



## CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER 2017

### SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER – TRINITY 16

- 9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)
- 10.30 Edington Harvest Informal Service
- 6.30 Chilton Polden Praise 'n' Prayer
- NB This service is not at Shapwick School as previously advised

### SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER – TRINITY 17

- 10.00 Shapwick Café Church
- 10.30 Chilton Polden Holy Communion (BCP)

### 6.30 BURTLE HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

### SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER – TRINITY 18

- 10.30 Catcott Family Communion
- 10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Worship (Harvest)
- 6.30 Ashcott Harvest Festival

### SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER – TRINITY 19

- 9.00 Shapwick Holy Communion (CW)
- 10.30 BURTLE FAMILY COMMUNION
- 6.30 Edington Evensong

### SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER – BIBLE SUNDAY

- 10.30 Edington Family Communion
- 6.30 Ashcott All Souls Service

### SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS

- 9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 Ashcott Informal Worship
- 10.30 Edington Family Communion
- 6.30 Hayloft, Shapwick School Praise 'n' Prayer
- NB Please note the venue for this service

### SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE DAY

- 10.50 Catcott War Memorial

### SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- 10.00 Shapwick Café Church

### 10.45 BURTLE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Thursdays 5 and 19 October; 2 November:

Ashcott 10.00 Holy Communion

Wednesday 25 October: Edington 10.00 Holy Communion (this service will be in St. George's Church, not the School Room, followed by coffee)



## BURTLE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

St Philip & St James Church, Burtle, Somerset

OCTOBER 2017

### ST PHILIP & ST JAMES CHURCH STAINED GLASS WINDOW

Cards  
depicting the  
Stained glass  
window are  
available in  
the church on  
the pew table.



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Hi folks,

I've been reflecting on this over the last couple of weeks, as two category 5 hurricanes wreaked destruction in the Caribbean. I have a particular interest in Barbuda, one of the islands most badly hit (whose residents have since been evacuated to Antigua), because my mother wrote a history of the island, from 1738 up to the emancipation of the slaves in 1833. The aerial photo below, from when we visited in 1986, shows just how flat the island is, with the 30m high 'highlands' in the background. There will be many in the Caribbean who will be asking themselves now, "where is God in all this?"

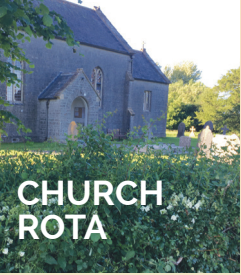
Whole books are written to address this topic! Let me offer just a few thoughts... It's only in recent times that we've come to expect life to be easy, so that anything else implies the absence of God. In centuries past, people expected life to be hard. Some who go through hard times find that God is with them through the darkest storms: not sparing them from the difficulties, but enabling them to endure and recover. We shouldn't be surprised at this: God didn't give his own son, Jesus, an easy ride, but led him on a path that ended in the suffering and rejection of the cross.

So, for those who pray, pray that those suffering the destruction of the hurricanes experience the depth of God's love in these difficult times.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

**MESSY CHURCH**  
Sat 28th October • Shapwick Church 4pm

	<b>Church Flowers</b>		<b>Cleaning</b>
	1 October	J. Jones	
	8 October	A. Lush V. Thyer	
	15 October	J Parr	
	22 October.	D Richards.	E. Giddens
	29 October.	L Simmonds	
	5 November.	R Tucker	

**Skittles at The Duck on Sat 14th Oct**  
Bring along someone new to the village so they can get to know others. Tickets available from Rosemary 722321 or other church members. £10 including supper.

**Food Bank.** There is a box situated just inside the church door for donations of non-perishable foods which is picked up every month for the Food Bank in Bridgwater. Thank you for your donations.

**Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal**  
Would you like to fill a shoe box to send to a child who would otherwise have very little at Christmas? Leaflets will be at Café Burtle on Saturday 14th October and on church table, to give suggestions as to what to put in the box and what not. Last year we sent off 81 boxes. Please supply your own shoe box if you can.

**Churchyard grass cutting**  
Thank you to the 14 people who turned up and cut and hauled away all the long grass on the north side of the church. It is now tidy for the winter. Thank you so much.  
Churchwardens:  
A. Everett 723736 and R Tucker 722321

**Bible Study** will be starting on Thursday 22nd September, every other week, at 22 Middle Street Ashcott. Tel: 01458211082. Jen Tweedy will lead the evening on Luke's Gospel. Let us know if you want a lift.

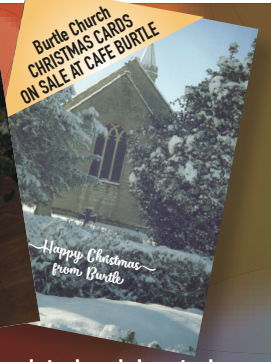

**Shelter Boxes** is a charity that provide support kits to help families survive disasters. Polden Wheel will be supporting this worthwhile charity for our Harvest appeal. [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)

**Report on Barn Dance**  
"Rough Around The Edges " a 4 piece band from Ashcott , headed by Andy Savage, and Peter Bolton, the caller entertained us all evening and got most of the 60 people up and dancing. Strip the Willow, which was one of the dances, was an absolute hoot as there was chaos on the dance floor and much laughter. The Ploughman's Supper completed the evening.

**The Harvest Supper** was a great success. The Burtle Silver Band played before the meal and a profit of £570.50 go to church funds and £200 to the Shelter Box harvest appeal. Thank you to all who came and to all who helped and all who donated trifles and apple crumbles etc.

**BURTLE CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
AVAILABLE AT  
CAFE BURTLE**

Christmas Cards depicting St Philip & St James Church will be on sale at Café Burtle also some of the Stained glass window are in church on the pew table.



Cards and notelets printed and donated to support Burtle Church  
Jayne & Jim Murray (Media Edge UK)