green)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church
10.30 Chilton Polden Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd October - Trinity 20 (Green)

9.30 Shapwick Holy Communion
9.30 Edington Holy Communion
11.00 Burtle Informal Worship
6.30 Ashcott Holy Communion

Sunday 29th October - Bible Sunday (Green)

11.00 Edington Holy Communion
4.30 Shapwick All Souls Service

Sunday 5th November - 4th before Advent (Green)

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

Saturday 11th November - Remembrance Day

10.50 Catcott War Memorial - Remembrance Service

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday (Green)

9.30 Burtle Holy Communion
10.45 Ashcott Benefice Remembrance
4.00 Edington Holy Communion

Service of Quiet

Tuesday
17th October at
St Peter's Church
Catcott 7pm



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

Midweek Holy Communion



Wednesday
25th October at
St George's Church
Edington 10 am

All are welcome.

Sunday Readings for October

1st October: Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

8th October: Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46

15th October: Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

22nd October: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

29th October: Colossians 3:12-17 Matthew 24.30-35

5th November: 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 24.1-14

12th November: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13