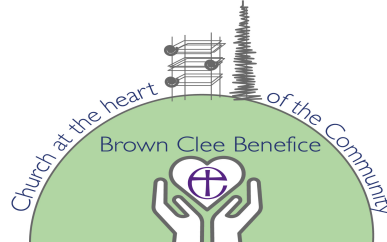


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Ditton Priors,  
Loughton,  
Neenton,  
Wheathill.

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*.....but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me.....*



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

We especially pray for the family and friends  
of the late Mrs. Hilda Marion Garratt. A  
Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving will  
take place at St. John the Baptist, Ditton  
Priors on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45am.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Second Sunday of Advent - Purple**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Joe – Hymns 358, 242, 103, 193**

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

**Revd Joe – Hymns 358, 242, 103, 193**

4.00pm – **Carol Service at Neenton.** Followed  
by light refreshments at The Pheasant

**Revd Joe/Dot Cartwright**

**Activities & News**

**throughout the Benefice**

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at [www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10.30am – 12.30pm**

The First Coffee Morning of the Month  
and Rummage Sale at St. John the  
Baptist, Ditton Priors. A lovely start to  
the weekend. There is no charge for  
entry. Remember – the next Coffee  
Morning will be in Feb!

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – 4.00pm**

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 4.00pm**

Our second Carol Service at Neenton  
Church. Please join us at church and  
afterwards for refreshments in The  
Pheasant.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm**

A Festive Concert, in Ditton Priors Village  
Hall. Featuring Brown Clee School  
Choir, Of One Accord mixed voice choir  
and Brown Clee Community Choir.  
Tickets £10 per adult (under 16's free)  
from Ditton P.O. [Brownleechoir@gmail.com](mailto:Brownleechoir@gmail.com)  
and [www.ticketsource.co.uk/brown-clee-community-choir](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/brown-clee-community-choir)

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### **Collect for the Day**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



### **Readings for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December The Second Sunday of Advent**

**Psalm 72. 1 – 7, 18,19**  
**(or 72. 1 – 7)**

**Isaiah 11. 1 - 10**

### **The Peaceful Kingdom**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

## **Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah**

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **Romans 15. 4 - 13**

#### **Please Others, Not Yourself**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike**

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, ‘Therefore I will confess you among the

Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’; and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’; and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’; and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Matthew 3. 1 – 12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy

of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

# Christingle Service

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**



***St. John the Baptist Church,  
Ditton Priors in aid of The Children's Society***  
***For all ages -  
we do hope you can join us!***

## A peep into the future! 🧐

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
	11.30am	Carol Service – Cleobury North (venue tbc) Followed by light refreshments.
	4.00pm	Carol Service – Chetton. Followed by mulled wine & mince pies
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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. Please come along!
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am	Holy Communion – Neenton
	11.30am	Carol Service – Ditton Priors. Light refreshments.
	5.00pm	Festival Carol Service – Aston Botterell. 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 competition and refreshments!
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> – 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 25 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day	10.00am	Group Holy Communion Chetton
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Group Holy Communion – Ditton Priors