

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

Revd Joe Simons, Priest in Charge
The Vicarage, Ditton Priors, Shropshire. WV16 6SQ.
01746 599217 / 07872 464276

...But I am among you as one who serves...

As a Church we pray for those who are ill and in need and for those recently departed and their families. Especially the family & friends of the late Anthony (Tony) John Bryan

Our Services

Sunday 24th August – Bartholomew the Apostle -
Trinity 10 (Red/Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion –

Ditton Priors - Revd Joe

Hymns 158, 473, 388, 188

11.30am – Holy Communion -

Cleobury North - Revd Joe

Sunday 31st August – Trinity 11 (Green)

11.00am (please note new time)

Group Holy Communion – Chetton.

Revd Joe

Hymns 298, 205, 321, 235

Followed by lunch at Church House, Chetton.
Please let Lisa Gill or Sheila Millington know if you would like to join.

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12 (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

Revd Joe

Activities & News **throughout the Benefice**

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

Friday 29th August

Get together Coffee Morning at Cleobury North Village Hall. A really lovely opportunity to have a catch up, with delicious cakes. A warm welcome awaits!

Saturday 6th September 2025

The First Coffee Morning of the Month at St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors.
10.30am – 12.30pm. No charge for entry – everyone welcome!

Saturday 13th September 2025

Please support Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride – A wonderful chance to visit many beautiful Churches throughout Shropshire and in our Benefice.

There will be an

Art Exhibition & Craft Fair

To coincide with the SHCT Ride & Stride, St. John the Baptist will be holding an Art Exhibition and Craft Fair in the church.

There will be lots to see and delicious refreshments! If you would like a stall please either contact Marjorie Jones or Emma in the Benefice Office.

More details to follow!

Benefice Office: Open Monday & Wednesday 9.30am – 1.30pm

Email: browncleebenefice@outlook.com

Follow us on Facebook for all the news and pictures on our churches –

www.facebook.com/browncleechurches

Collect for the Day
(Bartholomew the Apostle)

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ you 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
(Bartholomew the Apostle)

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 24th of August

Psalm 145. 1 - 7

Isaiah 43. 8 – 13 or Acts 5. 12 - 16

**Restoration and Protection
Promised**

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Acts 5. 12 – 16 15

The Apostles Heal Many

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

or 1 Corinthians 4. 9 - 15

The Ministry of the Apostles

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

Fatherly Admonition

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Luke 22. 24 - 30

The Dispute about Greatness

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.



Who was St. Bartholomew?

Bartholomew was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus. Today he is identified as Nathanael, who appears in the Gospel of John. The name Bartholomaios means 'son of Talmaj' which is an ancient Hebrew name. He was born in the 1st century AD in Cana of Galilee, not far from Nazareth. He is the patron saint of bookbinders, tailors, farmers, housepainters, glovemakers, leatherworkers, butchers, tanners, plasterers and shoemakers! Unfortunately, he did not meet the most pleasant of ends and his relics are shared between Rome, plus Canterbury and Frankfurt Cathedrals. On the 24th August, St. Bartholomew is honoured by The Church of England and other Anglican Churches.

Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Saturday 13th September 2025

Most churches in Shropshire will be open today, and definitely all those in our Benefice! You can be sponsored to walk, ride or drive to visit as many or as few churches as you would like to. It is an opportunity to support our beautiful places of worship as any sponsorship monies raised are split 50/50 between the church and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, who have also generously supported many of our own churches by awarding grants to help with maintenance and repair. We are so grateful to them for their continued support. Would you like to join in with others to visit each of the churches in the Brown Clee Benefice? More details will follow but we are planning a very special route! Or – if you would be willing to act as a steward at your local Parish Church - Please do let Revd Joe, Karen or Emma know if you would like to participate!



So many congratulations to Ben Upton and friends for their amazing 200 mile cycle ride to raise funds for Aston Botterell Church last Saturday. Please watch out in the next pew sheet for further details about this epic journey!

It seems ages since we have had a quiz – so if you have 5 mins to sit down with a cup of tea, here it is!

1. Which two star signs could you be if you are born in August?
2. Can you name two August birthstones?
3. Which month was August in the old Roman calendar?
4. Which fruit has a special day dedicated to it in August?
5. In which Country is August a common boys name?
6. What food was invented by John Montagu on 6th August 1762?
7. On what date is World Elephant Day?
8. A volcano erupted on the 24th August 79 AD, destroying a whole city. Can you name the volcano and the city?!
9. Which Caribbean island gained independence from Britain in 1962?
10. Can you name four special events that take place in the UK in August?

Can you unscramble these popular seaside resorts?

1. Thwiyb
2. Cbeomsal
3. Byetn
4. Mely Sgier
5. Rmcore
6. Qnwaeay

And for very warm days!

My Godmother, Auntie Lu's Homemade Lemonade recipe (perhaps the sugar quantity could be slightly adjusted – no wonder we all loved it!) My mum thought that fizzy drinks were too sugary so made this instead!! ♥

4 lemons – use rind and juice
3 ½ lbs or 1.5kg of granulated sugar
2 oz. or 56g of tartaric acid
A quart or 1.13 litres of water

- Peel the lemons very thinly. Put the rind, sugar and water into a saucepan and very slowly bring to the boil until all the sugar has dissolved.
- Leave to go cold and then add the juice from the lemons and the tartaric acid.
- Strain through muslin into sterilised bottles and store in the fridge. *We didn't because it never lasted very long but I expect you could also freeze it!*

Did you know.....

On the 22nd August 1485 Richard III was the last English King to die in battle, at Bosworth Field in Leicestershire

On the 27th August 1910 Mother Teresa of Calcutta was born in Albania

On the 25th August 1919 the World's first international daily air service begins between London and Paris

In the Church of England, the month of



August is linked to Lammas Day on the 1st which celebrates the first fruits of the wheat harvest. Watch out for our Benefice Harvest Festival dates which will be out soon! If you have any information that you would like added to our special Harvest diary – please let us know asap! Thank you so much.