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Burwarton,  
Chetton,  
Cleobury North,



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Wheathill.

*..Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him...*



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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Ash Wednesday (Purple or Lent array)**

10.00am – Group Holy Communion & Ashing –  
Ditton Priors

**Revd Joe - Hymns – 292, 90, 384, 55**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**The First Sunday of Lent  
(Purple or Lent array)**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Joe – Hymns 261, 293, 120, 106**

11.30am – Holy Communion – Cleobury North  
**Revd Joe / Keith Pearson**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Ember Day – (Purple or Lent array)**

10.00am – Morning Prayer – Ditton Priors  
**Revd Joe**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Second Sunday in Lent (Purple or Lent array)**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors  
**Revd Val**

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell  
**Revd Val**

## **Activities & News**

### **throughout the Benefice**

more info in Wheatland News

or online at

[www.brownkleebenefice.org.uk](http://www.brownkleebenefice.org.uk)

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

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Vision Afternoon 2.00 – 4.00pm**

At The Pavilion, Ditton Priors,  
All welcome – do let us know of attendance

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am – 12 noon**

Julia's Get together Coffee Morning at Cleobury North Village Hall. A lovely start to the weekend.

Please come along.

A very warm welcome awaits!

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am – 12.30pm**

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

No charge for entry. Everyone welcome!

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**From 7.00pm**

Brown Clee Young Farmers are raising funds for Brown Clee Benefice. Please do not miss the Quiz & Curry Evening at Ditton Priors Village Hall. It will be great fun!

Teams of 6 - £30 per team. 1<sup>st</sup> March deadline for bookings please. [brownkleeyfc@hotmail.com](mailto:brownkleeyfc@hotmail.com) – they will help make up your team if you are short of members. Please come and support!

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

Email: [brownkleebenefice@outlook.com](mailto:brownkleebenefice@outlook.com)

Website: [www.brownkleebenefice.org.uk](http://www.brownkleebenefice.org.uk) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/brownkleechurches](http://www.facebook.com/brownkleechurches)

## Collect for the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Readings for Sunday 22nd February

### **Psalm 32**

### **Genesis 2. 15 – 17; 3. 1 - 7**

### **Another Account of the Creation**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

## **The First Sin and Its Punishment**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## Romans 5. 12 - 19

### **Adam and Christ**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from

Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### Matthew 4. 1 - 11

### **The Temptation of Jesus**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he

was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



Our weekly Lent course will commence on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. It will then run every Thursday until 26<sup>th</sup> March and the Easter Week.

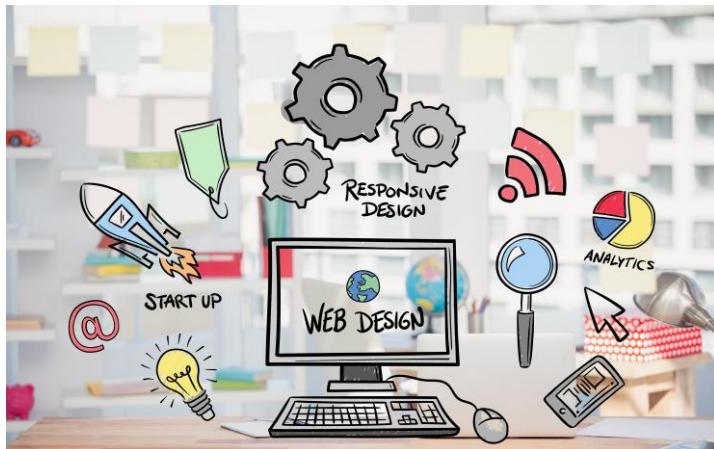
**Please do let us know if you are interested in joining us. Thank you.**

## **Brown Clee Benefice Vision Afternoon**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February: 2-4pm**

We are really keen for you to come to an afternoon of discussion, prayer and reflection as we talk about our vision for the Benefice and how we are called to serve in this place.

**Please do come along, everyone is welcome**



### **Brown Clee Benefice Website**

[www.brownkleebenefice.org.uk](http://www.brownkleebenefice.org.uk)

**We would love your feedback on our new website. We would like it to be a window for all the churches and mission in our community.**

### **'Coffee Mornings coming up'**

**Friday 27 Feb 10.30: Cleobury North VH**

**Saturday 7 March 10.30: Ditton Priors**

**Wednesday 1 April 10am-1pm:  
Church House, Chetton**

**The next Men's Breakfast will be held on a Thursday in March to be confirmed.** Everyone is welcome. If you would like to come along, please contact Emma at The Benefice Office on 01746 599217 or [brownkleebenefice@outlook.com](mailto:brownkleebenefice@outlook.com) so that we can be prepared for catering numbers!

## **Brown Clee Young Farmers**

**Quiz & Curry Evening**

As you will see on the front page, Brown Clee YFC are very kindly holding a Charity Quiz & Curry Evening on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Ditton Priors Village Hall, 7.00pm. They are raising funds for Brown Clee Benefice. It will be a really fun evening! Teams of 6 - £30 per team (but Brown Clee YFC are helping to organise teams if you would really like to come but are short of team members).

[brownkleeyfc@hotmail.com](mailto:brownkleeyfc@hotmail.com) to book your place!

### **Chetton Breakfast**

The next Chetton Breakfast at The Down will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am. A great start to the weekend! Please contact Sheila Millington if you would like to join in on 01746 789443

### **Easter Coffee Morning, Easter Egg Hunt and Decorated Easter Hat Competition**

**At The Pavilion, Ditton Priors**

**On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am.**

Last year's event was such a lovely day.

We do hope that you can come along.

There will be stalls, delicious refreshments, a chance to hunt for Easter Eggs and of course to see Revd Joe's entry for this year's Decorated Easter Hat Competition!!

**As it is the Winter Olympics a couple of Olympic brainteasers. Answers next week!**

- What is the oldest Winter Olympic sport
- Who was the youngest ever competitor in the Winter Olympics



## Brown Clee Benefice Easter Services

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> February 10 am	Communion & Ashing	Ditton Priors
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> February 10 am	Morning Prayer	Ditton Priors
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March 10 am	Morning Prayer	Cleobury North
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March 10 am	Morning Prayer	Ditton Priors
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March 10 am	Morning Prayer	Chetton
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March 10 am	Morning Prayer	Ditton Priors
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> March 10 am PALM SUNDAY	Group Holy Communion	Chetton
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March 6 pm	Evening Prayer	Neenton
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> March 6 pm	Evening Prayer	Aston Botterell
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April 6 pm	Stations of the Cross	Chetton
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 6pm MAUNDY THURSDAY	Passover Meal	Cleobury North Village Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 6pm GOOD FRIDAY	Reflection	Ditton Priors
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 6 pm	Compline Vigil	Ditton Priors
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 10am EASTER SUNDAY	Group Holy Communion	Ditton Priors