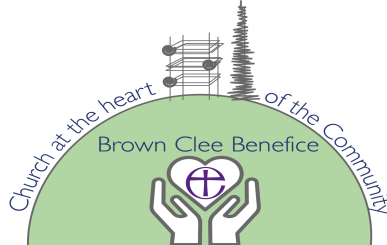


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.... But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it....



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 David Bateman, Jim Hurford, Irene Mills-Keeling, Barbara Wear and their families and friends

Sunday 12th July – The Battle of The Boyne

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe Hymns 366, 549, 158, 85

11.30am – Morning Worship - Chetton

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Sunday 19th July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

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11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

Revd Val

Sunday 26th July

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Morning Worship –

Cleobury North – Revd Joe

5.00pm – Songs of Praise & BBQ – Wheathill

Revd Joe & LMDG

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News
or online at

www.browncleebenefice.org.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

Thursday 9th July – 10.30am

Prayers & Reflection at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. Everyone is welcome!

Friday 10th July – 7.30pm

A Summer Event at Ditton Priors Village Hall. Raising funds for Alzheimer's Research and Brown Clee School. Brown Clee Community Choir and Brown Clee School Choir. Tickets £10 per adult (under 16's free) inc light refreshments. Tickets available from Ditton Priors Post Office and Ruth (01746 712029 evenings)

Saturday 18th July

At The Pavilion, Ditton Priors
– 10am – 12 noon

Safeguarding Training for PCC Members. Please confirm with Charles Gill or Emma if you wish to attend. See back page!

Saturday 18th July 11.00am

St. John the Baptist Sponsored Walk from the church. Light lunch at approx. 12 noon

Saturday 18th July 3.00pm

Daddy's Hat Seven Men in a Bar at Aston Botterell Church. Please come along!

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

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Collect for the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 12th July **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity** **(Green)**

Psalm 65 (or 65. 8 – end)

Isaiah 55. 10 – 13

An Invitation to Abundant Life

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Romans 8. 1 - 11

Life in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those

who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13. 1 – 9, 18 - 23

The Parable of the Sower

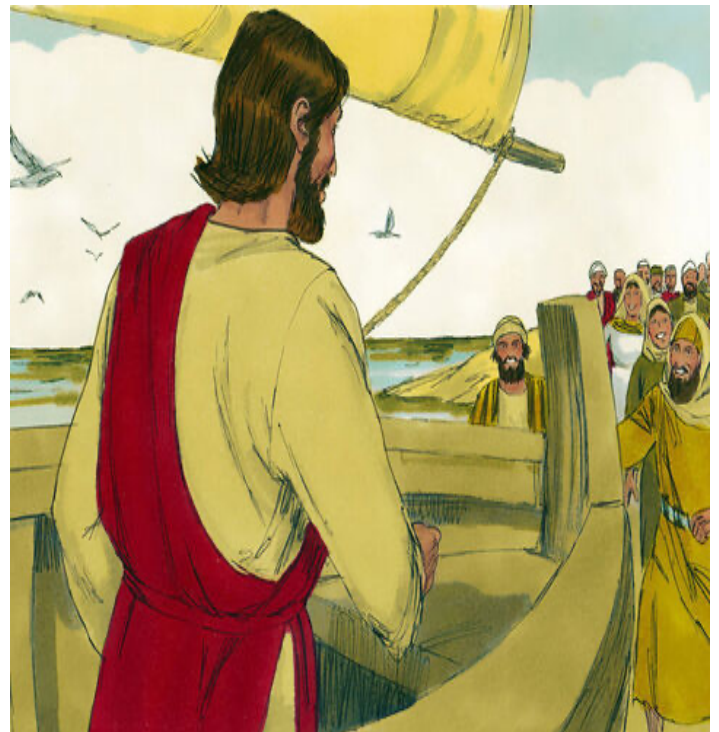
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate

them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

The Parable of the Sower Explained

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account

of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’



Please note that the next Gentlemen’s Breakfast will be on Wednesday 22nd July, 8.30am at Church House, Chetton. Please confirm your attendance with either Charles, Lisa or Emma

PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP!

Do you wonder what Prayer and Reflection is all about (I did!) Our Prayer and Reflection group meet every other week on a Thursday – The next one is this Thursday 9th July 10.30am at the Pavilion, Ditton Priors.

It is a small, friendly, but no pressure meeting of caring folk who share their thoughts and hopes together, or if you are like me sit in a non-threatening space to enjoy a cup of tea and feel uplifted without having to do much. If you can come along for an hour or so I am sure that you will get something out of it.

I had thought it would just be another Church thing but now I look forward to sitting in peace and harmony with my fellow 'prayer friends'.



**CONGRATULATIONS
SHROPSHIRE YOUNG
FARMERS 2026 RALLY
CHAMPIONS!!**

Congratulations to Brown Clee YFC who successfully defended their title of Rally Champions at the recent Shropshire Rally at Dorrington where they competed in a huge variety of competitions against all the other YFC Clubs in Shropshire. A lot of hard work and preparation goes into this so well done!!

