

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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...Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you...

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

Our Services

Sunday 27th July - Trinity 6 (Green)

9.30am - Holy Communion - Ditton Priors

Revd Joe - Hymns 325,226,366,26

11.30am - Holy Communion -
Cleobury North

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6.00pm - Songs of Praise & BBQ -

Wheathill. Revd Joe & LMDG

Hymns - A special selection

Please see overleaf!

Sunday 3rd August - Trinity 7 (Green)

9.30am - Holy Communion - Ditton Priors

Revd Val

11.30am - Holy Communion -
Aston Botterell - Revd Val

Sunday 10th August - Trinity 8 (Green)

9.30am - Holy Communion - Ditton Priors

Revd Val

11.30am - Holy Communion - Chetton

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

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!

The Benefice Office is open on a Monday & Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm
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Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 27th July 2025

Psalm 85 (or 85. 1 - 7) 138.

Genesis 18. 20 - 32

Judgement Pronounced on Sodom

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked!

Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Colossians 2. 6 - 15 (16 - 19)

Fullness of Life in Christ

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Luke 11. 1 - 13

The Lord's Prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Perseverance in Prayer

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

On Saturday 12th July we held a very special Service of Remembrance at the Airmen's Memorial on top of The Brown Clee.

Thank you so much to all those who attended and to all those who made it possible.

The Millington Family, Tony & Babs Brown, Charles Hunter and everyone who drove up to the site, and provided delicious refreshments!

Thank you also to Lord Boyne for giving us permission to do so. Please watch out for the report with photos in August's Wheatland News.



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

Lighting of the BBQ at 5.00pm

We do hope that you will be able to join us at this very special Church with its amazing views. Everyone welcome! Donations of cakes (for pudding!) gratefully received! This will be a lovely evening, so please come along and sing your favourite hymns!

For catering purposes we would be grateful if you could let Emma or Marjorie know if you are able to attend! Thank you ❤️

**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.



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.

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.

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Thank you!

Thank you very much to everyone who made last Sunday's Group Holy Communion with Bishop Richard so special - such a happy feeling of togetherness.

To Anne, Ben, Aston Botterell PCC and all who helped with the preparations, it was such a lovely morning. We were greeted by bells, the church looked wonderful, the music was beautiful and the refreshments delicious. A special thank you to Richard Jones for organising Laura's Ice cream to be there too!