

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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.....Be strong do not fear! Here is your God.....



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

Sunday 14th December

The Second Sunday of Advent - Purple

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Val – Hymns 321, 432, 209, 193

11.30am – Carol Service – **Cleobury North
Village Hall**. Followed by light refreshments –

Revd Joe/Revd Val

4.00pm – Carol Service – Chetton –

Revd Joe

Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Friday 19th December

7.30pm - Carols in the Street and in the
Church with Brown Clee Young Farmers! –

Revd Joe

Sunday 21st December

The Third Sunday of Advent - Purple

9.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

(please note venue) - **Revd Val**

11.30am – Carol Service – Ditton Priors –

Revd Joe

5.00pm – Festival Carol Service – Aston

Botterell – **Revd Joe**

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News or online at

www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

Wednesday 17th December – 8.30am

Men's Breakfast at Church House, Chetton.

Please contact Emma or Charles if you are
able to attend!

Friday 19th December – 7.30pm

Come and join us for Carols in the Street
with Brown Clee Young Farmers who will be
raising monies for their chosen Charities.
Midland Air Ambulance, Lingen Davies,
Severn Hospice and Shropshire Rural
Support. Mulled wine and mince pies. A
lovely evening. Everyone welcome!

Sunday 21st December – 5.00pm

Don't miss Aston Botterell's Illuminated
Festival Carol Service – Brass Band – Design
a Father Christmas Comp – Visit from Father
Christmas (please contact Anne to confirm
on 07966 459806 as she is in charge of his
bookings!) Light refreshments.

Wednesday 24th December – 4.00pm

Everyone is invited to our Crib Service at St.
John the Baptist, Ditton Priors. This is a
really special Service for all ages on
Christmas Eve. Please come along and hear
the Christmas story.

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

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Collect for the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.



Readings for

Sunday 14th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

Canticle: Magnificat

Isaiah 35. 1 – 10

The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any

ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of
the Lord shall return and come to
Zion with singing; everlasting joy
shall be upon their heads; they
shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee
away.

James 5. 7 - 10

Patience in Suffering

Be patient, therefore,
beloved, until the coming of the
Lord. The farmer waits for the
precious crop from the earth,
being patient with it until it
receives the early and the late
rains. You also must be patient.
Strengthen your hearts, for the
coming of the Lord is near.
Beloved, do not grumble against
one another, so that you may not
be judged. See, the Judge is
standing at the doors! As an
example of suffering and patience,
beloved, take the prophets who
spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11. 2 - 11

Messengers from John the Baptist

When John heard in prison what
the Messiah was doing, he sent

word by his disciples and said to
him, 'Are you the one who is to
come, or are we to wait for
another?' Jesus answered them,
'Go and tell John what you hear
and see: the blind receive their
sight, the lame walk, the lepers are
cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead
are raised, and the poor have good
news brought to them. And
blessed is anyone who takes no
offence at me.'

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

As they went away, Jesus began to
speak to the crowds about John:
'What did you go out into the
wilderness to look at? A reed
shaken by the wind? What then
did you go out to see?
Someone dressed in soft robes?
Look, those who wear soft robes
are in royal palaces. What then did
you go out to see? A prophet? Yes,
I tell you, and more than a
prophet. This is the one about
whom it is written, "See, I am
sending my messenger ahead of
you, who will prepare your way
before you." Truly I tell you,
among those born of women no
one has arisen greater than John
the Baptist; yet the least in the
kingdom of heaven is greater than
he.



CAROLS IN THE STREET & IN THE CHURCH WITH BROWN CLEE YFC!

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
DITTON PRIORS

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US -
WRAP UP WARM! IN AID OF BROWN
CLEE YFC'S CHOSEN CHARITIES

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES TOO!



Aston Botterell's Festival Carol Service

Sunday 21st December 5.00pm,
at St. Michael & All Angels Church

Come along and sing your favourite Carols - Brass
Band - Design a Father Christmas Competition -
please bring along to display - A visit from Father
Christmas (He would be grateful if you could confirm
with Anne on 07966 459806 as he has asked her to
organise his bookings for numbers) -
Light refreshments - Christmas lights inside and out!
We do hope that you can join us!



A peep into the future! ☺

Friday 19 th December	7.30pm - Carols in the Street and in the Church 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 21 st 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 24 th – 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 th – Christmas Day	10.00am - Group Holy Communion Chetton
Sun 28 th	10.00am - Group Holy Communion – Ditton Priors