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Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,

Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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…Therefore encourage one another and build up each other as indeed you are doing…

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 15th November
Trinity 24 (Green)
9.30am – Morning Worship – Ditton Priors
Revd Val & Keith Smith
11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton
Revd Val & Keith Smith
2.30pm – Remembrance – Wheathill
Marjorie Jones

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King
The Sunday next before Advent
9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Joe
11.30am – Holy Communion – Chetton
Revd Joe

Thursday 26th November
Lights & Carols
6.30pm - St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors
With Revd Joe. All welcome to this lovely Community Service with light refreshments.

Activities & News throughout the Benefice
more info in Wheatland News or online at
www.browncleebenefice.org.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

Saturday 14th November
11.00am – 4.00pm
Clothes & Bric-a-Brac Sale at Cleobury North Village Hall
All proceeds to the Church. Any donations will be very gratefully received (please see back page)

Thursday 19th November
1.30pm
Prayer & Reflection
At The Vicarage – please note change of venue

Saturday 21st November
From 10.30am
St. John the Baptist, Christmas Fair At The Pavilion, Ditton Priors
Lots of lovely festive refreshments, gift ideas and a change to win a Christmas Hamper in the raffle!

Collect for the Day

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is
pure; that when he shall appear in
power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we
long; through Jesus Christ
our Saviour.

Amen.

Readings for

Sunday 15th of November

Psalm 90. 1 – 8, 12

Zephaniah 1. 7, 12 - 18

The word of the Lord that
came to Zephaniah son of
Cushi son of Gedaliah son of
Amariah son of Hezekiah, in
the days of King Josiah son of
Amon of Judah.
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came to Zephaniah son of
Cushi son of Gedaliah son of
Amariah son of Hezekiah, in
the days of King Josiah son of
Amon of Judah.
At that time I will search
Jerusalem with lamps, and I
will punish the people
who rest complacently on their
dregs, those who say in their
hearts,'The Lord will not do
good, nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be
plundered, and their houses
laid waste. Though they build
houses, they shall not inhabit
them; though they plant
vineyards, they shall not drink
wine from them. The great day
of the Lord is near, near and
hastening fast; the sound of
the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25. 14 - 30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So

take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



Cleobury North Church are holding a Clothes and Bric-a-Brac sale in Cleobury North Village Hall on Saturday 14th November 11.00am - 4.00pm

If anyone has any donations, which will be very gratefully received, the village hall will be open on Friday 13th November from 11am for you to drop off your contributions.

St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors
Christmas Fair

Saturday 21st November 2026
The Pavilion, Ditton Priors
Starting at 10.30am



Lovely festive refreshments - time to start your Christmas Shopping - lots of gift ideas and a chance to win a special Christmas Hamper in the raffle!



Finally, please do watch out for the list of our Christmas Services which will be appearing on Notice Boards, The Wheatland News, our Facebook page, A Church Near You and Festive Banners -and if you happen to pop into Ditton Priors – do please step into the church and see who is climbing up one of the pillars!!