

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 21st April 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe - Hymns – 10, 226, 484, 560

11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

Revd Joe - 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

Revd Joe - Hymns to be confirmed

Sunday 5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe - Hymns – 106, 355, 293, 188

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

Revd Joe - Hymns – 106, 355, 293, 188



Activities & News throughout the Benefice

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

**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.



Saturday 4th May 2024 – 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
The First Coffee Morning of the Month
At St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors.
Everyone welcome. No charge for entry.
Please come along!

Saturday 4th May 2024 – 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Future Mission – Brown Clee Benefice
At Cleobury North Village Hall
Please see details overleaf

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Collect for the day

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 21st April 2024

Psalm 23

Acts 4. 5 - 12

Peter and John before the Council

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'



1 John 3. 16 – end

Love One Another

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10. 11 - 18



Jesus the Good Shepherd

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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APCM'S IN APRIL

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. Tony Maiklem is kindly organising and taking entries for this, email tonym789666@gmail.com 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.

Saturday 18th May

St. John the Baptist Church Fete which will open at 1.00pm with the BBQ. Items for stalls are needed please and if anyone would like their own stall please book with Marjorie Jones



We are holding an Open Meeting at Cleobury North Village Hall, on Saturday 4th May 2024, at 2.00pm. During which Revd Joe will share his thoughts on the Mission & Vision which is starting to emerge across the Benefice. This will be a good opportunity for us to talk as a group about our own thoughts and direction on Mission here in the Benefice and also look at the implications.

We would be grateful if you could confirm whether you are able to attend to help with numbers for refreshments.



Praying Together As a Benefice Brown Clee 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.





Did you find the answers to last week's quiz in and around the Benefice!

1. What is the name of the old church at Burwarton? **St. Lawrence.**
2. Do you know the year that the Cleobury Mortimer and Ditton Priors Light Railway closed? **It closed for passenger services on the 26th September 1938 but continued to be used until 1960.**
3. Who built the church clock on St. John the Baptist church at Ditton Priors? **J.B. Joyce & Co.**
4. Which church in the Benefice is not visible from the road? **Loughton.**
5. Which river/brook flows by Neenton? **The Rea Brook/River Rea.**
6. How many Yew trees stand in Chetton churchyard? **Seven.**
7. What is the name of the local stone previously quarried on the Abdon Clee? **Dhustone (or Ragstone).**
8. If you were to count the bells in all the churches in the Benefice (working & non-working) how many would there be!? **Twenty.**



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!"

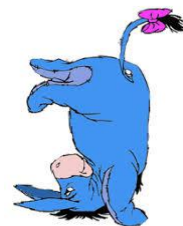
Monday 22nd April is Earth Day 2024

The theme for Earth Day 2024 is **Planet vs. Plastics**. Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues. It is now a global celebration that's sometimes extended into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green living and confronting the climate crisis. Around 1 billion people take part in Earth Day activities around the world every year.



A Coffee time Quiz!!

1. There are only two monarchs who have not been crowned in Westminster Abbey since 1066. Who are they?
2. Which bishops acted as the bishops assistants to Queen Camilla at the Coronation?
3. Which cathedral is said to have the oldest cat-flap in the world?
4. What, historically, was a pittance?
5. Which King founded the College of St. George at Windsor Castle?
6. Where is the oldest stained-glass window in England.
7. On the top of which cathedral can you watch the 'Live Peregrine Webcam?' (its well worth watching when up and running!)
8. On which British Island in 2017 did archaeologists find remains of one of the oldest churches ever found?
9. Where are the oldest church bells in the UK?
10. Where does the coronation anointing oil come from?



And Finally!

Can you unscramble these popular hymns?

1. Evniid vole.
2. Mlaeusejr.
3. Lal fo rdlo eophlfusens.
4. Losu nkgi fo het ym vheean siaepr.
5. Het nieht eb lrGyo.
6. Fo rodl necda eth.
7. Hsa kborne ginnomr.
8. Lal eht ssinta ofr.
9. Nese aehv mnei snee het ryogl.
10. Cegra zgnimaa.