

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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....We know that all things work together for good for those who love God...



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 Austin, David Bateman,
Margaret Griffiths and Jonathan Guest
and their family and friends.*

Sunday 26th July

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe – Hymns 484, 63, 69, 368

11.30am – Morning Worship –

Cleobury North – **Revd Joe**

5.00pm – Songs of Praise & BBQ – Wheathill

Revd Joe & LMDG

Thursday 30th July at 2.00pm

**The Funeral Service of Jonathan Nicholas Guest at
St. Michael & All Angels Church, Aston Botterell**

Sunday 2nd August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

**11.30am – Morning Worship with Revd Joe
at Middle House Farm followed by Aston Botterell's
Annual Car Treasure Hunt! Please see pew sheet!**

Sunday 9th August

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe - Hymns

11.30am – Holy Communion – Chetton

Revd Joe - Hymns

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News

or online at

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

Thursday 23rd July – 10.30am

Prayer & Reflection at

The Pavilion, Ditton Priors

Everyone welcome! Due to Burwarton
Show the next session will be Thursday
13th August.

Sunday 26th July – 5.00pm

Wheathill's Songs of Praise & BBQ. A
lovely evening in a beautiful setting.
Please confirm with Emma if you are
coming along for catering purposes!

Friday 31st July – 10.30am

Julia's Coffee & Chat at Cleobury North
Village Hall will this be a very special
Coffee Morning to raise funds for Breast
Cancer Now.

Saturday 1st August – 10.30am

First Coffee Morning of the Month at St.
John the Baptist, Ditton Priors

Sunday 2nd August – 1.00pm

Aston Botterell's Annual Car Treasure
Hunt - not to be missed!

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

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Collect for the Day

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 26th July **The Eighth Sunday after** **Trinity (Green)**

Psalm 119. 129 - 136

1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have

chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Romans 8. 26 - end

Future Glory

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who

searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at

the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13. 31- 33, 44 - 52

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has

grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

The Parable of the Yeast

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Three Parables

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but

Treasures New and Old
‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered,
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A cartoon illustration of a small church with a cross on its roof, placed on a table covered with a white cloth. The table is laden with various fresh vegetables, including tomatoes, leafy greens, and yellow peppers, along with several jars of condiments. The background is a simple orange and yellow wash.

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

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



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.**



Chetton's Coffee Morning

Church House,
Chetton

Wednesday 12th August

10.00am - 12.00pm

**Bric-a-brac, raffle and
delicious refreshments!**

**£5.00 entry -
Everyone welcome**



Our next Prayer & Reflection will be held on Thursday 13th August at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors 10.30am due to a busy Burwarton Show week!

Please do come along and join us. We would love to see you.

Please note that we will again be holding a Service of Remembrance at the Memorial on top of the Brown

St. John the Baptist Church Teas in The Churchyard



Thursday 20th August at 3.00pm.
Stalls, games, raffle, and delicious
refreshments

Please come and join us!

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kind permission of Lord Boyne.

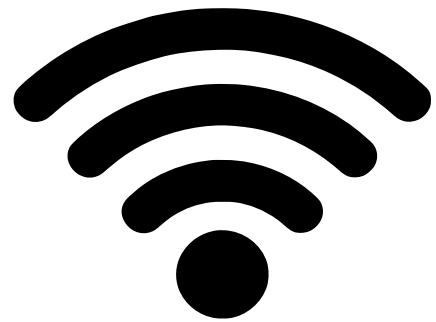
Further details will
follow in future pew sheets but please
put this date in your diaries. This will
be followed by
light refreshments at Cleobury North
Village Hall



The next Chetton Breakfast at the
Down will be held on Saturday 19th
September
at 9.00am. It's always a lovely start to
the weekend and everyone is most



welcome. Please confirm with Sheila
Millington!



We are very excited to tell you that
we now have WIFI in St. John the
Baptist Church, Ditton Priors! This will
be invaluable at future services and
events. A huge thank you to all those
who made it happen.

Ride+Stride 2026 –

Saturday 12th September

Ride+Stride is always the second Saturday in September. So this year it will be on Saturday 12th September. It is a National Event organised by the National Churches Trust, and we, the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), have been pleased to take part every year. Churches are usually open 10am - 6pm, but can choose different times if they wish. **The forms, posters and REGISTER of CHURCHES, showing if churches are open (when available), has now been moved to a Google Drive, and is available [HERE](#).** *(note that when clicking on the document you may find that you then have to download it to be able to use it).*

A map of the churches that have registered so far can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any problems accessing the documents, please e-mail Rachel and John at shrops.ridestride@gmail.com and they will help.

Please note that Julia's Coffee & Chat at Cleobury North Village Hall will be taking a break in August but will return in September with a joint event in aid of Macmillian Cancer at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. More details to follow shortly!

ADVANCE NOTICE!
If you are having a
Spring/Summer clean during
the holidays



Cleobury North Church are holding a
Clothes and Bric-a-Brac sale
in Cleobury North Village Hall
on Saturday 14th November
11.00am - 3.00pm

*All donations are very welcome.
Proceeds to the church*

Please contact Jane on 07716877421