



## CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2017

### SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER – ADVENT 1 (PURPLE)

- 9.00 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 Edington Informal Worship
- 10.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)
- 6.30 Edington Praise 'n' Prayer

### THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

- 6.30 Shapwick Singing around the Christmas Tree

### SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER – ADVENT 2 (PURPLE)

- 10.30 Shapwick Café Church
- 10.30 Chilton Polden Holy Communion (BCP)
- 4.00 Ashcott Christingle
- 6.30 Burtle Carol Service**

### SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER – ADVENT 3 (PURPLE)

- 10.30 Catcott Family Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 Chilton Polden Informal Carol Service
- 6.30 Edington Nine lessons and carols

### Wednesday 20 December

- 7.30 Shapwick Carols by candlelight

### FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER

- 6.30 Ashcott Carols

### SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE (PURPLE)

- 5.30 Edington Nativity
- 11.30 Catcott Midnight Communion Service
- 11.30 Chilton Polden Midnight Communion Service

### MONDAY 25 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY (WHITE)

- 9.00 Burtle Christmas Communion (CW)**
- 10.30 Shapwick Family Fun Service
- 10.30 Ashcott Christmas Communion (CW)

### SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER – ADVENT 2 (PURPLE)

- 10.30 Catcott Communion with Carols (CW)



## BURTLE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

St Philip & St James Church, Burtle, Somerset

DECEMBER 2017

### THE POLDEN WHEEL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES CHURCH, BURTLE

Burtle Church was packed for the annual Service of Remembrance for the Polden Wheel Churches on Sunday 12th November. In a service led by Rev. Andrew Stevens we remembered those from our villages who lost their lives in two world wars and conflicts since. Following the opening prayer and during a hymn Cub Scouts from 1st Polden Scouts presented their colours, we then gathered outside at the war memorial and names of the fallen were read by Major Norman Salmon for Ashcott, Mrs Alison Everett for Burtle,

Mr Stuart Frier for Catcott, Mr Bill Pike for Chilton Polden and Mr Brain Tilbury for Edington.

Shapwick is a thankful village as no men from there were lost in either world war. Following wreath laying by Cdr, Brian Parsons and a Cub Scout the Last Post was played by Gregory Steward of Shapwick, at 11am we observed the silence followed by Reveille. The service resumed in church with readings including the poem 'In Flanders Field' read by members of the Cubs, an address from Rev. Stevens and hymns and prayers, concluding with the National Anthem and the blessing.



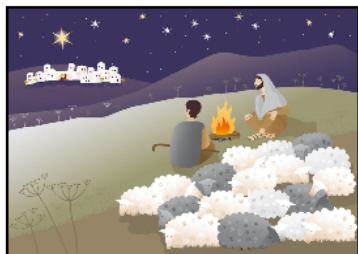
*We will remember them.*

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*Wishing everyone in  
Burtle a very Happy  
and Healthy Christmas*





Hi folks,  
It's that time of year again: mince pies, baubles, tinsel, 'Jingle Bells' and Slade's 'Merry Christmas Everybody'. Part of me enjoys the fun and festivity; part of me – and I'm not sure whether I should admit this as a vicar! – thinks "ugh!". I certainly think, "None of this before Dec 1!"

All of this is a distraction from the central reality of Christmas: that God became a human being in Jesus.

Sometimes we can be a bit too familiar with the story to realise just how astonishing this belief about Jesus actually is: that the creator of the universe, who set up and set off the Big Bang, who thereby created the galaxies, the stars and the planets, who created life itself – then chose to become a human being, living, dying and rising again among us humans on Earth.

Why? Because God wanted us to know the depth of his love for us. The life of Jesus is the fullest expression of God's character that we have: if we want to know who God is, we need to know Jesus.

So while I hope we each enjoy the Christmas festivities in different ways, the most important aspect of it all is not about tinsel or 'Jingle Bells', but about what happened in a manger two thousand years ago, when God arrived in human form.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

## Fun, food & friendship for young families – with a Christmas theme!

**At Shapwick Church 4-6pm, Dec 16.**

Next Messy Church: Jan 20



## Carol Singing around the Village

Carol singing around the village will be on Monday 18th and Thursday 21st at 7pm.

Meet at the church. Collection for a local children's charity



3rd December.  
10th December.  
Carol Service.  
17th December.  
24th December.  
31st December

### Church Flowers

J. Attiwell

C. Bailey.

M. Bell

M. Croker

V. Hammond

### Cleaning

J. Allen

Please can Flower ladies decorate the church on 8/9th December for the Carol Service on 10th December and they will remain for Christmas Day service. Thank you

## Samaritans shoe box appeal.

A big thank you to everyone who took the trouble and effort of decorating and filling a shoe box for a child who would otherwise have very little at Christmas. We were able to send 54 filled boxes from Burtle, all individually filled with care and love as you thought of the young person who would receive it, wherever they are in the world. The last few years they have gone to Eastern European countries. Thank you again for caring.

## Food Bank

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.

## Bible Study Group

Continuing to look at Luke's gospel, led by Jen. Thursday 14th December. Call or email Rich for more details.

## Advent Course

Mondays at 7.30pm from Nov 27th at Chilton Polden Sunday School Room and led by Fred & Margaret. This is an opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of the season and to go on a devotional journey to prepare for Christmas.

## St Philip & St James Church Burtle Carol service

**Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm. Mince pies and punch to follow.**

Churchwardens ; A. Everett 723736 and R Tucker 722321

## Carol Services in the Polden Wheel

### ASHCOTT

Friday 22nd - 6.30

### BURTLE

Sunday 10th - 6.30

### CATCOTT

Sunday 31st - 10.30

### CHILTON POLDEN

Sunday 17th - 10.30

### EDINGTON

Sunday 17th - 6.30

### SHAPWICK

Wednesday 20th 7.30

## 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.

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