

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Ditton Priors,
Neenton.



Chetton,
Cleobury North,
Loughton,
Wheathill.

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And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.



*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 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 81, 87, 220, 422

Sunday 21st April 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

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

Sunday 28th April 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)

10.00am – Group Holy Communion – Cleobury North
Hymns to be confirmed



Activities & News throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News or online at
www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

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 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, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of this presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through

Jesus Christ your Son 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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

1 John 3. 1 – 7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he^a is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.



Luke 24. 36b – 48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Readings for Sunday 14th April 2024

Psalm 4



Acts 3. 12 – 19

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

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Praying Together As a Benefice
Brown Cleve Benefice Prayer Group
(BCB Prayer Group)

We are kicking off our informal way of praying together in to the community with a WhatsApp Group.

Everyone can join in with no pressure to do anything other than be able to read the messages, find time for a silent prayer and thought for any cause brought before us, and reply with support if you wished. Often just an encouraging 'emoji' helps!

It will be lovely to establish this way of simply reaching out. Please let Karen Simons know of your contact details - or send them through to her direct on her mobile 07748987318 so that she can add you to the group. We can use your name to identify yourself if you wish, but if you would rather have an alias then we will set you up with a 'nickname'. Do let us know if you have any questions on how you can be involved

We look forward to hearing from you.



Annual
Church
Meeting

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.

A PEEP INTO MAY!

Monday 6th May

The Bridgnorth Walk will be passing through our Benefice! It was established in 1967 as a way of raising money for local, national and international charities. The event regularly raises over £100,00 for good causes. St. John's, Ditton Priors will be open from 10.30 am onwards serving coffee, tea and cakes. Please come along and support everyone. It's an amazing atmosphere!

Sunday 12th May



The Midland Oil Engine Club – are holding a show on Sunday 12th May at Lower Cockshutt Farm, WV16 6RF. There will also be a Tractor run leaving at 10am and returning early afternoon. There will be plenty to see: stationary engines, vintage vehicles, military vehicles, agricultural plant and a few craft stalls to browse. On display too will be a Harrier GR3 plane which, weather permitting, will be started up around 3pm. Donations on entry, proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance & St Giles Church, Chetton.



Did you know the answers to last week's
Spring Quiz below?

1. How many marzipan balls are traditionally on a simnel cake? **Conventionally, 11 balls are used to symbolise the 12 Apostles, minus Judas Iscariot. Sometimes 12 are used, to include Jesus.**
2. Puffins return to British shores from warmer climes during April to have their young. What is a baby puffin called? **A puffling!**
3. A ewe can recognise up to 50 different sheep faces but how long do they remember them for? **Two years.**
4. What date does Spring officially begin in the Northern Hemisphere? **1st March.**
5. Which fruit is known as a symbol of spring and rebirth in many cultures? **The pomegranate.**
6. Which city in the US dyes its river green every St. Patrick's Day? **Chicago.**
7. Which flowering plant, nicknamed the 'thirst plant', is known for its medicinal properties and is commonly used in herbal remedies during the spring? **Echinacea.**
8. What is the April birthstone? **The diamond!**
9. Which bird species is known for its ability to mimic a wide range of sounds, including other bird's calls, in the spring? **The Starling.**
10. Who is the goddess of spring in Roman mythology? **Flora.**

Did you know.....



That April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month. The name April comes from the latin word Aprilis, meaning to open. Possibly given by the Romans to signify the opening of the buds of leaves and flowers

St. John the Baptist 100 Club

Shirley Wall is now collecting for this year's 100 Club. There are forms for joining in the church and it costs £12 a year. Revd Joe says "You got to be in it to win it!"



**You will find the answers to this week's quiz
in and around the Benefice!**

1. What is the name of the old church at Burwarton?
2. Do you know the year that the Cleobury Mortimer and Ditton Priors Light Railway closed?
3. Who built the church clock on St. John the Baptist church at Ditton Priors?
4. Which church in the Benefice is not visible from the road?
5. Which river/brook flows by Neenton?
6. How many Yew trees stand in Chetton churchyard?
7. What is the name of the local stone previously quarried on the Abdon Clee?
8. If you were to count the bells in all the churches in the Benefice (working & non-working) how many would there be!?

Answers on next week's pewsheet!

**On our pewsheet we will be featuring the
Saints dedicated to our Benefice churches.**



**First is St. Michael & All Angels,
Aston Botterell.**

St. Michael's traditional position is leader of the heavenly armies. He is known as St. Michael the Archangel. He is one of the four Archangels, the others being Raphael, Gabriel and Uriel.

St. Michael is often depicted with a sword, a banner, or scales, and is often seen conquering evil in the form of a dragon. Michaelmas or The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, marks the end of the harvest, and the start of Autumn. This is celebrated on September 29th.