

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Ditton Priors,
Neenton.



Chetton,
Cleobury North,
Loughton,
Wheathill.

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*Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing.*



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

The Funeral Service of the late Mr. David Charles
Spencer (David) Jones will take place on
Friday 3rd May 2024, at St. John the Baptist Church,
Ditton Priors, starting at 12.30pm

Sunday 5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe - Hymns – 106, 355, 293, 188

11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell

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Thursday 9th May 2024 - Ascension Day

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Ditton Priors

Dot Cartwright - Hymns 393, 242, 475

Sunday 12th May 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe – Hymns 46a, 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)



Activities & News throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News or online at
www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

Saturday 4th May 2024 – 10.30am – 12.30pm

The First Coffee Morning of the Month

At St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors.

Please come along. Everyone welcome.

No charge for entry.

Saturday 4th May 2024 – 2.00 – 4.00pm

Future Mission – Brown Clee Benefice

At Cleobury North Village Hall

Please see details overleaf

Monday 6th May – Bridgnorth Walk Day

St. John's, Ditton Priors will be open from
10.30 am onwards serving coffee, tea and cakes.
Please come along and support all the Walkers.

**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. Tony Maiklem is kindly organising
and taking entries for this,

email tonym789666@gmail.com

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.

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Collect for the day

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Sunday 5th May 2024

Psalm 98

(Isaiah 55. 1 – 11)

Acts 10. 44 – end

Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5. 1 – 6

Faith Conquers the World

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but

with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15. 9 – 17 - Jesus the True Vine

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another



**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT AN
Open Meeting on Future Mission
Saturday 4th May 2024
at Cleobury North Village Hall,
2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Revd Joe will share his thoughts on Mission & Vision which is starting to emerge across the Benefice. This will be a good opportunity for us to talk as a group about our own thoughts and direction on Mission here in the Benefice and also look at the implications. We would be grateful if you are able to confirm if you can attend to help with numbers for refreshments

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**We would like to wish
Margaret Griffiths a very special Happy Birthday
on Monday the 6th May!**

Many thanks for all the years of faithful service to the church. Such a great example of service and commitment.



A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YOU TO LOOK OUT FOR!

Following our discussions regarding the future of our precious church at Loughton and how we could establish a stronger community focus, allied to its importance as a

Christian Spiritual hub. We have put together a questionnaire which is kindly being distributed in the Loughton area. If you would like a copy, please contact the Benefice Office. Completed questionnaires can be left in the box at the back of Loughton church. The deadline for return of the questionnaire is 31st May 2024. Together we can breathe new life into this much-loved building.



Saturday 18th May

St. John the Baptist Church Fete which will open at 1.00pm with the BBQ. There is going to be a plant stall with lots of wonderful homegrown plants. Items for stalls are needed please. If anyone would like their own stall, please contact the Benefice Office.



Praying Together as a Benefice Brown Clew Benefice Prayer Group (BCB Prayer Group)

We are now running our informal way of praying together in to the community with a WhatsApp Group. Please let Karen Simons know if you would like to be included, with your contact details, direct on her mobile 07748987318 so that she can add you to the group. Do let us know if you have any questions on how you can be involved. We look forward to hearing from you.



On our pew sheet we will be featuring the Saints dedicated to our Benefice churches. St. Peter & St Paul at Cleobury North

St. Peter & St. Paul were contemporaries. St. Peter was a disciple of Jesus. St. Paul became the church's first great missionary after experiencing a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. St. Paul is always painted with a sword, a symbol of his military connections before his conversion. St. Peter is usually pictured with a set of keys which are the keys to the kingdom of Heaven, a symbol of his spiritual power. They're both considered the patron saints of Rome. Their feast day is celebrated on the 29th June in the Church of England.

Did you unscramble the places of worship?

- Adlrhatec
Cathedral
- Hneirs
Shrine
- Pmltee
Temple
- Hcrcuh
Church
- Snteymaor
Monastery
- Ueoggysna
Synagogue