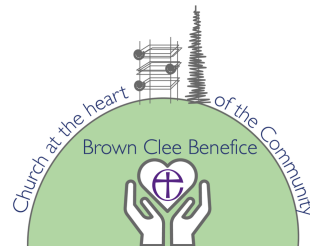


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*...there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian,  
slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.....*

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

### **Our Services**

#### **Sunday 3rd August - Trinity 7 (Green)**

9.30am - Holy Communion - Ditton Priors

**Revd Val – Hymns 63, 490, 293, 422**

11.30am - Holy Communion -

Aston Botterell - **Revd Val –**

**Hymns – 63, 490, 293, 422**

#### **Sunday 10th August - Trinity 8 (Green)**

9.30am - Holy Communion - Ditton Priors

**Revd Val**

11.30am - Holy Communion – Chetton

**Revd Val**

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 9 (Green)**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Val**

11.30am Holy Communion – Neenton

**Revd Val**

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Loughton

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### **Activities & News throughout the Benefice**

more info in Wheatland News or online  
at [www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice)

#### **Saturday 2nd August**

First Coffee Morning of the Month  
at St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton  
Priors 10.30am - 12.30pm.

No charge for entry - a lovely start  
to the month!

#### **Thursday 7th August**

Burwarton Show! Come and have a chat  
to Revd Joe on the Village Green. He is  
looking forward to seeing you and there  
is a chance to purchase delicious  
refreshments all in aid of St. John's,  
Ditton Priors

#### **Thursday 21st August**

Teas in the Churchyard at St. John the  
Baptist, Ditton Priors. Please come along  
and join everyone at 3.00pm for delicious  
cakes and refreshments. Revd Joe's  
legendary Bric-a-brac stall will also be  
making an appearance. Lots of new lines  
available!

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### **Collect for the Day**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Psalm 107. 1 – 9, 43 (or 107.1 - 9)  
49. 1 – 12 (or 49. 1 – 19)**

### **Hosea 11. 1 – 11**

### **God's Compassion Despite Israel's Ingratitude**

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went

from me they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.



## **Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12 – 14; 2. 18 - 23**

### **Reflections of a Royal Philosopher**

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

### **The Futility of Seeking Wisdom**

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

### **Wisdom and Joy Given to One Who Pleases God**

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## **Colossians 3. 1 – 11**

### **The New Life in Christ**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!



## **Luke 12. 13 - 21**

### **The Parable of the Rich Fool**

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

#### **Benefice Songs of Praise & BBQ**

We had a fabulous evening at Wheathill Church. Led by Marjorie Jones and Revd Joe, our Songs of Praise with the choir and Richard Fox, was a great opportunity to sing and pray together, followed by an excellent Barbecue.

We must thank Steve Howells for always supporting our Services, for Mark, Miriam and Bob for manning the cooking and for all those who made it the success it was.



**Thursday 7th August!**

Revd Joe as Show Chaplain will be in his usual spot on The Village Green - not far from Mawley Milk and Severn Edge Vets. Please do come and say hello. There is also the opportunity to buy some delicious refreshments with all proceeds going to St. John the Baptist Church. There are sandwiches, homemade cakes and very tasty savoury snacks from Reg May.

*Exciting new Benefice display!*

We look forward to seeing you!



On Saturday 16th August, Ben Upton our amazing Churchwarden at Aston Botterell is cycling a challenging 200 miles in just one day to raise funds and awareness for the increasing costs to upkeep and maintain St. Michael & All Angels Norman Church, the heart of the Community. His target is £750. He would be grateful for any small donation.

If you feel able to support Ben please follow this link to the JustGiving page,

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Thank you so much.

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