



Welcome Bishop Richard!



Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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...He himself is before all things, and in him all things are held together...

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

Our Services

Sunday 20th July - Trinity 5 (Green)

10.00am - Group Holy Communion -
Aston Botterell with Bishop Richard.
Everyone welcome. Followed by Light
refreshments and Laura's ice cream!

Hymns - 56, 228, 39, 15

Sunday 27th July - Trinity 6 (Green)

9.30am - Holy Communion - Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am - Holy Communion -
Cleobury North

Revd Joe

6.00pm - Songs of Praise & BBQ -
Wheathill

Revd Joe & LMDG

Sunday 3rd August - Trinity 7 (Green)

9.30am - Holy Communion - Ditton Priors

Revd Val

11.30am - Holy Communion -
Aston Botterell - Revd Val

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

Friday 25th July

The Get together Coffee Morning at Cleobury
North Village Hall. Everyone welcome.
10.30am - 12 noon.

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

Saturday 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!

The Benefice Office is open on a Monday & Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm
(subject to the occasional change) Email: browncleebenefice@outlook.com
Follow us on Facebook for all the news and pictures on our churches -
www.facebook.com/browncleechurches

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 20th July 2025

Psalms 15.

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary? A Psalm of David.

- 1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- 2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what
what is right, and speak the truth from their
heart;
- 3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends, nor take up
a reproach against their neighbours;
- 4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
- 5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be
moved.



Genesis 18. 1 - 10a

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah - The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Colossians 1. 15 - 28

The Supremacy of Christ - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this

Paul's Interest in the Colossians - I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10. 38 - end

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary - Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

**Benefice Safeguarding Training on Wednesday
30th July 2025 at Cleobury North Village Hall,
9.30am - 3.00pm**

There is still time to join in with this very important training event. If you are yet to update your training as a PCC Member, or you are unsure of the expiry date of your last training, please don't hesitate to contact Emma who will be very happy to help with any questions you may have. This will be a very supportive day, with lots of informative material to assist your roles within the Benefice in a familiar and relaxed environment.

Refreshments will be provided.
We really look forward to seeing you.



Sunday 20th July

**Group Holy Communion Service
with Bishop Richard at St. Michael & All
Angels, Aston Botterell, 10.00am**

We are very happy to welcome Bishop Richard to a special Group Holy Communion Service.

Please do come along - everyone is welcome.

Light refreshments (and Laura's ice cream) will be served afterwards.



**Sunday 27th July
At Wheathill Church, 6.00pm
Benefice Songs of Praise and BBQ!**

We do hope that you will be able to join us at this very special Church with its amazing views. Everyone welcome!

Any donations of cakes (for pudding!) gratefully received! This will be a lovely evening, so please come along and sing your favourite hymns!



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.

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, type in Ben Upton & click on Crowdfunders. Thank you so much.

[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)

Did you know that

The oldest known church altar in the UK is believed to be the one found at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon. This pre-Reformation stone altar slab, also known as a mensa, was discovered hidden beneath the floor during Victorian times and has since been reinstated as the high altar.

Conservation news from the Hereford Diocese eNews

Free cherry trees available for planting 'where they can be enjoyed by the public'

Churchyards and school grounds are ideal locations for these free cherry trees. The Japanese government has made available 900 trees over a multi-year period, through the Sakura Cherry Tree Project. The trees are all British-grown and available via Frank Matthews nursery in Tenbury Wells. The only eligibility criteria is that they be planted where they can be enjoyed by the public, and preferably not on a busy roadside. Anyone interested can download the [project information here](#), information about the [available cultivars here](#) and the [order form here](#). When returning the order form to [Lady Borthwick](#), please also copy Herefordshire Deputy Lieutenant [Nat Hone](#). Please note, trees will be delivered in **November 2026**.

If viewing this as a hard copy please contact www.herefordanglican.org or telephone 01432 373300 for how to apply.

You may need to apply for a faculty approval if planting trees on church land. Please speak to our property team or your Archdeacon for more information and support.

Our new look pewsheets will now be available at all Benefice Services. We hope you like it - fewer sheets of paper - no staples and a handy size to fold up in your pocket! As before for the weekly online version! If you know of anyone who would like to receive our pewsheets by Bcc email and you have permission to pass on their contact details, please do let Emma know.

