

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Ditton Priors,
Neenton.



Chetton,
Cleobury North,
Loughton,
Wheathill.

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*...And God, who searches the heart, knows what is in the mind
of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God...*



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

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

Sunday 2nd June 2024
The First Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Joe – Hymns 174, 27, 464a, 508
11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell
Revd Joe – Hymns 174, 27, 464a, 508



Activities & News throughout the Benefice
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Saturday 18th May 2024 - St. John the Baptist
Church Fete which will open
at 1.00pm with the BBQ.

Such a lovely start to the summer! Please come along at 1.00pm to enjoy the BBQ and walk around the stalls situated in and around the church. Lots to see and buy. Homegrown plants for your garden or as a gift to friends & family. Tea and cakes to try. Music from the saxophone players. Items are still needed for the stalls and if you would like to run your own stall then please contact Marjorie Jones or the Benefice Office.



Saturday 18th May 2024
Daddy's Hat will be performing at All Saints
Church, Neenton, starting at 3.00pm

An afternoon of musical performance by
Daddy's Hat, with singing from Bel Canto
Ladies to enjoy this weekend.



Everyone welcome!

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Collect for the day

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Sunday 19th May 2024

Psalm 104. 26 – 36, 37b (or 104. 26 – end)

Acts 2. 1 – 21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 8. 22 – 27

Future Glory

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15. 26 – 27; 16. 4b - 15

The World's Hatred

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

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The Work of the Spirit

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



What is the meaning of Pentecost?

The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church’s year when Christians recall how God’s Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus’ ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

On our pew sheet we will be featuring the Saints dedicated to our Benefice churches.



This week is the turn of St. John the Baptist at Ditton Priors

John the Baptist was the son of Zachariah and Mary’s kinswoman Elizabeth. He is considered to be a prophet of God in most faiths and honoured as a Saint in many Christian denominations. He is mentioned in all the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Nativity of John the Baptist is a high-ranking liturgical feast, and is celebrated annually on the 24th June

June is looking very busy. Here are some of the events to look out for!

Saturday 15th June 2024 - Starting from church at 11.30 am, Ditton Priors.



Sponsored Walk for Church Funds

Sponsor forms available soon from church. A light lunch follows the walk, served in church.

Saturday 15th June 2024.



Neenton Promise Auction at The Down Inn at 7.00pm.

To raise funds for repairs to the area around the Stained-Glass window which is the memorial for the loss of Frank Amies, John Leath and Harry Yapp in WWI. Promises have been very generous from businesses, local people and friends to whom we send a big ‘thankyou’. Tickets available at £25 per person to include a 2-course meal. Please contact – 07885-671335. There will be a raffle and lucky ticket prize. Come along and enjoy a fun evening for a very special cause.

Sunday 16th June 2024.



Aston Botterell Car Treasure Hunt in aid of Aston Botterell Church. Starts at 1.30 pm.

Please book your car in with Anne Preece 01746 787237. Teams of four. £11 per team. Light refreshments. Test your detective skills and have an enjoyable afternoon driving around our beautiful Benefice!