

Aston Botterell,  
Burwarton,  
Chetton,  
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,  
Loughton,  
Neenton,  
Wheathill.

**Revd Joe Simons, Rector**  
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...‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’...

*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, Margaret Griffiths, Jonathan Guest, Margaret Howells, Kieran Parton and their family and friends.*

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

The Funeral Service of the late  
Mrs Margaret Howells will take place  
at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors at 12 noon

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

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

9.30am – Morning Worship – Ditton Priors

**Revd Val – Hymns 396, 259, 368, 309**

11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

**Revd Val**

6.00pm – Holy Communion – Loughton – **Revd Joe**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

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

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

**- Revd Joe**

11.30am – Holy Communion – Cleobury North

**- Revd Joe**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

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

11.00am – Group Holy Communion – Chetton.

**Revd Val.** Followed by lunch at Church House.  
Please do let Charles, Lisa or Sheila know if you would like to join for catering purposes

**Activities & News**

**throughout the Benefice**

more info in Wheatland News  
or online at

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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
**– 10am – 12 noon**

Chetton Coffee Morning at Church House, Chetton. A lovely morning!

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – 3.00pm!**

Prayer & Reflection at  
The Pavilion, Ditton Priors.  
Please note new time.  
Everyone welcome.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August – 3.00pm**

St. John the Baptist, Teas in the Churchyard. Please come along.  
Details in the pew sheet!

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September - 2.00pm**

Airmen's Memorial Service on the Hill – please see pew sheet for important instructions!

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

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### **Collect for the Day**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Readings for Sunday 16th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

**Psalm 67**

**Isaiah 56. 1, 6 - 8**

**The Covenant Extended to All  
Who Obey**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

### **Romans 11. 1 – 2a, 29 – 32**

#### **Israel's Rejection Is Not Final**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

#### **All Israel Will Be Saved**

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have

now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

### **Matthew 15. (10 – 20) 21 - 28**

#### **Things That Defile**

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness,

slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

#### **The Canaanite Woman's Faith**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Please don't forget that Prayer & Reflection this Thursday at The Pavilion will be at the different time of 3.00pm*





# 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**

# THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to Jo Culley  
and her Company for  
generously donating  
a new ink jet printer  
to the Benefice Office!



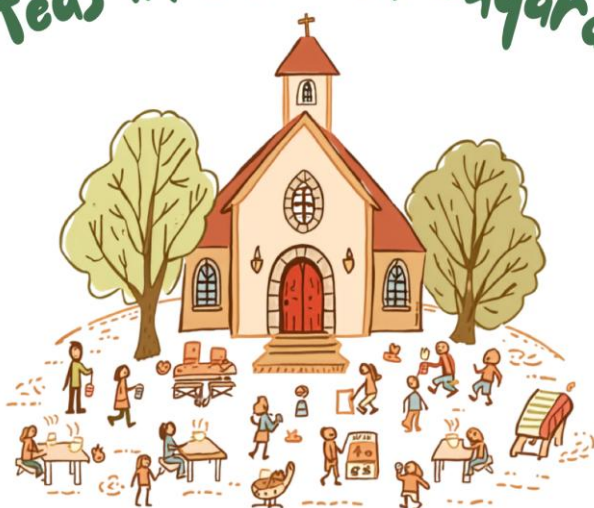
Our old printer  
will be very

grateful

to have a new friend  
to take over!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROUS GIFT!**

St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors  
**Teas in The Churchyard**



Thursday 20th August at 3.00pm.

Stalls, games, raffle, and delicious  
refreshments

**Please come and join us!**



## 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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