

# SPKES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

**JANUARY 2025**

Hi folks,

Happy new year! So the carols have been sung, the turkey has been eaten, the tree and the decorations have been put away for another year. Is that all there is to it? Christians talk about Christmas being about Jesus, the son of God: but does that have any relevance to our world today?

We live in an increasingly troubled world: there are wars and rumours of wars, and difficult ethical questions, some of which weren't envisaged when Jesus was alive. So: **Why bother with the Christian faith?**

That's the title of a talk being given by **Rico Tice** at a special event in Ashcott church on the evening of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. If the question intrigues you, why not come along and hear Rico speak? Details below and on the website.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy  
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## Why bother with the Christian faith?

An evening with **Rico Tice**, co-founder of Christianity Explored Ministries



**All Saints Church, Ashcott**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm**

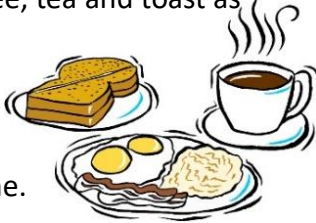
No booking required.  
Refreshments at the start and end.

## The Ashcott Big Breakfast

**Sat 11 January 9-11 am**  
**Ashcott village hall**

£8 (children half price)

Full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee, tea and toast as you want.



All welcome.



## Men's breakfast

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 08:45**  
at The Crown, Catcott.

Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast. Our speaker will be Ben Thorne from Living Light Church in Taunton.

## Church Contacts

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**Website:** [www.poldenwheel.co.uk](http://www.poldenwheel.co.uk)

## Church Services

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

9.30 *Catcott*

11.00 *Chilton Polden*

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

9.30 *Burtle*

11.00 *Ashcott*

4.00 *Edington*

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

10.00 *Shapwick*

10.30 *Chilton Polden*

4.00 *Catcott*

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

9.30 *Shapwick*

11.00 *Burtle*

6.30 *Ashcott*

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

9.30 *Catcott*

11.00 *Chilton Polden*

### Epiphany (White)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Informal Worship

### Baptism of Christ (White)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Holy Communion

### Epiphany 2 (White)

Café Church

Holy Communion

Baptism

### Epiphany 3 (White)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Holy Communion

### Presentation of Christ (White)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Informal Worship



## Service of Quiet

Tuesday  
January 21<sup>st</sup>

at 7pm in

**Catcott church**

This will be a quiet  
space for contemplative

## Midweek Holy Communion

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan  
at 10am

in Edington Church.

## Readings

5<sup>th</sup> January: Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12

12<sup>th</sup> January: Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17,21,22

19<sup>th</sup> January: 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11; John 2.1-11

26<sup>th</sup> January: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

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

### January

- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** An evening with Tico Rice, co-founder of Christianity Explored Ministries, in All Saints at 7pm. No booking required. Refreshments at the start and end.
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Big breakfast in the village hall. 9-11am. £8 (children half price) for full English, cereals, juice and as much coffee and toast as you want.
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Speaker will be Ben Thorne from Living Light Church, Taunton.
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Holywell House, Holywell Road, TA7 9LB. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

### February

- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments