

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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....For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners....

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 Mrs. Dilys Butler

Our Services

Sunday 21st September – Trinity 14

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Red/Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Val – Hymns 15, 53, 193, 186

The second Reading of the Wedding Banns will be published between

**Frederick Gustavus George Hamilton-Russell and
Annabel Lucy Hainault Mundy**

11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

Revd Val - Hymns

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Loughton - LMDG

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15

**10.00am – Group Holy Communion –
Cleobury North**

Revd Joe

The third Reading of the above Banns

Sunday 5th October – Trinity 16 (Green)

**11.00am – Holy Communion & Service of
Installation for Revd Joe to**

**become full-time Incumbent for the Benefice of
Brown Clee. Led by Archdeacon Fiona Gibson.**

Followed by light refreshments in The Pavilion

5.00pm – Harvest Thanksgiving – Aston Botterell.

**Followed by Harvest Auction and light
refreshments. All donations gratefully**

received ❤

Our first Harvest Service. Please come along!

Activities & News throughout the Benefice

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

Saturday 20th September 2025

Glazeley Breakfast at The Down, 9.00am.

Please contact Sheila to confirm.

Friday 26th September 2025

10.30am – 2.30pm

**This month's lovely get-together Coffee
Morning run by Julia, will be in aid of
Macmillan. Please do come along and
support. She would be very grateful for
donations of cakes, raffle & tombola prizes.
Please speak to Julia at Cleobury North
Shop for further information.**

Saturday 4th October

**First Saturday Coffee Morning & Rummage
Sale of the Month. St. John the Baptist
Church, Ditton Priors. 10.00am – 12.00
noon. A lovely start to the month. No charge
for entry. Everyone welcome. Remember
Rummage Sale viewing from Thursday –
lots of new lines!**

Sunday 5th October

**11.00am - Revd Joe's Service of
Installation. Please do come along.
Followed by light refreshments at The
Pavilion. Contact Emma to confirm place.**

Saturday 11th October

**St. John the Baptist Harvest Supper, at
Ditton Priors Village Hall, 5.30pm for
6.00pm. Please see further on for details.**

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

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Collect for the Day

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Did you know that St. Matthew is symbolised by a winged man or angel. As his gospel opens with Jesus's human ancestry. He is also sometimes depicted with three purses, referencing his past as a tax collector.

Readings for Sunday 21st of September

Psalm 119. 65 - 72

Proverbs 3. 13 - 18

The True Wealth

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

2 Corinthians 4. 1 - 6

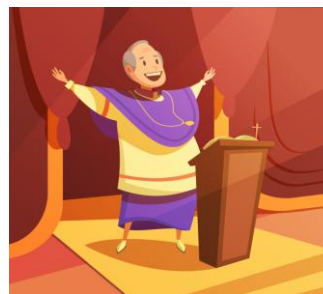
Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness',

who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 9. 9 - 13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'



On Sunday 5th October at St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors, 11.00am, Revd Joe will be installed as full-time incumbent of The Brown Clee Benefice by Archdeacon Fiona Gibson.

We do hope that you will be able to join us. As light refreshments will be served following Revd Joe's Installation, we would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance for catering purposes.

Thank you!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Organised by Julia

Friday 26th September 10.30am – 12.30pm Cleobury North Village Hall

Please come and support this wonderful Charity. Donations of cakes, raffle & tombola prizes all very gratefully received. We do hope that you will be able to join us. For further details please contact Julia at Cleobury North Village Shop.



St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 11th October 2025

At Ditton Priors Village Hall

5.30pm for 6.00pm

Tickets £15 each from Marjorie Jones. Please bring your own drinks & glasses

MEN'S BREAKFAST

At The Old Vicarage, Ditton Priors
By kind permission of
Mr & Mrs John Ballard

Wednesday 15th October at 8.30am

Our first event was a great success and proved very popular! Please do come along and join with others for fellowship and a very delicious breakfast!

If you would like to register your interest, or ask any questions please contact Emma by any of the usual ways overleaf to book your space. We do hope that you are able to join us. It really is a lovely get together.



Saturday 25th October 9.00am
Chetton Breakfast at The Down.

Please do book your place with Sheila if you would like to join. A lovely start to the weekend!

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
ASTON BOTTERELL

**QUIZ NIGHT**



Saturday 25th October
7.00pm start
The Boyne Arms, Burwarton

£19.00 per ticket - Light refreshments!

Tickets from Anne Preece 07966 459806

Dates for your diary's.....

Sunday 2nd November – All Souls Service at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors, 4.00pm. Invitations will soon be sent out for this special Service. If you know of anyone who you feel would like to be included, please do contact Emma at The Benefice Office. Thank you

Friday 7th November – Chetton Drinks & Canapes at The Hills, 7.30pm. By kind permission of Mrs. David Mottershead. Further details to follow.

Tuesday 2nd December – Christmas Coffee Morning at The Old Rectory, Cleobury North, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Raffle, tombola and lots of delicious cakes! All donations gratefully received. In aid of St. Peter & Paul's church roof building repairs.