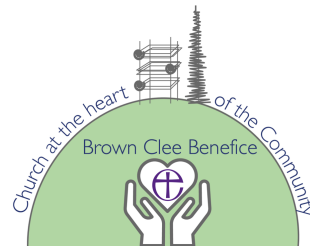


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*...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...*

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

**Our Services**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 9 (Green)**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Val – Hymns 15, 62, 114, 310**

11.30am Holy Communion – Neenton

**Revd Val – Hymns Neenton's choice**

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Loughton

**LMDG – Hymns LMDG's choice**

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

9.30am – Holy Communion –

**Ditton Priors - Revd Joe**

11.30am – Holy Communion -

**Cleobury North - Revd Joe**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Trinity 11 (Green)**

11.00am **(please note new time)**

Group Holy Communion – Chetton.

**Revd Joe**

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

**Activities & News**

**throughout the Benefice**

more info in Wheatland News or online at

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**Thursday 21st August**

Teas in the Churchyard at St. John the Baptist,  
Ditton Priors. Everyone welcome to come and  
join in at 3.00pm for delicious cakes and  
refreshments. Revd Joe's legendary Bric-a-brac  
stall will also be making an appearance. New  
stock incoming! A very special afternoon out.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> August**

First Coffee Morning of the Month at St. John's ,  
Ditton Priors 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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!

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### **Collect for the Day**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life  
and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your  
grace, that we may bring forth the fruit  
of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;  
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**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the  
table of your Son to share this meal  
with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the  
fullness of your peace, gather people  
of every race and language to share in  
the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Isaiah 5. 1 - 7**

#### **The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

### **Readings for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of August**

Psalm 80. 1 – 2, 9 – end  
(or 80. 9 – end) 82

## **Hebrews 11. 29 – 12.2**

### **The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

## **The Example of Jesus**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Luke 12. 49 - 56**

**Jesus the Cause of Division** - ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ **Interpreting the Time** - He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

### **Good Luck Ben!**

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 Crowd funders.

Thank you so much.

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The 15<sup>th</sup> August 1945 commemorates Victory over Japan Day and marked the end of war in the east, and the end of almost six years of devastating, global conflict. This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Royal British Legion will commemorate this at the National Memorial Arboretum, where a Service of Remembrance will honour and remember all those involved. This will be broadcast live on BBC1 from midday. A National two-minute silence will be held at 12 noon to honour the Anniversary.

### **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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! Please do let Revd Joe, Karen or Emma know if you would like to participate!

### **BURWARTON SHOW 2025**

Thank you so much to everyone who came to say hello to Revd Joe at Burwarton Show. A huge thank you to Marjorie and her magnificent team, who set up, served and cleared up on the amazing refreshments stall. We had a wonderful day, combining forces with Little Explorers and Brown Clee School. Thank you to Laura, Ruth and Danny for all their support.

This year we had a huge amount of visitors and Revd Joe's badges went down a storm!

Many congratulations to Anne Preece who won our lucky number competition. We're already planning our stand for next year! A big thank you to Sarah, Alison and the Burwarton Show Committee for all their hard work.