

MARCH 2023

Hi folks,

Pep Guardiola is often in the news for the performances of his team,
Manchester City. However, in the middle of February he made news for a different reason: firstly, for an offensive remark he made about Steven Gerrard, and secondly for his rapid and wholehearted apology. He said: "I apologise to Steven Gerrard for my unnecessary and stupid comments... I am ashamed of myself for what I said because he [Gerrard] doesn't deserve it."

We're all prone to making daft comments or doing idiotic things. Fortunately, most of us are not subject

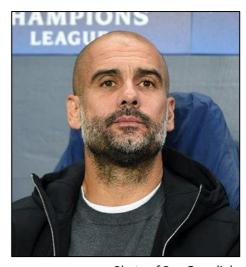


Photo of Pep Guardiola Wikipedia image from football.ua

to media scrutiny, nor do we have to apologise at a press conference. But the stupid things we do and say have consequences for those on the receiving end.

That's really what Lent's about – facing up to the stupid things that we do, and being honest with God about them. That can sound quite intimidating – but it is in God's character to be gracious. What he wants from us is honesty about our shortcomings, without false pretence – what we get from him is not punishment, but restoration, revitalisation and re-invigoration.

Every blessing, Rich Tweedy vicar@poldenwheel.co.uk

PS of all his media coverage, making the front page of Spokes is probably the least of his achievements, especially as he is probably an atheist...

THANK YOU for supporting us in 2022 via our collection points to donate 730kg of provisions (as well as £459 collected at our harvest celebrations) for Bridgwater Foodbank. We continue to collect in 2023. There are collection points in *Ashcott, Burtle, Catcott, Edington* and *Shapwick* churches and in *Chilton Polden's* Sunday School Room Porch.

Most needed are tins of meat, fish, tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, rice and sponge puddings, biscuits and snack bars, toiletries, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, instant coffee, instant mash, jams and spreads and cartons of fruit juice.



Men's breakfast

Saturday 4 March

The Albion Inn (a re-arranged date)

Full cooked breakfast with tea, coffee and toast

Our speaker will be Eddie Wills - a chaplain with the Royal Navy based at Yeovilton

WANTED!

Plants and cuttings for Gift Day plant sale for St George's Edington on 22nd April.

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Church Services

Sunday 5th March Lent 2 (Purple)

9.30 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 Chilton Polden Informal Worship

Sunday 12th March Lent 3 (Purple)

9.30 Burtle Holy Communion
9.30 Edington Holy Communion
11.00 Ashcott Informal Worship

Sunday 19th March Mothering Sunday (Purple)

10.00 Shapwick Café Church10.30 Chilton Polden Holy Communion

Sunday 26th March
9.30 Shapwick Holy Communion
11.00 Burtle Informal Worship
11.00 Edington Informal Worship

18.30 Ashcott Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday (Red)
9.30 Catcott Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 Chilton Polden Informal Worship

Midweek Holy Communion Wed March 22nd at 10am in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday March 21st at 7pm in Catcott church.

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

Readings

5th **March:** Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

12th **March:** Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42 **19**th **March:** Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41 **26**th **March:** Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

Diary of Church Events

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Wed 1st Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome Sat 4th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints in aid of the Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Disaster Fund. 10-12. All welcome.

Wed 8th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
Fri 10th Chilton Polden: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.
£1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.

Fri 10th Burtle: Quiz and social evening at the Duck at 7pm. Tickets £15 to include supper. Available from Café Burtle or from Rosemary on 01278 722321.

Wed 15th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome Wed 22nd Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

Fri 24th Catcott: St Peter's Coffee Morning at Court Farm, Steel Lane, Catcott, TA7 9HW. 10.30 – 12. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.

Sat 25th Edington: Coffee morning at Little Orchard, The Walls, Edington, TA7 9JU. 10.30 to 12 noon. Bring and Buy and Raffle.

Wed 29th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome

April

Wed 5th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
 Wed 12th Ashcott: Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
 Fri 14th Chilton Polden: Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments. Children can play.

Ashcott coffee morning

In aid of the Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Relief Fund on 4th March 10-12 in All Saints Church. All are welcome.

Thanks to Valerio Thompson for his help in putting this newsletter together.