

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Ditton Priors,
Neenton.



Chetton,
Cleobury North,
Loughton,
Wheathill.

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...for the words that you gave to me I have given to them...



*As a Church we pray for those who are ill
and in need and for those recently departed
and their families.*

Sunday 12th May 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Joe – Hymns 46, 167, 336, 309
4.30pm – Worship on the Farm
Lower Cockshutt Farm, Chetton, WV16 6RF
Revd Joe – Hymns 534, 101, 490, Praise and
thanksgiving (sheet)

Sunday 19th May 2024

Pentecost – Whit Sunday (Red)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Val – Hymns 122, 69, 90, 33
11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton
Revd Val – Hymns Neenton to choose

Sunday 26th May 2024

Trinity Sunday (Gold or White)

10.00 – Group Holy Communion – Wheathill
Revd Joe – Hymns 212, 242, 380, 522



Activities & News throughout the Benefice
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**Sunday 12th May 2024 - Tractor Run - The
Midland Oil Engine Club at Lower Cockshutt
Farm. WV16 6RF.**

Worship on the Farm with Revd Joe at 4.30pm
The Tractor run will leave at 10am and return early
afternoon. Lots to see - stationary engines, vintage
vehicles, military vehicles, agricultural plant and a
few craft stalls to browse. On display too will be a
Harrier GR3 plane which, weather permitting, will
be started up around 3pm. Donations on entry,
proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance & St Giles
Church, Chetton.



**Saturday 18th May 2024 - St. John the Baptist
Church Fete which will open
at 1.00pm with the BBQ.**

Items for stalls are needed please. If anyone
would like their own stall, please contact
Marjorie Jones. There will be lots of lovely
homegrown plants too! Please come along.

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Collect for the day

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Sunday 12th May 2024

Psalm 1

(Ezekiel 36. 24 – 28)

Acts 1. 15 – 17, 21- end)

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

1 John 5. 9 – 13

Testimony concerning the Son of God

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God

have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17. 6 - 19

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Thank you

We are really grateful for the generosity of Shirley Wall, following the retiring collection at her mother's funeral, Audrey Golden on her 90th birthday and Margaret Griffiths on her 100th, for their wonderful donations towards church funds. Thanks to all, both from within our church and beyond, who have given to these collections. It needs to be said that all three of these ladies make an extraordinary contribution to the love and hospitality shown in our Benefice.

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