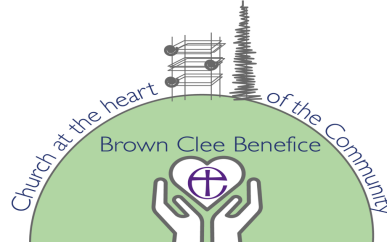


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.... so the last will be first and the first will be last

*As a Church we pray for those who are ill and in
need and for those recently departed.
We especially pray for their family and friends.*

Sunday 20th September

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Val/Keith Smith Hymns – 242, 106, 63, 269

11.30am – Morning Worship – Neenton

Revd Val/Keith Smith

6.00pm – Harvest Festival - Wheathill

Revd Joe

Sunday 27th September

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

11.00am – Harvest Holy Communion – Chetton –

Revd Joe

Followed by lunch at Church House. Please let
Charles, Lisa or Sheila know if you would like to join.

Sunday 4th October

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Harvest Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

5.00pm – Harvest Festival & Saints Day Celebration –
Aston Botterell

Revd Joe

Sunday 11th October

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

11.30am – Morning Worship – Chetton – **Revd Val**

6.00pm – Harvest Festival – Loughton – **LMDG**

Activities & News

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Saturday 19th September

Chetton Breakfast at The Down at 9.00am.

Please let Sheila Millington know if you
would like to join this very social start to the
weekend!

Saturday 19th September

Local History Talk at Chetton Village Hall
from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Please see pew sheet
for details. Limited tickets. Not to be missed!
Proceeds for Chetton Church.

Thursday 24th September

Prayer & Reflection. The Pavilion 2pm.

Friday 25th September

**Macmillan Coffee Morning at The Pavilion,
Ditton Priors 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

Saturday 3rd October

First Coffee Morning of the Month
St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors, 10.30am
to include the Book/Bric-a-Brac Stall!

Saturday 10th October

St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors Harvest
Supper at Ditton Priors Village Hall, 6.00pm.
Tickets £15.00 available from Marjorie
Jones. Always a very popular and delicious
event!!

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Collect for the Day

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Sunday 20th September 2026 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Psalm 145. 1 - 8

Jonah 3. 10 – end of 4

Conversion of Nineveh

When God saw what they did,
how they turned from their evil

ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did.

Jonah's Anger

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it

withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

Jonah Is Reproved

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die. 'Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Philippians 1. 21 - end

Paul's Present Circumstances

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with

Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20. 1 - 16

The Labourers in the Vineyard

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire

labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day? They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last

worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be the last.

Prayer and Reflection 🙏

Please note that the next **Prayer & Reflection** will take place on **Thursday 24th September 2026 at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors at 2.00pm.** Please note the new time! We do hope to see you.

Macmillian Coffee Morning ☕🍰

Do join us on **Friday 25th September at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors from 10.30am – 12.30pm** to raise funds for this amazing Charity. **There will be delicious refreshments, raffle, plant stall, tombola..** Please do contact Julia at Cleobury North Stores or Tony Brown on 01746 712532 if you would like to donate to any of the above!