

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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...For in him all the fullness of God was placed to dwell.....

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

Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent (Red or White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe – Hymns 473, 242, 393, 103

11.30am – Holy Communion – Cleobury North
(In the Village Hall)

Revd Joe

Thursday 27th November

6.30pm – Lights & Carols – Ditton Priors

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday
(Purple)

10.00am – Group Holy Communion – Chetton

Revd Joe

4.00pm – Carol Service – Loughton - Revd Joe

Followed by mince pies, nibbles and drinks at
Loughton Hall by kind permission of Steve & Jo
Culley

Sunday 7th December – The Second Sunday of
Advent (Purple)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

Revd Joe

4.00pm – **Carol Service at Neenton.** Followed by
light refreshments at The Pheasant
Dot Cartwright/Revd Joe

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News or online at

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Thursday 20th November

Chetton Coffee Morning at Church House, Chetton

10.00am – 1.00pm. Entry £5 to include
coffee/tea/cakes. There will be a Bric-a-Brac stall
too!

Sunday 23rd November

Little Explorers Christmas Fayre

Ditton Priors Village Hall 12.00pm – 4.00pm. Please
come and support this lovely event

Thursday 27th November

Join Brown Clee school at 4.30pm for festive carols
and pork baps, jumbo pigs in blankets, hot dogs &
festive drinks. Christmas crafts, cakes & more (cash
only please). Followed by a walk to church for the
**switching on of the Lights & Carols at St. John the
Baptist, Ditton Priors, 6.30pm. Come & sing your
favourite Carols! Mulled wine & mince pies.**

Friday 28th November

Julia's Get together Coffee Morning at Cleobury
North Village Hall, 10.30am – 12.00.

This will take a break in December but will return in
January!

Saturday 29th November

St. John the Baptist Christmas Fayre, at The
Pavilion, Ditton Priors starting at 11.00am. A lovely
start to the Festive Season!

Sunday 30th November

Our first Carol Service is at Loughton at
4.00pm We look forward to seeing you and thank
Steve & Jo Culley for their very kind hospitality!

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

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Collect for the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 23rd of November Christ the King

Psalms 46

Jeremiah 23. 1 – 6

Restoration after Exile

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says

the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The Righteous Branch of David

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1. 11 - 20

Paul Thanks God for the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been

created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23. 33 - 43

The Crucifixion of Jesus

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other

rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'



Little Explorers Christmas Fayre 23rd November 12 – 4pm Ditton Priors Village Hall

Come and see Father Christmas in his magical grotto, £5 per child. Secure your personalised experience by emailing fundraising.littleexplorers@gmail.com
Enjoy festive stalls, handmade gifts, Santa's grotto, delicious treats, raffle, tombola, face painting, refreshments and plenty of cheer



FOBCS CHRISTMAS CAROLS FEAST AT BROWN CLEE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER!

Join Brown Clee School at 4.30pm for festive carols and delicious food of hot pork baps and jumbo pigs in blanket hot dogs, with festive drinks – followed by a walk to church ready for the Christmas light switch on at 6.30pm finishing off with mince pies and mulled wine (cash only please).

Stalls available to purchase from on the night including Christmas crafts from the children, cakes and many more!



**THE SWITCHING ON OF
LIGHTS & CAROLS!**

**Thursday 27th November at 6.30pm
St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors**

**Everyone welcome!
Mulled wine & mince pies.
Come along and sing all your favourite
Carols 🎵**

Please can you help!

Pat Warren is organising a luxury hamper for a raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Fayre at The Pavilion on Sat 29th of November. A list of suggested donations with a box will be left in the back of the church if you are able to help. Thank you very much ❤️



Stop Press! Tony Brown Local Poppy Appeal Organiser writes... The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has come to a close with the Ditton Priors and surrounding community scaling new heights of generosity. Collectively we have raised almost **£2500.00** that includes static boxes in shops, pubs, garage, school and congregational collections from local churches.

A massive thank you all who donated to this very worthy cause.



**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
DITTON PRIORS**

JOIN US FOR A

**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025
STARTING AT 11.00AM**

AT THE PAVILION, DITTON PRIORS

A LOVELY START TO THE ADVENT SEASON



**SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
AT 4.00PM**

**FOLLOWED BY DRINKS, NIBBLES &
MINCE PIES AT LOUGHTON HALL,
BY KIND INVITATION OF
STEVE & JO CULLEY**