

SPOKES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

MAY 2025

Hi folks,

We live in a time of great uncertainty. The saga with American tariffs has at least calmed down after a turbulent week – but could easily re-ignite in a few months' time. The wars between Russia and Ukraine, and between Israel and Hamas, continue unabated; meanwhile, in the UK, it's hard to find an area of British life that doesn't seem to be over-stretched.

This could easily lead us to despair – or it could lead us to seek more of God. For some of us, this will be about deepening a relationship with God that we already have; for others, it will be about desiring to know whether there really is a God in the first place.

For those of us belonging to Generation X (ie in their 40s and 50s), this may be a strange experience, as we're more used to people turning away from God. But younger folk are much more open to spirituality than their parents' generation, and less likely to be attracted by atheism. But it's not an attraction to formal religion so much as spirituality in general.

The challenge for the church is to be able to adapt to the changing needs of our times: to be able to respond to the needs of those desiring to know about God, but not necessarily in a formal, institutionalised way.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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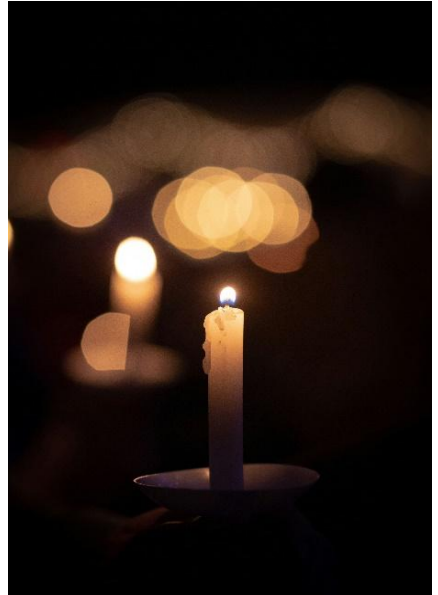


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The Ashcott Big Breakfast

Sat 3rd May 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 17th May 08:45

at The Crown, Catcott.

Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast.

Our speaker will be John Lewis, a recently retired colonel who has moved to the area. John will tell us about his faith and his army career, having served in many places, including the Balkans and Iraq.

Please book your place by contacting Rich.

The Polden Wheel's 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will be held on **19 May** at
St George's Church, Edington. 7.00
for 7.30pm.
All welcome

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Church Services

Sunday 4th May **Easter 3 (White)**
9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

Sunday 11 May **Easter 4 (White)**
9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion
11.00 *Ashcott* Informal Worship
6.30 *Edington* Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May **Easter 5 (White)**
10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Sunday 25th May **Easter 6 (White)**
9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion
11.00 *Edington* Informal Worship
6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Thursday 29th May **Ascension Day**
11.00 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Sunday 1st June **Easter 7 (White)**
9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship

Midweek Holy Communion

Wed 28th May
at **10.00am**
in **Edington Church.**



Service of Quiet

Tuesday May 20th
at **7pm** in
Catcott church

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

Readings

4th May: Acts 9.1-6(7-20); John 21.1-19
11th May: Acts 9.36-43; John 10.22-30
18th May: Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35
25th May: Acts 16.9-15; John 5.1-9
29th May: Luke 24.44-53; Acts 1.1-11

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

May

- Sat 3rd **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.
- Sat 3rd **Edington:** Yard Sale for St George's church. There will be a plan with a list of the houses taking part that can be collected from the foyer of the church.
- Wed 7th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
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- Sat 17th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Our speaker will be John Lewis. John is a recently retired army colonel who has served in the Balkans and Iraq. ***Please book your place by contacting Rich.***
- Sat 17th **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Grafton Lodge, Broadmead Lane, Edington TA7 9JX. 10.30 – 12 noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Mon 19th **Edington:** Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Polden Wheel in St George's Church, Edington. 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wed 21st **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 23rd **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at 8, Hector Road, Catcott, TA7 9HL. 10.30 – 12. Suggested donation £2 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Wed 28th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

June

- Wed 4th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Wed 11th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome