



## CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2017

### Sunday 4 June – Pentecost

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)  
 10.30 Edington Informal Worship  
 6.30 Catcott Revive (NB not at Chilton Polden as previously advised)

### Sunday 11 June – Trinity Sunday

10.00 Shapwick Café Church  
 10.30 Chilton Polden Holy Communion (BCP)  
**6.30 Burtle Holy Communion (CW)**

### Sunday 18 June – Trinity 1

10.30 Catcott Informal Worship with baptism  
 10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Worship  
 6.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (BCP)

### Sunday 25 June – Trinity 2

9.00 Shapwick Holy Communion (CW)  
**10.30 Burtle Family Communion**  
 6.30 Edington Evensong

### Sunday 2 July – Trinity 4

9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.30 Ashcott Informal Worship  
 10.30 Edington Family Communion  
 6.30 Chilton Polden Revive

### Sunday 9 July – Trinity 5

10.00 Shapwick Café Church  
 10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Family Worship  
**6.30 Burtle Holy Communion (CW)**

**Thursdays 1, 15 and 22 June; 6 July:** Ashcott 10.00 Holy Communion

**Wednesday 21 June:** Edington 10.30 Holy Communion (this service will be in Edington School Room, Church Road, Edington, preceded by coffee at 10.00am)

**Tuesdays 6 June; 4 July:** Chilton Polden 10.30 Holy Communion (this service will be held in Chilton Polden Church Hall). Coffee will be served after the service



## BURTLE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

St Philip & St James Church, Burtle, Somerset

JUNE 2017

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Hi folks,

The General Election in early June will continue to occupy many newspaper column inches over the next few weeks. In recent years this has tended to put me in a quandary – which way to vote?

In the 19th century the Anglican church was regarded as the Conservative party at prayer; in recent decades church leaders have more often been berated for left-leaning sympathies.

In a recent letter to the churches, the archbishops wrote that "The United Kingdom, when at its best, has been represented by a sense not only of living



"Christian faith doesn't fit on to a left/right spectrum. You can pick bits out and say 'oh, that's very rightwing', you can go to the next bit and say 'oh, they're a bunch of trendy lefties', and you keep going to and fro. We're not on the same axis."

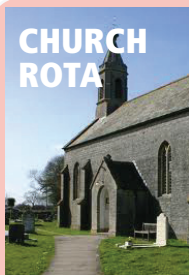
for ourselves, but by a deeper concern for the weak, poor and marginalised, and for the common good... We must affirm our capacity to be an outward looking and generous country, with distinctive contributions to peace building, development, the environment and welcoming the stranger in need."

Some journalists think the letter marked a shift to the right by the church, which seems strange when reading it in full. I think a more recent comment by Archbishop Justin is particularly relevant: Whatever your own political leaning – if you pray, then pray for the election, for wisdom for our future political leaders, and for peaceful relations with our international neighbours.

#### Every blessing

Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

#### CHURCH ROTA



	Church Flowers	Cleaning
4th June.	V. Hammond	
11th June.	A. Hedges.	E. Giddens
18th June.	J. Jones	
25th June	A. Lush.	J. Ponsillo
2nd July.	J. Parr	

Come along and meet new people to the village or some of the established village people. Catch up on the news and have a nice cuppa and cream scones and jam. Yum Yum!!

**Cream Teas on the Lawn**  
**Catcott Burtle Farm**  
**Saturday 22nd July**  
**2.30pm to 4.30pm.**

#### 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.

#### Café Church

Café Church will be in Shapwick Church on Sunday 11th June 10am. Fresh coffee and bacon butties and an informal service.

#### AGM

Annual General Meeting. Alison Everett and Rosemary Tucker were elected as church wardens for Burtle Church and Margaret Bell as representative.

#### Bible Study:

Life Explored. This is an introductory 7 week course for anyone who wants to find out what Christianity is about. We are running this as a trial on Thursday evenings from May 18th at 7.30pm in Shapwick church. Email Rich for more details: vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

#### Churchyard ;

Thanks to Andy Ball for taking on the grass cutting in the church yard and to all who came along on May 6th to help. Much appreciated.

#### Dates for your diary ;

**Barn Dance & Ploughman's Supper in Burtle Village Hall**  
date to be announced soon.!

**Harvest Supper**  
**Burtle Village Hall**  
**Monday 25th September**  
with the Burtle Silver Band entertaining us before the supper.

**Skittles at The Duck**  
Saturday 14th October



**Messy Church**  
**will be on**  
**24th June at**  
**Shapwick Church**  
**4 – 6pm.**