

Aston Botterell,  
Burwarton,  
Chetton,  
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,  
Loughton,  
Neenton,  
Wheathill.

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*....I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly....*



*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 families of the late June Bryan and Myra Brougham. We also pray for Margaret Griffiths in Oldbury Grange Nursing Home.*

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**The Baptism of Jessica Hazel Patricia Davis at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors. We wish Jessica and her family & friends every blessing on this special day.**

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**The Funeral Service of the late Mrs June Bryan at All Saints, Neenton at 2.00pm**

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

**The Third Sunday after Easter (White)**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Joe – Hymns 9, 55, 484, 134**

11.30am – Holy Communion –  
Cleobury North

**Revd Joe – Hymns to be chosen**

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

**The Memorial Service of the late Mrs Myra Brougham at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors at 12 noon.**

**Followed by a private family gathering.**

### Activities & News

#### **throughout the Benefice**

more info in Wheatland News  
or online at

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

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm**

Our final Lent Course Sessions at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors.

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am – 12 noon**

Julia's Get together Coffee Morning at Cleobury North Village Hall

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10.30am – 12.30pm**

First Coffee Morning of the Month, Bric a Brac and Book Stall at St. John the Baptist, No charge for entry.

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1.45pm**

A very special Airmen's Memorial Service at Eudon George.  
Please see back page.

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of May 7.00pm**

Aston Botterell Fish & Chips and Quiz at The Boyne Arms, at 7.00pm.  
Please see back page.

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am**

Gentlemen's Breakfast at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. Please let us know if you can join!

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

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### **Collect for the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Readings for**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**The Third Sunday after Easter**

**Psalm 23**

**Acts 2. 42 – end**

### **The First Converts**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

### **Life among the Believers**

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**1 Peter 2. 19 – end**

### **The Example of Christ's Suffering**

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ

also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### **John 10. 1 - 10**

#### **Jesus the Good Shepherd**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them

out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

#### **Slow Stitching Workshop**

**Jo would like to thank everyone who came to the workshop last week. It was a really lovely day! The final piece will be displayed in July at St. John's, along with other work by Jo. This will then travel around the Benefice on display.**



## A Time for Prayer & Reflection

Please do join us at a time for prayer and reflection every other Thursday starting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of April at 10.30am in The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. This will last for roughly 1 hour. It is a time to come together to pray as a group into our mission and vision for the Benefice. It will also be a time to maybe reflect on a passage of scripture or some other reading or event that has spoken to us in a particular way.

Everyone is most welcome. If you feel that you would like to take part please let either Revd Joe or Emma know at The Benefice Office by any of the usual ways Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions!

Aston Botterell Church

# FISH & CHIPS

at The Boyne Arms  
on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2026  
at 7.00pm



For further details and to book your team -  
please contact Anne Preece on 07966 459806

## St. John the Baptist Church Fete

Saturday 16th May

1:00pm - 4:00pm

BBQ, Raffle, Stalls, Games

Live music by saxophone  
ensemble

"Black-eyed Susans"



We do hope that you can come along!

## Airmen's Memorial Service - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.45pm

On September 7th/8th 1943, 5 crew members of an Operational Training Unit sadly lost their lives when their Wellington 111 plane came down in flames over Eudon George. All lost their lives and two of the crew were never recovered. A memorial has recently been erected at the site and we are holding a small service of remembrance for them all. British, Australian & Canadian air forces were involved. The service starts at Eudon George at 2.00pm (lifts are available from Chetton Village Hall at 1.45pm) and will be followed by light refreshments back at Chetton Village Hall. If you wish to come along, can you please contact Sheila on 01746 789443 or email [skm268@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:skm268@hotmail.co.uk) as we need to know numbers for parking and catering.