



Brown Clee Benefice Summer Newsletter



Brown Clee School Leavers 2025

Welcome to our first edition of the news from around our Churches in the Brown Clee Benefice and what we have been up to over the last couple of months.



Message from Revd Joe:

It is a real joy to be part of an outward looking active Christian community here at Brown Clee as I celebrate being Priest in Charge here in the benefice for over two years. In summer, a season of light, it is good for us to take a look back at the previous quarter and share with you what has been happening.

Our work with young people both at Brown Clee School and also at our preschool, Little Explorers, has been wonderful. They are both full of warmth, love and care, cherishing and nurturing all who are part of their families.

We believe that the church is there to bring light and life to all and our ministry field is as much outside its doors as it is within. Jesus said "I come that all may have life and life in abundance." It would be great to get to know more of you within our community and see how we can connect with one another.

Please do get in touch through any one of our seven churches; Aston Botterell, Chetton, Cleobury North, Ditton Priors, Loughton, Neenton and Wheathill.

Or by phone  on 01746 599217, or by email 

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As well as our regular services, along with baptisms, weddings and funerals, we have been busy within the community here in Brown Clee Benefice.

We organised an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnett Competition for the children and adults, who had a great time finding clues in the Church and collecting their rewards.

Meanwhile the Fireflies (Reception and Year 1) from Brown Clee School made some wonderful Easter Gardens which were proudly displayed in Church.

To support the Brown Clee Young Farmers we held a joint Spring Bingo evening – a very lively event.



Revd Joe took a Baptism 'class' with the Fireflies, involving an explanation of what happens, including a baby (not a real one!).

The Bees (Year 4) produced an amazing array of artwork depicting the Pentecost, complete with their own interpretations, which was praised by all who enjoyed it while displayed in church.

We had two memorial services: a Service of Commemoration for the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and an open-air Service of Remembrance to the fallen airmen on the top of Brown Clee Hill.



A great highlight for us all was the Teddy Bears Picnic that we hosted for the Little Explorers (the pre-school children) and their families. Games were played, favourite toys shown off and lots of jam sandwiches enjoyed by all. Further events are planned for later in the year.

Our Leavers Service for the Year 6 pupils is one of the most important events of the year. During our worship we gave thanks for their contribution to school life and prayed for them as they move on. It is always a joy to hear their treasured memories and prayers.



As you will see we have been quite busy. Look out for further updates in our next newsletter. Thank you to all that have supported us, especially Danny Harley (Head of Brown Clee School), and Laura Furniss (Manager of Little Explorers), along with all those who have taken part.

Every Blessing from all at Brown Clee Benefice.