SEPTEMBER 2022



Hi folks,

This year's harvest is well underway. A few weeks ago I went with our four year-old, Joshua, to watch a wheat field being harvested: he was so fascinated by it that it was quite hard to tear him away from it! To be honest, I was watching it through the eyes of a four-year old as well – I'm definitely sharing his boyish enthusiasm for big farm machinery!

While we were watching, I also tried to explain to him that this wheat will end up as flour, like Mummy uses when she bakes bread. I'm not sure how much he took in, but I'm determined that he'll grow up knowing where food comes from!

Jesus loved a good analogy. That's part of what made him



such an attractive preacher – he would use everyday images to make spiritual points. Seeds, wheat, flour, yeast and bread all appeared in his parables. Jesus made an astonishing claim: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Bread is a staple part of our diet. That's why there's so much agricultural land given to growing wheat. It was also a staple part of the diet of people living in Israel in Jesus' time. So when Jesus says he's the "bread of life", he's saying something about what's fundamental to healthy living.

But how can Jesus make such an extraordinary claim about himself? It only makes sense if he really is who he says he is. If he really is the son of God, who lived and died and rose again, then he really is the Bread of Life.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk



This year's **Polden Wheel Harvest** charity is the **Trussell Trust Foodbank** in Bridgwater. Gifts and donations will be accepted at our **Harvest Celebrations** in our churches and envelopes will be available. Items currently needed are cartons of fruit juice, tinned fruit, meat and fish, tinned sponge puddings, biscuits and snack bars, toiletries.



Men's breakfast
Saturday 24 September
8.45am at the Albion Inn.
Our speaker will be Jon
Johnson from Shapwick,
who will be telling us about
his life and faith.

HARVEST IN THE POLDEN WHEEL

| Sunday 18 September | 10.30 | Harvest Holy Communion | Chilton Polde |
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| Saturday 24 Septembe | r 12.30 | Harvest Lunch | Burtle |
| | 7.30 | Harvest Supper | Edington |
| Sunday 25 September | 9.30 | Harvest Holy Communion | Shapwick |
| | 11.00 | Harvest Informal Worship | Burtle |
| | 6.30 | Harvest Holy Communion | Ashcott |
| | | followed by buffet supper | |
| Sunday 2 October | 9.30 | Harvest Holy Communion | Catcott |
| Sunday 9 October | 6.30 | Harvest Evensong | Edington |

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Church Services in September 2022

Sunday 4 September

9.30 Catcott

11.00 Chilton Polden

Trinity 12 (Green)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Informal Worship

Sunday 11 September

9.30 Burtle

11.00 Ashcott

6.30 Edington

Trinity 13 (Green)

Holy Communion Informal Worship Holy Communion

Trinity 14 (Green)

Café Church

Harvest Holy Communion

Sunday 25 September

Sunday 18 September

Shapwick

Chilton Polden

9.30 Shapwick

11.00 Burtle

10.00

10.30

6.30 Ashcott

Trinity 15 (Green)

Harvest Holy Communion Harvest Informal Worship

Harvest Holy Communion

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

Informal Worship Harvest Evensong

Service of Quiet

Tuesday September 20th at 7pm in Catcott

church.

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

Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday September 28th at 10am in Edington Church.

Readings for September

4 Sept: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1: Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33

11 Sept: Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 51.1-11;1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10

18 Sept: Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

25 Sept: Amos 6.1a,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31

Diary of Church Events

September

| Sat 3 rd | Burtle: Pip 'n' Jay Classique Car Run at Catcott Burtle Farm, TA7 8NE. Starts at 10.30. Tickets £45 to include bacon bap at start, light lunch at halfway and cream tea on return to Burtle. Contact Rosemary Tucker on 01278 722321 or email rosemary.tucker@btconnect.com. |
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| Wed 7 th | Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Fri 9 th | Chilton Polden: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. |
| | £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play |
| Wed 14 th | Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Wed 21st | Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Sat 24 th | Burtle: Harvest Lunch in Village Hall at 12.30. Tickets £15 from |
| | Rosemary Tucker (01278 722321) or Alison Everett (01278 723736). |
| Sat 24 th | <i>Edington:</i> Harvest Supper in the village hall. 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50. To book call 01278 722208. |
| Sun 25 th | Ashcott: Buffet Harvest Supper in church following 6.30pm service. |
| Wed 28 th | Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Fri 30 th | Catcott: St Peter's coffee morning at Polden Rise, Steel Lane, Catcott TA7 9HP. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2. Raffle. |
| October | |
| Wed 5 th | Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Sat 8 th | Ashcott: Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £7 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast |
| Wed 12 th | as you want. Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Fri 14 th | Chilton Polden: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down. 7.30pm. |
| FII 14 | £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play. |
| Wed 19 th | Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Sat 22 nd | Edington: Coffee morning at St. Gratien, Manor Road, TA7 9HB. 10.3 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Entrance £2. |
| Wed 26 th | Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome. |
| Thurs 27 th | |
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