**Advance notice -
From Cleobury North Church!**

**If you are having a Spring/Summer
clean over the next few weeks....**

**On Saturday 14th November
we are holding a
Clothes and Bric-a-Brac sale in
Cleobury North Village Hall from
11am to 3pm. Proceeds to the
church. Donations are very
welcome and Jane will collect -
please phone on 07716877421.**

**A look at what's happening in
July & a peep into August!**

**See the front page for
information up to 18th July and
then.....**

Sunday 19th July

**Chetton Heritage Museum at
Lower Cockshutt Farm, is open
today. Free entry but donations
are welcome.**

Sunday 26th July 5.00pm

**Songs of Praise & BBQ at
Wheathill Church.
Last year was lovely!**

Friday 31st July at 10.30am

**Julia's Coffee & Chat at
Cleobury North Village Hall.
This month a very special event.
Please see opposite!**

Sunday 2nd August

at approx. 12 noon

**starting at Middle House Farm,–
Aston Botterell Car Treasure
Hunt – not to be missed!**

Thursday 6th August

**Burwarton Show – See you
there!**

Wednesday 12th August

10am – 12pm

**Chetton Coffee Morning at
Lower Cockshutt Farm,
£5.00 entry**



All invited to a
**Breast Cancer Now
Coffee Morning**

Friday 31st July
at Cleobury North Village Hall
10.30am - 12.30pm



All welcome to come along and
support this wonderful Charity



BURWARTON SHOW
Don't forget it will soon be
Burwarton Show!

Thursday 6th August 2026
0800 – 1900hrs

Come and see Revd Joe, our
Show Chaplain in the Village
Green Area where delicious
refreshments will be on sale
throughout the day.

A great day out for all the
family.



SATURDAY 18th JULY
10.00am – 12 noon
AT THE PAVILION, DITTON PRIORS

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.
For all PCC Members

Following last year's very popular Safeguarding Training Event at Cleobury North Village Hall we will be running another session to assist all those who wish to obtain their DBS certificates.

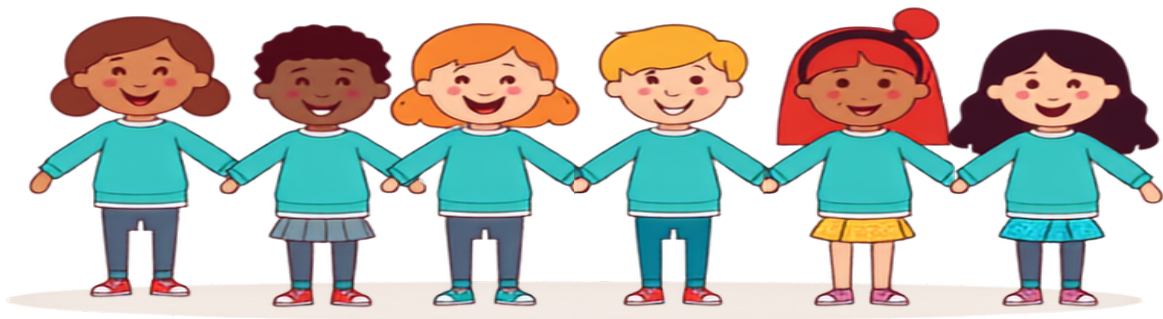
If possible you will need to bring along a laptop or access to your email, an up to date driving licence or passport and a credit/debit card to complete the online payment of £21.50. This can also be undertaken at home.

Please do register your interest with either Charles Gill or Emma who will be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Light refreshments will be served.



**Wishing all our pupils at
Brown Clee School a very
special Leaver's Service next
week and lots of luck as they
move on to their new schools!**

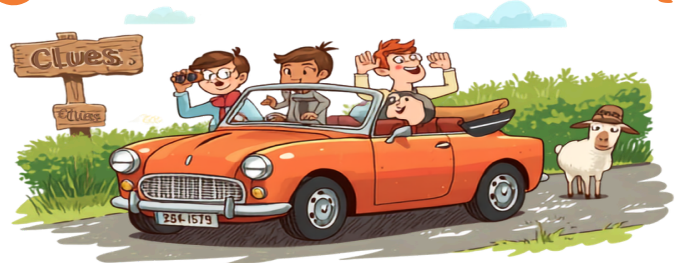


**Songs of Praise & BBQ on
Sunday 26th July, 5.00pm at
Wheathill Church**

**This was such a lovely
popular event last year –
please could you confirm if
you are hoping to come for
catering purposes**

Thank you so much!

**Sunday 2nd August
Car Treasure Hunt!**



Starting from Middle House Farm, Aston Botterell
Bookings start at 1.00pm at 10/15 minute intervals
£10 entry pp to include light refreshments.

There will be a raffle.

Do you enjoy a bit of detective work? Well what better way to spend an afternoon than a drive around our beautiful Benefice whilst solving and collecting clues!

Please phone Anne on 07966 459806 for further details and to book your place!

All proceeds for Aston Botterell Church