

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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....*Increase our Faith*....



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

*We especially remember and give thanks for Roberta
(Bobbie) Jarvis who meant so much to us all. She will be
greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Her presence
was always so evident throughout our Benefice and will
continue to be so. In a future edition there will be a
special Eulogy in loving memory of Bobbie.*

Sunday 5th October – Trinity 16 (Green)

11.00am – Holy Communion & Service of Installation for
Revd Joe to become full-time Incumbent of
the Benefice of Brown Clee.

Led by Archdeacon Fiona Gibson.

We extend a very warm welcome to Archdeacon Fiona

Hymns – 130, 473, 372, 73, 494, 571

Followed by light refreshments in The Pavilion

5.00pm – Harvest Thanksgiving - Aston Botterell.

Revd Joe – The new 2025 Harvest Service Booklet.

Hymns – 101, 137, 505, 534

Followed by Harvest Auction and Light Refreshments.
Children's Mini Scarecrow Competition with prizes! Our
first Benefice Harvest Service. Please do come along.

Sunday 12th October – Trinity 17 (Green)

9.30am – Harvest Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe - Hymns 101, 137, 534

11.30am – Harvest Thanksgiving – Chetton

Revd Joe – Hymns 101, 137, 534

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.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

Saturday 4th October

First Saturday Coffee Morning
of the Month at St. John the Baptist Church,
Ditton Priors.

10.00am – 12.00 noon.

**Please note there will be no rummage stall
this month but will return for the 8th
November!**

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.
Tickets selling fast!

Wednesday 15th October

Men's Breakfast at The Old Vicarage, Ditton
Priors, 8.30am, by kind permission of
Mr & Mrs John Ballard.

Please see overleaf for further details!
**Please remember that today is also the day for
the Benefice Pat Testing. Please have all
electrical equipment out on display. Charles will
be accompanying the inspector around the
churches. Any questions please do ask Emma.**

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

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Collect for the Day

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 5th October

Please note that the Readings for our Harvest Service at Aston Botterell will be available on a separate sheet at the Church. Thank you.

Canticle: Lamentations 3. 19 – 26 or Psalm 137 (or 137. 1- 6) 37, 1 – 9

Habakkuk 1. 1 – 4; 2. 1 - 4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.



2 Timothy 1. 1 - 14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me,

in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17. 5 - 10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"



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.



**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.**

**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



Brown Clee Benefice

All Souls Service

Sunday 2nd November 2025

**At St. John the Baptist Church,
Ditton Priors 4.00pm**

Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special Service to remember all those who we love but see no longer. There will be an opportunity to leave a message on our Memorial Tree and light a candle. If you would rather remain quietly in your pew, then the candle can be lit for you.

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the Service if you feel able to stay.

If you know of anyone who would like to be contacted about this and you have their permission to forward their contact details to us, please do by any of the usual ways browncleebenefice@outlook.com or 01746 599217

Thank you ♥



Last week Bishop Richard has been out and about addressing rural issues, at The Arthur Rank Centre "Love Rural" Conference at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Tuesday and yesterday (Wednesday) he was a keynote speaker at The St Luke's Clergy Wellbeing conference in Birmingham focusing on rural matters. The bishop studied and read Agriculture and Forest Sciences at university and worked as an agronomist prior to ordination and takes a keen interest in agricultural and rural issues.



**Friday 7th November 7.30pm
Chetton Drinks & Canapes**

**At The Hills, Chetton
by kind permission of
Mr & Mrs David Mottershead.
Further details nearer the time**