

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Ditton Priors,
Neenton.



Chetton,
Cleobury North,
Loughton,
Wheathill.

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I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die: and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.



As a Church we pray for those who are ill and in need and for those recently departed and their families.

Our Services for
Sunday 7th April 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30 – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Hymns 62, 490, 56, 103
11.30 – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell
Hymns 62, 490, 56, 103

Sunday 14th April 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Val Smith – Hymns 81, 87, 220, 422
11.30am – Holy Communion – Chetton
Revd Val Smith – Hymns as above

Sunday 21st April 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton
Revd Val Smith – Hymns 10, 226, 484, 560
6.00pm – Evening Prayer - Loughton
LMDG – Hymns to be confirmed



Activities & News throughout the Benefice

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Please note that from **Sunday 7th April** the 9.45am Service at Ditton Priors will now start at the earlier time of **9.30am**. Thank you.

Saturday 6th April 2024, 10.30 – 12.30

**First Coffee Morning of the Month-
St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors**

Please come along to this very friendly event and meet old friends & new! There is no charge.

Saturday 13th April 2024, 9.30am - Aston Botterell's Social Breakfast at The Boyne Arms, £10.00 - Contact Anne Preece 07966 459806 to book your place. Raffle in aid of Aston Botterell Church.

Saturday 27th April 2024, 9.00am - Breakfast at The Down. Do join us for this very popular and social event. Please contact Sheila on 01746 789443 to confirm.

Sunday 28th April 2024, 12.30 for 1.00pm start Spring Luncheon at Ditton Priors Village Hall. Roast beef, desserts, cheese & coffee. Tickets £12.50 from Marjorie Jones 01746 712423. Please bring own drink and glasses. All proceeds to St. John the Baptist Church Funds.

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Collect for the day

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings for Sunday 7th April 2024

Psalm 133

Acts 4. 32 – 35

The Believers Share Their Possessions

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1. 1- 2.2

The Word of Life

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

God Is Light

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20. 19 – end

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here

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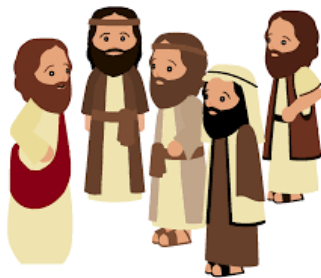
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and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



APCM'S IN APRIL



Monday 15th April 2024

St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Cleobury North.
At The Old Rectory, starting at 6.30pm.

Thursday 18th April 2024

All Saints Church, Neenton.
At All Saints Church, Neenton, starting at
6.30pm.

Thursday 25th April 2024

St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors with Wheathill
& Loughton.
At St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors,
starting at 6.30pm



April in History over the years!

21st April 1509

Henry VIII becomes King of England, following the death of his father Henry VII

10th April 1633

Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in a London shop!

28th April 1770

English naval explorer James Cook arrived in Botany Bay, Australia.

27th April 1828

The Zoological Society of London opened a zoological gardens in Regents Park. Lady visitors were politely requested from poking the beasts through the bars of the cages 🙄

24th April 1858

At the second attempt, the biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, is finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace

14 April 1983

The first cordless telephone went on sale in Britain



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Please let me know on any of the ways on the front of the pew sheet.
Its from home and not now needed!

QUIZ

Do you know the answers to the Spring Quiz below
(Answers on the next pew sheet!)

1. How many marzipan balls are traditionally on a simnel cake?
2. Puffins return to British shores from warmer climes during April to have their young. What is a baby puffin called?
3. A ewe can recognise up to 50 different sheep faces but how long do they remember them for?
4. What date does Spring officially begin in the Northern Hemisphere?
5. Which fruit is known as a symbol of spring and rebirth in many cultures?
6. Which city in the US dyes its river green every St. Patrick's Day?
7. Which flowering plant, nicknamed the 'thirst plant', is known for its medicinal properties and is commonly used in herbal remedies during the spring?
8. What is the April birthstone?
9. Which bird species is known for its ability to mimic a wide range of sounds, including other bird's calls, in the spring?
10. Who is the goddess of spring in Roman mythology?



Praying Together

As a Benefice we would love to come together to be able to pray in to the community. We are planning to do this in two ways. The first will be a WhatsApp group that we can dip in and out of, sharing our messages of care and support for any that wish to be involved. Then we will be setting up a once a week prayer group online. This will be a simple evening prayer session again for anyone who feels like joining us regularly or occasionally. We will publish more details of these two initiatives in the next week or two and Karen Simons will be pleased to help out any of you who might like a hand setting yourselves up to join either group.

If you would like to contact Karen to chat anything through then please do ring the Benefice Office on 01746 588217 or email her on browncleebenefice@outlook.com



A gentle reminder that subscriptions are now due for The Friends of St. John's. Please give these to Margaret Griffiths. Thank you very much.



Please do contact us if you would like anything added to the Benefice Diary. There's lots of exciting events in the pipeline!