

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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*...even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you...*

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

Our Services



***Saturday 6th September – We wish George Harris &
Olivia Yates every happiness on their Wedding Day
at St. John the Baptist Church, Middleton Scriven***

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12 (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe – Hymns 516, 309, 174, 277

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

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Sunday 14th September – Holy Cross Day

Trinity 13 (Red/Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe – Hymns 134, 52, 317, 422

11.30am – Holy Communion - Chetton

Revd Joe – 134, 52, 317, 422

Sunday 21st September – Trinity 14

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Red/Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Val

11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

Revd Val

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Loughton

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Activities & News throughout the Benefice

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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. Remember Bric-a-brac viewing from Thursday!

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 – See back page! 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 be light refreshments in the church, for those taking part so please come along and support this wonderful Charity.

Sunday 14th September 2025

Morville Heath Ploughing Match at Larden Grange, Brockton. Please do go and support this traditional annual event if you can. What 3 words///subway.inventors.tunks

Saturday 20th September 2025

Glazeley Breakfast at The Down, 9.00am. Please contact Sheila to confirm.

Friday 26th September 2025. 10.30 – 2.30pm

This month's get-together Coffee Morning will be in aid of Macmillan. Please do come along and support. All cakes gratefully received!

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

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Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

God of all mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Readings for Sunday 7th of September

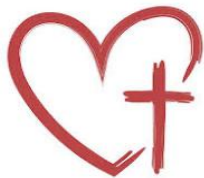
Psalms 139. 1 – 5, 12 – 18 or 139. 1 – 7) 1



Jeremiah 18. 1 - 11

The Potter and the Clay

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.



Pilemon 1 - 21

Salutation - Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith - When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus - For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for

ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14. 25 – 33 - The Cost of Discipleship

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

BROWN CLEE YFC!

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 initially on the second Wednesday of the month, starting on the 10th of September, 8.30am, at Church House, Chetton, in October at Ditton Priors and back at Chetton on the 12th of November, finishing back in 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?

Unscrambled seaside resorts from 24.8.25

1. Thwiyb **Whitby**
2. Cbeomsal **Salcombe**
3. Byetn **Tenby**
4. Mely Sgier **Lyme Regis**
5. Rmcore **Cromer**
6. Qnwaeay **Newquay**

More dates for your Diary!

Saturday 25th October 2025

Chetton Breakfast at The Down, 9.00am
Please ask Sheila if you would like to join.

Saturday 25th October 2025

Aston Botterell Quiz & light refreshments
at The Boyne, 7.00pm.

Tickets £19.00 from Anne Preece
On 07966 459806



Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride

Saturday 13th September 2025

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!

The answers to our quiz etc from 24th August!

Which two star signs could you be if you are born in August? **Leo or Virgo.**

Can you name two August birthstones?

Peridot & Spinel.

Which month was August in the old Roman calendar? **Sextilis, the sixth month.**

Which fruit has a special day dedicated to it in August? **3rd August National Watermelon Day!**

In which Country is August a common boys name? **Sweden.**

What food was invented by John Montagu on 6th August 1762? **The sandwich.**

On what date is World Elephant Day?
12th August.

A volcano erupted on the 24th of August 79 AD, destroying a whole city. Can you name the volcano and the city?!

Mount Vesuvius & Pompeii.

Which Caribbean island gained independence from Britain in 1962?

Jamaica.

Can you name four special events that take place in the UK in August?

Notting hill Carnival, the Edinburgh Fringe, Leeds & Reading Festivals, Isle of Wight Garlic Festival!