

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

Revd Joe Simons, Rector
The Vicarage, Ditton Priors, Shropshire. WV16 6SQ.
01746 599217 / 07872 464276

...God sent his Son into the World in order that the World might be saved through him...



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

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Ember Day – (Purple or Lent array)

10.00am – Morning Prayer – Ditton Priors

LMDG - MJ

Sunday 1st March 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

(Purple or Lent array)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Val – Hymns 6, 46, 522, 55

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

Revd Val – Hymns 6, 46, 522, 55

Wednesday 4th March 2026

10.00am – Morning Prayer – Cleobury North

LMDG/CS

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday in Lent

(Purple or Lent array)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion – Chetton

Revd Joe

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News

or online at

www.browncleebenefice.org.uk

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

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

Friday 27th 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.

Thursday 5th March

Lent Lunch at Ditton Priors Village Hall,

12.30pm – 2.00pm.

Soup, rolls & cheese. Donations for Charity.

Saturday 7th March

10.30am – 12.30pm

First Coffee Morning of the Month

St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors.

No charge for entry. Everyone welcome!

Monday 23rd March, 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. 1st March deadline for
bookings please. browncleeyfc@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: browncleebenefice@outlook.com

Website: www.browncleebenefice.org.uk Facebook: www.facebook.com/browncleechurches

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Readings for Ember Day **Wednesday 25th February**

Psalm 51. 1 – 5, 17 – 18

Jonah 3

Luke 11. 29 – 32

Readings for Sunday 1st March

Psalm 121

Genesis 12. 1 – 4a

The Call of Abram

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Romans 4. 1 – 5, 13 - 17

The Example of Abraham

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

God's Promise Realized through Faith

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the

righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3. 1 - 17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born

of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him



Lent Course

Our weekly Lent course is running every Thursday until 26th March and the Easter Week, at 6pm in The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. **Please do let us know if you are interested in joining us. Thank you.**

Don't forget our Lent Lunch At Ditton Priors Village Hall on Thursday 5th March 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Please could you let Marjorie know if you are able to attend. Always a lovely event.

Vision Afternoon

Thank you so much for such fantastic support at our first ever Vision Afternoon at the weekend. The Pavilion was full! There were so many wonderful ideas. Please watch out for further information following this very exciting event!

'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

Revd Sally Wallace-Jones

Last week Revd Sally Wallace-Jones was installed as the new Incumbent of the Stottesdon Parishes. We wish Revd Sally every blessing and look forward to working with her in the future

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 23rd 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).

browncleeyfc@hotmail.com to book your place!

Chetton Breakfast

The next Chetton Breakfast at The Down will be held on Saturday 28th March at 9.00am. 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, Saturday 28th March at 10.30am.

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!

Last week's quiz!

Figure skating is the oldest sport. The Youngest competitor was 13 years old, Kim Yun-Mi in Lillehammer 1994