

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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...For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find 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
John Howson and his family and friends.*

Sunday 30th August

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

11.00am – Group Holy Communion – Chetton.

Revd Val – Hymns 321, 328, 39, 186

Followed by lunch at Church House.

Please do let Charles, Lisa or Sheila know
if you would like to join for catering purposes

Saturday 5th September at 2.00pm

Airmen's Memorial Service on The Brown Clee

Important! Please see opposite. Thank you.

Sunday 6th September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

Revd Joe

Sunday 13th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors – **Revd Joe**

11.30am – Licensing of Keith Smith at Cleobury North
(please note change of rota) - **Mark Godson & Revd Joe**

Followed by light refreshments in
Cleobury North Village Hall

3.15pm – Bishop Richard Prayer will be visiting Wheathill
for a short Service on his Prayer Pilgrimage around the
Diocese. Please see later in the pew sheet for details of
both very special occasions.

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News
or online at

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

**Monday 31st August – Please note that the
Benefice Office will be closed but will be
back in action the next day
and the usual Wednesday!**

Saturday 5th September – 10.00 – 12.00 noon

First Coffee Morning of the Month at St.
John the Baptist, delicious refreshments –
plus the 'book stall' – no charge for entry.

Saturday 5th September - 2.00pm

Airmen's Memorial Service on the Hill –
Important! Please meet at CN Village Hall at
1.15pm and let either Tony Brown or Emma
at the Benefice Office know if you wish to
join for transport purposes. This will be
followed by light refreshments at Cleobury
North Village Hall. Everyone is very
welcome! If you are unable to join us on the
hill, please do come along afterwards to the
hall.

Saturday 12th September – 9.30–11.30am

We are joining Clee View Farmers for
Breakfast (Bacon/Sausage Bap inc Tea &
Coffee £5) at The Three Horseshoes, please
do come along and join us. Everyone
welcome! Details overleaf

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

Email: browncleebenefice@outlook.com

Website: www.browncleebenefice.org.uk Facebook: www.facebook.com/browncleechurches

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for

Sunday 30th August

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

Psalm 26

Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21

Jeremiah Complains Again and Is Reassured

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer

insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Romans 12. 9 – 21

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend

hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16. 21 - 28

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for

you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

The Cross and Self-Denial

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'



The Saxons, Vikings and the Making of England.

A very local history

An illustrated talk by **Mr David Guest, local historian and author** at Chetton Village Hall

on **Saturday 19th September 2pm - 4pm**

To purchase tickets which are limited (£6 cash – tea, coffee and cake included) contact Nick Tofiluk on 07896 558530.

Proceeds to Chetton Church.

Tickets will be on sale at Chetton Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd September (between 5pm and 6pm) and Saturday 5th September (between 10am and 11am). Discover the dramatic Mercian story behind the Battle of Tettenhall (910), Lady Æthelflæd and two of Shropshire's most fascinating historic towns. This illustrated talk explores how the crushing defeat of a Viking raiding army in 910 helped secure Mercia and laid the path for the English reconquest of the Danelaw and a unified English monarchy. It also reveals Æthelflæd's remarkable leadership as Lady of the Mercians: builder of fortified burhs such as Bridgnorth, strategist, patron (Much Wenlock) and powerbroker. Bridgnorth's commanding position on the River Severn and Much Wenlock's religious heritage show how local places were bound into a much larger national story of war, faith, identity and political survival. From Viking raids and battlefield uncertainty to royal patronage and frontier defence, the talk brings the so-called Dark Ages vividly to life and explains why these events matter to the history of the Shropshire, the Midlands and England.



Airmen's Memorial Service on the Brown Clee Hill

Saturday 5th September 2026 at 2.00pm

To give thanks to and remember all Airmen
who lost their lives on and around the Brown Clee
in the line of duty.

We will all meet at Cleobury North Village Hall at 1.15pm.
Access to the hill given by kind permission of Lord Boyne.

IMPORTANT!

Please register your interest with Emma at the Benefice Office, details below,
as names will need to be taken before we set out.

Light refreshments will be served in Cleobury North Village Hall
following the Service on the hill.

If you feel unable to join us at the Memorial
but would like to meet at the hall afterwards,
you are very welcome to do so.

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We are so happy to announce that

Keith Smith will be Licensed as a Reader in the Brown Clee Benefice



Special Service on
Sunday 13th September 2026



St. Peter & St. Paul Church,
Cleobury North



11.30am



We invite everyone to join
us for this joyous occasion.



Light refreshments will be
served in Cleobury North Village
Hall following the Service!



FARMERS BREAKFAST

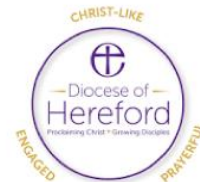
Saturday 12th September 9.30am - 11.30am
by kind permission of The Three Horseshoes
Car Park, Wheathill, Bridgnorth, WV16 6QT



Representatives from
The Community Wellbeing
Outreach Team,
Shropshire Rural Support
and Revd Joe from
Brown Clee Benefice.

Supporting
our farming
community

Please come and join
Clee View Farmers -
*Everyone is
welcome!*



We are very excited to announce that Bishop Richard will be
visiting Holy Trinity Church, Wheathill on Sunday 13th September
2026 at 3.15pm for a short Service of Prayer (approximately
30 mins) as part of his Prayer journey around the Diocese.

Everyone is very welcome.

Please do come along. Light refreshments will be served!