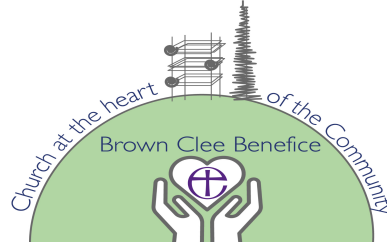


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Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
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Neenton,
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....be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour....



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

Thursday 27th November

6.30pm – Switching on of the Lights & Carols –
Ditton Priors

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday - Purple

10.00am – Group Holy Communion – Chetton

Revd Joe – Hymns 209, 87, 85, 503

4.00pm – Carol Service – Loughton

Revd Joe

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

Saturday 6th December

4.00pm – Christingle – Ditton Priors - LMDG

A lovely Service for all ages. We do hope you can
join us to hear this special story.

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

Revd Joe/Dot Cartwright

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

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

Thursday 27th November

Brown Clee School Christmas Feast at school at
4.30pm. Followed by 'The Switching on of the
Lights & Carols' at St. John the Baptist,
Ditton Priors, 6.30pm.

Friday 28th November

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

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! Stalls, raffle,
ideas for Christmas and delicious refreshments!

Sunday 30th November

Our first Carol Service is at Loughton at
4.00pm. This will be a lovely start to Advent.
We look forward to seeing you and thank Steve
& Jo Culley for their very kind hospitality!

Tuesday 2nd December

Cleobury North Coffee Morning at the Old
Rectory, Cleobury North, 10.30am – 12.30pm.
£5 entry to include coffee/tea & cakes.

Saturday 6th December

Christingle Service at St. John the Baptist,
4.00pm. A special start to the Festive Season in
aid of The Children's Society.

Sunday 7th December

Carol Service at Neenton Church, 4.00pm.
Come to join us at church and afterwards for
refreshments in The Pheasant

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Collect for the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son

Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for

Sunday 30th of November

Advent Sunday

Psalms 122

Isaiah 2. 1 – 5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us

go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Judgement Pronounced on Arrogance

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Romans 13. 11 - end

An Urgent Appeal

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24. 36 - 44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



Our beautiful 'Hunter Steele Votive Stand' is now in church at Ditton Priors. Please do come in to light a candle and have a moment of peace whenever you wish.

A festive poster for a Christmas Fayre. It features a red and green striped border. At the top is a red bow with green leaves and red berries. The text is in red and black, announcing the event for Saturday 29th November 2025, starting at 11.00am at the Pavilion, Ditton Priors. It lists activities like Christmas ideas, a raffle for a luxury hamper, and delicious refreshments.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
DITTON PRIORS**
PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO

JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025
STARTING AT 11.00AM

AT THE PAVILION, DITTON PRIORS

**LOTS OF IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS - RAFFLE FOR A
LUXURY HAMPER - DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS -
A LOVELY START TO THE ADVENT SEASON!**

A festive poster for a Coffee Morning. It features a light beige background with various Christmas-themed illustrations like gingerbread men, snowflakes, and a gingerbread house. The text is in red, black, and green, announcing the event for Tuesday 2nd December from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It mentions an entry fee of £5.00 and that all donations are gratefully received for the Old Rectory, Cleobury North, in aid of the Church Roof Building Project.

**St. Peter & St. Paul,
Cleobury North**
Coffee Morning
Tuesday 2nd
December

from 10.30am - 12.30pm
Entry £5.00 to include delicious
cakes, coffee or tea,
There will also be a raffle.
All donations for above
gratefully received

**THE OLD RECTORY,
CLEOBURY NORTH**

**In aid of the Church Roof
Building Project**

Christingle Service

Saturday 6th December at 4.00pm



*St. John the Baptist Church,
Ditton Priors*

*For all ages -
we do hope you can join us!*

What is a Christingle Service?

At a children's service in Marienborn in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus and created a symbol – the Christingle – to do this.

Christingles are made using oranges and red ribbon, sweets and dried fruit.

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon symbolises the love of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world

A peep into the future!

Sunday 14th December

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
11.30am - Carol Service – Cleobury North (venue tbc)
Followed by light refreshments.
4.00pm - Carol Service – Chetton.

Friday 19th December

7.30pm - Carols in the Street and in the Church with Brown Clee Young Farmers who are raising monies for their chosen charities: Lingen Davies, Midlands Air Ambulance, Severn Hospice and Shropshire Rural Support. Mulled wine, mince pies & lots of cheer!

Sunday 21st December

9.30am - Holy Communion – Neenton
11.30am - Carol Service – Ditton Priors
5.00pm - Festival Carol Service – Aston Botterell. A lovely start to the Festive week. Brass Band, Father Christmas. Please contact Anne on 07966 459806 to book a place!) Illuminations. Design a Father Christmas comp and refreshments!

Wed 24th – Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Crib Service – Ditton Priors. A very special Service.
7.00pm - Carol Service – Wheathill and light refreshments.
11.15pm - Midnight Mass – Ditton Priors

Thu 25th – Christmas Day

10.00am - Group Holy Communion - Chetton