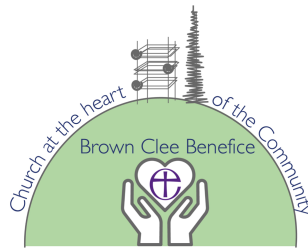


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...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever...

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

***Especially the family and friends of the late
Mr. Anthony John (Tony) Bryan***

Our Services

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

Sunday 14th September – Holy Cross Day

Trinity 13 (Red/Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion - Chetton

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!

Monday 8th September 2025

Brown Clee YFC New Members Evening.
Ditton Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm – please
see back page!

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.
Please note that due to the lack of flowers in
everyone's gardens it has been decided to
postpone the Flower Festival & Craft Fair at
Ditton Priors. There will still be lovely
refreshments in the church, so please come
along and support this wonderful Charity.

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Collect for the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 31st of August

Psalms 81. 1, 10 – end (or 81. 1 – 11)
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Jeremiah 2. 4 - 13

God Pleads with Israel to Repent

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. Therefore, once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Alternative Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 10. 12 – 18

or Proverbs 25. 6 - 7

Hebrews 13. 1 – 8, 15 – 16

Service Well-Pleasing to God

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So, we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14. 1, 7 - 14

Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Humility and Hospitality

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Exciting News!

Our popular 'First Saturday of the Month' Coffee Mornings at St. John's, Ditton Priors, will be held on Saturday 6th September, Saturday 4th October and Saturday 8th November (please see amended date) from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

But now they will also include a Rummage Sale for you to enjoy which will be set up from the Thursday before the Saturday, where you can find an exciting choice of wares and donation box. Please do bring any Bric-a-brac that you would like to include!



Brown Clee Young Farmers Club are holding their New Member's Evening on Monday 8th September at Ditton Priors Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. If you can think of anyone who would like to go along, please let them know. It is an amazing Organisation with opportunities to meet new friends and take part in so many varied and exciting things. You do not have to be involved in Farming to join!



Men's Breakfast!

We are planning to hold a series of MEN'S BREAKFASTS on the second Wednesday of each month, starting on the 10th of September at 8.30am, at Church House, Chetton, on 8th October in Ditton Priors and back at Chetton on the 12th of November, finishing on 10th December at Ditton Priors. If you are interested in coming along to the first one and finding out about this initiative, do please get in touch. There will be no

charge for the first event, and we may be inviting other speakers to later events.

We feel that there is a lack of opportunities for fellows to meet up and chat in a safe space provided by the Church here in the Brown Clee Benefice. Time to share, time for prayer and some time to spare...

Might this appeal to you and to any others that you are in contact with?

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. This year we are seeking teams of four to go on a CAR SAFARI for RIDE & STRIDE, preferably with a teetotal or non-drinker as the driver. This year the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust have made a grant of £5,000 to Ditton Priors. Ride & Stride is their biggest fundraiser, so can we have fun and raise much needed funds. We are hoping to visit each of the seven Churches of the Brown Clee Benefice with suitable refreshment being purchased from the four local pubs along the way. If this appeals to you and you are interested, please let us know. We hope to raise Ride & Stride sponsorship for this good cause and have fun along the way with your help and support!

**We had so much to tell you this week
that the answers to last week's quiz
will be on our next pew sheet!**