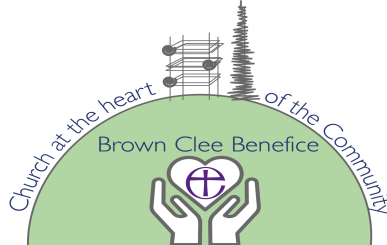


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*.....For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.....*



*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 Jim Hurford, Irene Mills-Keeling and their family and friends*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June (Green)**

**St. John the Baptist Saints Day (24<sup>th</sup> June)**

**St. Peter & St. Paul Saints Day (29<sup>th</sup> June)**

**The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Joe – Hymns 277, 17, 90, 143**

11.30am – Holy Communion

– Cleobury North – **Revd Joe**

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Loughton

- **Revd Joe & Marjorie Jones**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Joe**

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

**Revd Joe**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – The Battle of The Boyne**

**The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**Revd Joe**

11.30am – Morning Worship - Chetton

**Revd Joe**

**Activities & News**

**throughout the Benefice**

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**Please note due to heat alert**  
**Prayers & Reflection is cancelled this**  
**Thursday – next session is 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thank you** ❤️

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June –**

**11.30am – 4.30pm**

Aston Botterell Fun Fete & Music Day at  
Aston Botterell Church. Lovely music,  
tabletop sales and refreshments.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon – 3.00pm**

Brown Clee School & Little Explorer's  
Summer Fete & Colour Run.

Lots of lovely things to do for all the family.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am – 12.30pm**

First Coffee Morning of the Month, Bric  
& Book Stall at St. John the Baptist,  
Ditton Priors

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1.00pm – 3.00pm**

Ditton Priors Centre Summer Fete  
Live entertainment, raffle, lots of stalls, BBQ,  
Cream Teas & Games. Please come along!

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 5.00pm – Pimms & Puds**

At The Pavilion – tickets £15 from Marjorie  
Jones. They will sell quickly!

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**Collect for the Day**

**The Birth of St. John the Baptist**

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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**

**The Birth of St. John the Baptist**

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen.**

**Readings for Sunday 28th of June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**  
**(from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – The Birth of St. John the Baptist**

Psalm 85. 7 – end

**Isaiah 40. 1 – 11**

**God's People Are Comforted**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their

constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **Acts 13. 14b – 26**

#### **Paul and Barnabas in Antioch of Pisidia**

And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the

officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's

posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, “What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.” ‘My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

### **Luke 1. 57 – 66, 80**

#### **The Birth of John the Baptist**

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, ‘No; he is to

be called John.’ They said to her, ‘None of your relatives has this name.’ Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, ‘His name is John.’ And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, ‘What then will this child become?’ For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

**We are planning a joint  
Litter Pick with the School.  
It would be wonderful to see  
as many of you as possible to  
help out.**

**Details to follow.**

**Collect for the Day**  
**St. Peter & St. Paul**

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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**  
**St. Peter & St. Paul**

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**June taken from Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**June – St. Peter & St. Paul**  
**Saints Day**

**Psalm 125**

**Zechariah 4. 1 – 6a, 10b-end**

**Fifth Vision: The Lampstand and Olive Trees**

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, ‘What do you see?’ And I said, ‘I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.’ I said to the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these, my lord?’ Then the angel who talked with me answered me, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ I said, ‘No, my lord.’ He said to me, ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by

my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.' Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

## **Acts 12. 1 – 11**

### **James Killed and Peter Imprisoned**

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.). When he had seized him, he put him in prison and

handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

### **Peter Delivered from Prison**

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the

second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

### **2 Timothy 4. 6 – 8, 17 – 18**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I

was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Matthew 16. 13 - 19**

#### **Peter's Declaration about Jesus**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this

rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

**Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**June at Loughton's Evening**  
**Service**

**Collect for the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Psalm 89. 1 – 4, 15 - 18**

**Jeremiah 28. 5 - 9**

**Hananiah Opposes Jeremiah and Dies**

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But

listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

### **Romans 6. 12 – 23**

#### **Dying and Rising with Christ**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

#### **Slaves of Righteousness**

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get

from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 10. 40 - end**

**Rewards**

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

**Saturday 4th July**



**Ditton Priors Care Centre  
Summer Fete**

**1.00pm - 3.00pm.**

**Live entertainment, raffle,  
lots of stalls, BBQ,  
Cream Tea & Games.**

**Please go along and support this  
lovely afternoon.**

**St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors**



**Pimms & Puds**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**At The Pavilion Ditton Priors**

**Tickets £15.00**

**Available from Marjorie Jones**

**Don't leave it too long as this is  
always a very popular event!**