Aston Botterell, Burwarton, Chetton, Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors, Loughton, Neenton, Wheathill.

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...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness...

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

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15 (Green)

10.00am - Group Holy Communion - Cleobury North

Revd Joe – Hymns 467, 328, 464, 408 During Communion 506 & 53

The third Reading of the Banns will be published between

Frederick Gustavus George Hamilton-Russell and Annabel Lucy Hainault Mundy

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.

Revd Joe - The new 2025 Harvest Service Booklet.

Followed by Harvest Auction and Light
Refreshments. All donations gratefully received
Children's Mini Scarecrow Competition with prizes!
Our first Benefice Harvest Service.

Sunday 12th October – Trinity 17 (Green)

9.30am – Harvest Holy Communion – Ditton Priors Revd Joe

11.30am – Harvest Thanksgiving – Chetton Followed by lunch at Church House. By kind permission of Charles & Lisa Gill. Please let Lisa or Sheila know if you would like to join.

6.00pm - Harvest Thanksgiving - Wheathill - LMDG

Activities & News throughout the Benefice

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

<u>Friday 26th September 2025</u> <u>10.30am – 2.30pm</u>

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 Stores for further information.

Please note different timings!

Saturday 4th October

First Saturday Coffee Morning & Rummage Sale of the Month.

St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors. 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

Remember all Sale items on view from Thursday!

A lovely start to the month. No charge for entry. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 5th October 11.00am - Revd Joe's Service of Installation to become full-time Incumbent of The Brown Clee Benefice.

Please do come along. Followed by light refreshments at The Pavilion. Please let Emma know if you can attend ...

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 Email: browncleebenefice@outlook.com

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Collect for the Day

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep up ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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!

Readings for Sunday 28th of September

Psalm 91. 1 – 6, 14 – end (or 91. 11 – end)

Amos 6. 1a, 4 – 7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion. and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

1 Timothy 6. 6 - 19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance,

gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith: take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see: to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16. 19 - end

The Rich Man and Lazarus

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was

carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, Father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '



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



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YOUNG FARMERS FOR THEIR VERY
GENEROUS DONATION OF £200.00
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DECEMBER 7.30PM. SEE YOU THERE!

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

Wednesday 15th October at 8.30am

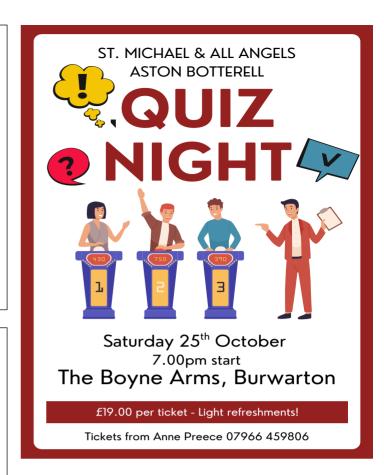
Our first event was a great success and proved very popular! Please do come along and join with others for fellowship and a very delicious breakfast!

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.



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!



Did you know that ... With over 400 churches, our diocese has the highest ratio of churches per capita in the country at roughly one church for every 800 people, with many of the buildings Grade I and Grade II listed!

