

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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... As you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation....



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 of the late Mrs. Mary Rowlands whose Memorial Service will take place on Tuesday 24th March, at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors, 1.00pm. Also Margaret Griffiths in Telford Hospital.

Wednesday 11th March

10.00am – Morning Prayer – Ditton Priors

LMDG/RW

Sunday 15th March – Mothering Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Purple or Lent array)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe Hymns 321, 473, 522, 242

11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

Revd Joe/Dot Cartwright

Wednesday 18th March

10.00am – Morning Prayer – Chetton - **Revd Joe**

Sunday 22nd March - Passiontide

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion – Cleobury North –

Revd Joe

2.30am – Evening Prayer – Loughton –

LMDG/DC/MJ

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News

or online at

www.browncleebenefice.org.uk

www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

Our Lent Course runs every Thursday night until 26th March and Easter week at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors, 6.00pm

Monday 23rd March, 7.00pm

Brown Clee Young Farmers Charity

Quiz & Curry Night at Ditton Village Hall

Numbers have been confirmed with the caterers and there are 14 teams!! Please watch out for our next joint event.

Thursday 26th March, 8.30am

Now at Church House, Chetton!

Gentlemen's Breakfast – please let Emma know if you would like to attend.

Friday 27th March, 10.30am – 12 noon.

Julia's Get together Coffee Morning at

Cleobury North Village Hall. All welcome.

Saturday 28th March

Chetton Breakfast at The Down, 9.00am

Please let Sheila know if you would like to go!

Saturday 28th March, 10.30am

At The Pavilion, Ditton Priors

Easter Coffee Morning, Egg Hunt & Decorated Easter Hat Competition

Please see back page for further information - Watch out for Revd Joe's top secret hat design!

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

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Collect for the Day

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful: watch over us and
hold us all the days of our life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her
children at the breast you feed us this
sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life: help us who have tasted
your goodness to grow in grace within
the household of faith; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 15th March **Mothering Sunday**

Psalm 34. 11 - 20

Exodus 2. 1 - 10

Birth and Youth of Moses

Now a man from the house of Levi went
and married a Levite woman. The
woman conceived and bore a son; and
when she saw that he was a fine baby,
she hid him for three months. When
she could hide him no longer she got a
papyrus basket for him, and plastered
it with bitumen and pitch; she put the
child in it and placed it among the reeds
on the bank of the river. His sister
stood at a distance, to see what would
happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to
bathe at the river, while her attendants
walked beside the river. She saw the
basket among the reeds and sent her

maid to bring it. When she opened it,
she saw the child. He was crying, and
she took pity on him. 'This must be one
of the Hebrews' children,' she said.
Then his sister said to Pharaoh's
daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a
nurse from the Hebrew women to
nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's
daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl
went and called the child's mother.
Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take
this child and nurse it for me, and I will
give you your wages.' So the woman
took the child and nursed it. When the
child grew up, she brought him to
Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him
as her son. She named him Moses,
'because', she said, 'I drew him out of
the water.'

2 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
mercies and the God of all consolation,
who consoles us in all our affliction, so
that we may be able to console those
who are in any affliction with the
consolation with which we ourselves
are consoled by God. For just as the
sufferings of Christ are abundant for
us, so also our consolation is abundant
through Christ. If we are being
afflicted, it is for your consolation and
salvation; if we are being consoled, it is
for your consolation, which you
experience when you patiently endure
the same sufferings that we are also
suffering. Our hope for you is
unshaken; for we know that as you
share in our sufferings, so also you
share in our consolation.

John 19. 25b - 27

The Crucifixion of Jesus

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Lent Course

Our weekly Lent course continues each Thursday at 6pm in The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. It runs until Thursday 26th March and the Easter Week. **Please do let us know if you are interested in joining us for any of the sessions. Thank you.**

**Saturday 28th March
at The Down, 9am**

Chetton Breakfast – please let Sheila know if you would like to attend on 01746 789443

Friends of St John

The Friends support our church and look to fund projects such as the new toilet and drainage, and improve the heating. The annual subs are due and the Friends will be at our Spring Fete or pick up a form from the Church.

Easter Coffee Morning, Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Competition
Saturday 28th March,
10.30am – 1.00pm at
The Pavilion, Ditton Priors.

Last year was amazing! Wait until you see Revd Joe's 2026 Hat design! We can't wait to see yours! There will be stalls and delicious refreshments and a very egg-citing Easter Treasure Hunt! We do hope that you can join us!

Chetton Coffee Morning
Wednesday 1 April 10am–1pm:
Chat, coffee & cakes & Bric a Brac, everyone welcome! Please do let Lisa know if you would like to donate anything for the bric a brac table.

Maundy Thursday – Passover Meal
At Cleobury North Village Hall on
Thursday 2nd April at 6.00pm.
Everyone is most welcome but numbers are needed for catering purposes. Please confirm with Emma at The Benefice Office. We do hope that you can join us! Please see the next page for further details



Maundy Thursday Passover meal preparations!

Revd Val would be grateful for help with the following

- Setting up the hall-opening and closing, tables, chairs and heating
- A kitchen team to clear away afterwards
- Setting up a data projector, DVD player and screen for a DVD clip
- Food preparation
- Advertising in the Community

Please do contact Revd Val on **Email** revval14@gmail.com

Mobile: 07887245040 - use messaging, WhatsApp, phone

Landline 01746 861966 or Emma at The Benefice Office by any of the usual ways if you are able to help. Thank you very much.

Brown Clee Benefice – The next Gentlemen's Breakfast!



This month it will be held at Church House, Chetton
on Thursday 26th March at 8.30am.

This is always a lovely event and we do hope you can come. For catering purposes please contact either Emma in the Benefice Office or Charles Gill

And finally, with a cup of coffee or tea.....

1. What is the old name for Easter?
2. In the original Roman calendar which month was March?
3. Which of these occurs in March: a solstice or an equinox?
4. What is the first book of the New Testament?
5. What nationality was Charlie Chaplin?
6. What is the chemical symbol for gold?
7. What is the most abundant gas in the Earth's atmosphere?
8. What colour do you get when you mix blue and yellow?
9. Which country is credited with inventing ice cream?

Good Luck – answers next week!!