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Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,

Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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…And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake…

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 29th November –
First Sunday of Advent - Purple

10.00am – Group Holy Communion – Neenton
Revd Joe
Hymns – Sing Alleluia to the Lord,
358 (Choir), 87, 98, 395, 209

4.00pm – Christingle – Ditton Priors
Marjorie Jones – A lovely Service for all the family. Please come along and make your special Christingle symbol to take home.

Saturday 5th December

3.00pm – Carol Service – Loughton
Revd Joe

Sunday 6th December
The Second Sunday of Advent - Purple

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Val & Keith Smith

11.30am – Morning Worship – Chetton
Revd Val & Keith Smith

4.00pm – Carol Service - Neenton
Dot Cartwright

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Sunday 29th November
Little Explorer's Christmas Fayre at Ditton Priors Village Hall
12.00 – 4.00pm
Lots of lovely festive stalls, activities and refreshments. Please do come along!

Wednesday 2nd December
Clee View Farmers Breakfast at The Three Horseshoes, Wheathill,
9.30am – 11.30am.
EVERYONE welcome! Bacon/Sausage bap £5.50. Representatives from many useful organisations available for advice.

Saturday 5th December
First Coffee Morning of the Month at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors
10.30am
Please do come along to this lovely start to the month. Delicious refreshments. No charge for entry and chance to browse our excellent book stall!

Collect for the Day

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Readings for Sunday 29th of November

Psalm 80. 1 – 8, 18 – 20

Isaiah 64. 1 - 9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls

on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13. 24 - 37

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘But about

that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Please don't forget that you are invited to Clee View Farmers Breakfast at The Three Horseshoes, Wheathill (inside) on Wednesday 2nd December from 9.30am – 11.30am where representatives from The Community Wellbeing Outreach Team, Shropshire Rural Support and others will be on hand to offer advice and support.

Bacon Baps, Tea/Coffee will be available for £5.50.

This was a really popular event last time, so please do come along and join in. It is open to everyone.

An Advent Quiz to test your knowledge!

On the Advent wreath, what or whom does the first candle, often lit on Advent Sunday represent?

What does the Latin word *Gaudete* mean?

What does the circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolise?

In the Church of England liturgical calendar, how is the First Sunday of Advent determined each year?

Answers next week!

Newsflash!

On Thursday 17th December we will be holding a special Advent Prayer & Reflection at 1.30pm in The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. We would love for you to come along and give thanks for 2026 and pray for mission into 2027.