

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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....Christ Jesus came into the World to save sinners....

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

Our Services

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

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**The first Reading of Wedding Banns will be published
between**

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

Sunday 21st September – Trinity 14
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Red/Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Val

The second Reading of the above Banns

11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

Revd Val

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Loughton

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Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15
10.00am – Group Holy Communion – Cleobury North

Revd Joe

The third Reading of the above Banns

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News or online at

www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

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. If you are taking part in the Car Safari please contact Charles Gill for further details on 07778539942! To meet at The Willows at 11.00am

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

10.30am – 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 Stores for further information.

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

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Collect for the Day

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; 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 our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Readings for Sunday 14th of September

Psalm 14

Exodus 32. 7 - 14

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, ‘O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

1 Timothy 1. 12 - 17

Gratitude for Mercy

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15. 1 – 10

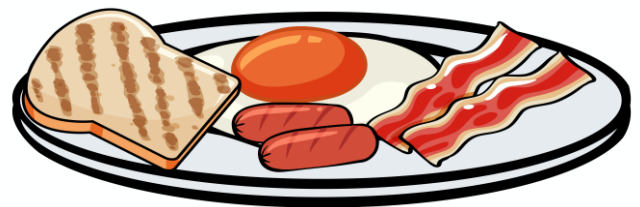
The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you,

there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’



MEN'S BREAKFAST!

As you are reading this the first men's Breakfast will have taken place, kindly hosted by Charles and Lisa Gill. We can confirm that next month's get together will be at The Old Vicarage, Ditton Priors, on Wednesday 15th October at 8.30am by kind permission of John and Sarah Ballard. If you would like to come along or know of someone who would enjoy this very welcoming and social event, please do let us know! 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. November's Breakfast will be back in Church House, Chetton, on the 12th at 8.30am. It is proving a very popular initiative!



Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride

Saturday 13th September 2025

A chance to visit all the churches in our Benefice whilst raising funds for your own parish church and SHCT Ride & Stride.

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

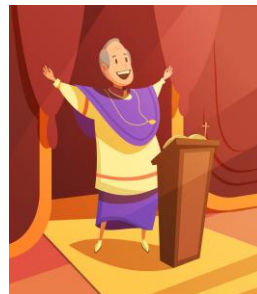
Brown Clee Benefice with suitable refreshment being purchased from the four local pubs along the way. If this appeals to you and you are interested, please let us know. We hope to raise Ride & Stride sponsorship for this good cause and have fun along the way with your help and support!

BISHOPS TEACHING EVENT

**Saturday, 13th September
9.30am-1pm**

St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

The third (and penultimate) Bishop's Teaching Event of the year is coming up on Saturday, 13th September 9.30am-1pm, at St Michael & All Angels church in Ledbury. [Full details of the event](#) are on the Hereford Diocese website calendar.



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 so much.



**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**

Saturday 25th October 9.00am

Chetton Breakfast at The Down Inn, Please do book your place with Sheila if you would like to join. A lovely start to the weekend!

Saturday 25th October 7.00pm

Aston Botterell Quiz with food at The Boyne, Burwarton. Tickets £19.00 from Anne Preece 07966 459806. A great evening – not to be missed!!