

## Diary of Church Events

### September

- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Bring and share lunch in the village hall. Donations received for the Bridgwater Food Bank.
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> **Burtle:** Harvest Lunch in the village hall at 12.30. Tickets available at Café Burtle or from church members.
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at 2 Vine Orchard, Catcott, TA7 9BB. 10.30 – 12 noon. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> **Edington:** Macmillan's afternoon tea and cake 2.30-4.30pm, with raffle and Bring & Buy.
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> **Edington:** Harvest Lunch 1pm at Edington village hall. Raffle. Tickets £12.50. Tickets from Rosie 722208.

### October

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Gift day in the village hall, where refreshments will be served.
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

### Four Cornerstones for a Successful Church:

a course in four sessions designed by Rich

#### Location:

Shapwick Church

#### Dates: TBD

in Oct & Nov



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Hi folks,

It's been an odd summer. There's been so much rain here that I've had fruit rotting on the tree before ripening. Meanwhile, the rest of the world has baked.

- The hottest month on record globally followed from the hottest ever June;
- Ocean temperatures are hotter than ever before;
- Wildfires causing devastation in places like Greece and Hawaii.

The list could be extended easily.

Creationtide is the church's season from Sept 1 to Oct 4, when we celebrate God's creation. When we thank God, at Harvest, for his goodness in providing food for us (through the labour of our farmers), we also need to be conscious of the challenges which climate change presents globally.

All of us in the developed world are implicated in this: our cars, our heating and our consumption are all part of the problem. What makes the tragedy worse is that it's often those in the developing world, who have contributed the least to the problem, who are suffering the worst of the effects, such those living in the low-lying parts of Bangladesh, or those in African countries whose harvests have been scorched by the heat.

As we celebrate God's generosity to us at harvest, we need to remind ourselves of what it means to love our global neighbours in the midst of a climate crisis.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy

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*Elk in the Bitterroot River  
by John McColgan*

## HARVEST IN THE POLDEN WHEEL

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** 11.00 Harvest Holy Communion **Ashcott**  
*followed by bring and share lunch*

**Sunday 17 September** \*\*4.30 Harvest Holy Communion **Chilton Polden**

**Saturday 23 September** 12.30 *Harvest Lunch* **Burtle**

**Sunday 24 September** 9.30 Harvest Holy Communion **Shapwick**

11.00 Harvest Informal Worship **Burtle**

11.00 Harvest Informal worship **Edington**

**Sunday 1 October** 9.30 Harvest Holy Communion **Catcott**

**Saturday 14 October** 7.30 *Harvest Supper* **Edington**



## Harvest Collections

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 snacks.



## Men's breakfast

**Saturday 23 September 08:45**  
 at The Albion Inn. Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast. Our speaker will be Bishop Rob Martin, a former bishop in Kenya.

## Church Services

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** *Trinity 13 (Green)*

9.30 **Catcott** Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 **Chilton Polden** Informal Worship

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** *Trinity 14 (Green)*

9.30 **Burtle** Holy Communion

11.00 **Ashcott** Harvest Informal Worship

3.00 **Edington** Tea with Thought for the day

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September** *Trinity 15 (Green)*

10.00 **Shapwick** Café Church

4.30\*\* **Chilton Polden** Harvest Holy Communion

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** *Trinity 16 (Green)*

9.30 **Shapwick** Harvest Holy Communion

11.00 **Burtle** Harvest Informal Worship

11.00 **Edington** Harvest Informal Worship

6.30 **Ashcott** Holy Communion

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** *Trinity 17 (Green)*

9.30 **Catcott** Harvest Holy Communion

11.00 **Chilton Polden** Informal Worship

\*\* Please note the change of time for this service.



## Service of Quiet

Tuesday  
 September 19<sup>th</sup>  
 at 7pm in  
**Catcott church.**

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

## Midweek Holy Communion

**Wed September 27<sup>th</sup> at  
 10am**

**in Edington Church.**

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## Readings

**3<sup>rd</sup> September:** Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

**10<sup>th</sup> September:** Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20

**17<sup>th</sup> September:** Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

**24<sup>th</sup> September:** Philippians 1. 21-30; Matthew 20.1-16