

# SP KES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Hi folks,

Whether it's the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004, or the earthquakes on the Turkish-Syrian border in 2023, or the fires in and around Los Angeles this year, big disasters capture the imagination. The sudden and unexpected destructiveness is shocking and forces us to be aware of the fragility of life. Each disaster is a unique event with very personal consequences. What makes the fires in Los Angeles so eye-catching is that they're burning through some of the most well-known, wealthy parts of the city. The photo shows Chase Bank on Sunset Boulevard being burned, showing that even the most solid and financial institutions are fragile under the wrong circumstances.



*Fire on the Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles*

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So, if there was a fire on the Somerset Levels coming in your direction, and you have an hour to pack the car and to leave, what would you take with you? Or suppose that you can only take what you can carry, what would you prioritise?

The reality is that, no matter what we'd choose to pack, we can take none of it with us into the next life. How does that change our priorities for this life?

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ASHCOTT

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Bake

Tuesday **4 March** 10am -12 noon.

Ashcott Village Hall Committee room.

Coffee/tea and pancakes with a choice of fillings for £2.00.

Extra pancakes £1.

Raffle.

All welcome.



### Men's breakfast

**Saturday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 8:45am**  
at The Crown, Catcott.

Full cooked breakfast.

Our speaker will be Carol Demian,  
a Romanian Christian who has  
worked in Iraq and Syria.



Thank you once again for supporting the Foodbank collections over 2024

Through our Harvest Festival Collections, we were able to send in a cheque for £609.26 and our Goods Collection for the year totalled 929 kg.

We continue to collect in 2025 via the collection points in our churches.

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## Church Services

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**      **Presentation of Christ (White)**

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

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**      **4<sup>th</sup> Before Lent (Green)**

9.30 *Burtle*      Holy Communion  
11.00 *Ashcott*      Informal Worship  
4.00 *Edington*      Holy Communion

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Before Lent (Green)**

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

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Before Lent (Green)**

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

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**      **Next Before Lent (Green)**

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



**Service of  
Quiet  
Tuesday  
February 18<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 26<sup>th</sup> February  
at 10am  
in Edington Church.**

## Readings

**2<sup>nd</sup> February:** 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 2.22-40

**9<sup>th</sup> February:** 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

**16<sup>th</sup> February:** 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

**23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25

## All are welcome at any or all of the following church events:

### February

- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
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- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.  
£1 per book. Raffle and refreshments
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Our speaker will be Carol Demian, a Romanian Christian who has worked in Iraq and Syria.
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at The Great House, Broadway, Holywell Road, TA7 9JJ. 10.30 – 12 noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Polden Rise, Steel Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HP. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2 plus raffle.
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

### March

- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Bake in Ashcott Village Hall Committee room 10am -12 noon. Tea/coffee and pancakes with a choice of fillings for £2. Extra Pancakes £1 each. Raffle. All are welcome.
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