



CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 2016

4 MARCH: 7.30PM CATCOTT WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

6 MARCH- 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY (PURPLE)

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Worship
10.30 Shapwick Family Communion

13 MARCH- 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT PASSION SUNDAY (PURPLE)

10.30 Shapwick Informal Worship
10.30 Edington Holy Communion (BCP)
4.30 BURTLE HOLY COMMUNION

20 MARCH - 6ND SUNDAY OF LENT PALM SUNDAY (RED)

10.30 Edington Informal Worship
10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion

22 MARCH - STATIONS OF THE CROSS (RED)

7.00 Catcott

24 MARCH - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00 Shapwick Last Supper and Communion

25 MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY (HANGINGS REMOVED)

2.00 Chilton Polden Hour at the Cross

27 MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY (WHITE)

10.30 BURTLE INFORMAL FAMILY COMMUNION
10.30 Edington Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Catcott Holy Communion

3 APRIL - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (WHITE)

10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion
6.30 Edington Praise 'n Prayer

Thursday 3 March: 10.00 Ashcott Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday 17 March: 10.00 Ashcott Holy Communion (BCP)
Wednesday 23 March: 10.00 Edington Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday 24 March: 10.00 Ashcott Holy Communion (BCP)

The Edington Service will be at Ballintaggart Manor Road followed by Coffee



BURTLE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

St Philip & St James Church, Burtle, Somerset

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GOOD NEWS.....

It is with great pleasure that we can tell you that **Rev Richard Tweedy** and his wife Jen will be installed to the Polden Wheel Benefice on May 21st. They come from rural Worcester. We wish them a warm welcome.

Dear Friends

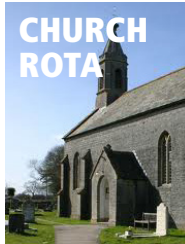
Bishop Peter reminded us last month of the hope we have in the God of promises as we look to uncertain futures. We can trust God to remain faithful and immovable whatever our circumstances. Easter has always been a moveable feast although the Archbishop is now taking soundings from other church leaders to see whether we can 'fix a date' for Easter. I wonder how easy that will be!

We are now part way through Lent and the first Sunday of this March is Mothering Sunday which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This was traditionally the day when people would gather to worship, to 'rejoice' ('laetare'), at their 'mother' church, a large local church or often the Cathedral. As this practice developed so those in service would have the opportunity for a short holiday, to return to their homes, to their mothers, often bringing small presents or gifts. It was a welcome moment of festivity in the season of abstinence and austerity. A sign of things to come...

However for some of us, Mothering Sunday can be the most painful day of the year as we remember the loss of a loving parent, whether known or not; or the bereavement of never having been able to be a parent oneself; or the death of a child we have loved and longed for. It can mean that some find it too difficult to be in church that week. Perhaps as we approach Good Friday it gives us a small insight of what it might mean to have been Mary watching her Son die on that cross.

So how about a different take on Mothering Sunday this year? We might focus on remembering those who have 'given birth' to us by inspiring our faith or where we ourselves have played a part in someone else's discovery of Jesus as a friend and Saviour. Who might you remember, give thanks for and pray for?

Bishop Ruth of Taunton

 CHURCH ROTA	FLOWERS		CLEANERS
	6th March -Lent	No flowers	
	13th March	No flowers	E. Giddens
	20th March	No flowers	
	27th March -Easter	D. Richards	J. Ponsillo
Decoration of Church for Easter Sunday will be on Saturday, 26th March			

Dates for your diary:



A celebration to mark
Queen Elizabeth II - 90th birthday
Saturday June 11th 2016
Burtle Village Hall. More details to follow

Maundy Thursday meal

24th March at St Mary's Church, Shapwick
Please add your name to the list in church
if you would like to come - £8 each.



Women's World Day of Prayer

**Friday 4th March
7.30pm**
at
**St Peter's Church
Catcott**

This is a very special service prepared by the women of Cuba and will take place on the same day in churches of all denominations, all over the world. Please contact Alison or Rosemary if you would like to come along.

Village Quiz Night & Meat Raffle

Friday March 4th
Burtle Village Hall
from 6pm - 10pm

The first quiz night was a great success with about 40 people coming along for a chat, just have a drink or take part in the quiz that is on the table.