Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,

Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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….”But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him “You are the Messiah.”…

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

Our Services

Saturday 14th September 2024

11.00am – The Baptism of Maddison Joy Bick at All Saints Church, Neenton

Sunday 15th September 2024
The 16th Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Joe – Hymns 158, 120, 148, 457
11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton
Revd Joe – Hymns to be chosen
2.00pm – The Baptism of Sienna Rose Lloyd at St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors
6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Loughton
LMDG – Hymns to be chosen

Sunday 22nd September 2024
The 17th Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Joe – Hymns 81, 39, 261, 366
11.30am – Holy Communion – Cleobury North
Revd Joe – Hymns 81, 39, 261, 366

Sunday 29th September 2024
St. Michael & All Angels
The 18th Sunday after Trinity (Green)

10.00am – Group Holy Communion – Wheathill
Revd Joe – Hymns 53, WT38, 532, 321

Activities & News throughout the Benefice

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

Saturday 14th September
Neenton Fete & Duck Race – 2.00 – 5.00pm.

Saturday 14th September
Shropshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride – 10.00am – 6.00pm – see overleaf!

Saturday 21st September
Chetton Breakfast at The Down 9.00am

Tuesday 24th September
Coffee Morning and Raffle
at the Old Rectory, Cleobury North
10.30am – 12 noon.

Friday 27th September
Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors 11.00am – 1.00pm

As we have so many lovely things to look forward to in the Benefice this month and into the Autumn, please see further on in the pew sheet for the full details of each event! If you would like us to add anything that is happening in your Parish – please let us know!

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Collect for the day

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 15th September 2024

Psalm 19

Isaiah 50. 4 – 9a

The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has
opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn
backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did
not hide my face from insult and spitting. The
Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who
vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps
me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear
out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

James 3. 1 - 12

Taming the Tongue

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

A gentle reminder about
our WhatsApp Prayer Group

Our Benefice WhatsApp Group is proving to be a really lovely way of thinking of others. Each day a prayer is posted to think of all in our communities who work so hard to look after us. If you join there is never any pressure to take part, you can just read the prayers quietly or comment or add a symbol/emoji. 🙏💗
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. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions on how this works or how you can be involved.
We look forward to hearing from you.

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Mark 8. 27 - end

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

FURTHER DETAILS OF FUTURE DIARY DATES!

Sat 14th September – Neenton Fete & Duck Race, 2.00 – 5.00pm. Fun for all the Family! Sponsor a duck for £2.00. 1st Prize £100. BBQ. Beech Green Games. Bouncy Castle. Hook-a-Duck. Face Painting. Raffle. Skittles. Tombola. Come and have a lovely afternoon in the Village.

Sat 14th September - Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride & Stride between 10.00am – 6.00pm. A lovely way to see our beautiful Churches in Shropshire. Party with Daddy's Hat. Along a newly restored ancient bridle path between Loughton and Wheathill Churches. A pony-led walk at 11.00am with the Magic Hat and refreshments in between BOTH churches. The walking route will be signposted so start from either end. Please contact Sally on 01746 787419 for more information. *Did you spot the hat, & walkers on the front page*?!

Sat 21st September - Chetton Breakfast at The Down – 9.00am. Please contact Sheila 01746 789443 if you would like to join in this popular Community Event. Everyone welcome!

Tue 24th September – Coffee Morning at The Old Rectory, Cleobury North 10.30am – 12 noon. Please come and be part of this lovely event. £5.00 entry. There will be Tea, Coffee, Cakes and a Raffle. All donations for cakes, help and raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please come and help to raise monies for the very important repairs to Cleobury North Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fri 27th September – Be part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors 11.00am - 1.00pm in memory of Anne Pinson. There will be Tea, Coffee, Cakes, a Plant stall & Raffle. Any offers of help, cakes, plants & raffle prizes greatly appreciated. For all enquiries please contact Tony Brown on 01746 712532 or anthonybrown100@icloud.com
Please note Revd Joe is threatening a repeat visit of his already famous Bring & Buy stall! All donations for this gratefully received. If anyone has any spare carrier bags that they no longer need please could you bring them!

Saturday 12th October 2024
St. John the Baptist Harvest Supper at Ditton Priors Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets are £15.00 each. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.
Please contact Marjorie Jones for tickets on 01746 712423

Saturday 19th October 2024. Neenton Promise Auction at The Down Inn, starting at 7.00pm.
Tickets £25 to include two course meal. There will also be a raffle and lucky ticket prize. Many kind donations from local Businesses'. Please come along and support this event in aid of the WW1 Memorial Window Restoration in All Saints Church. All enquires please contact 01746 787093.

Friday 25th October 2024. Coffee and chat at Cleobury North Village Hall. Please come along. Further details to follow!

Saturday 2nd November 2024.
Artisan Christmas Fair at Chetton Village Hall 10.00am – 2.00pm. Please come and start your Christmas Shopping!

Saturday 2nd November 2024
First Coffee Morning of the Month at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors 10 .30am – 12.30pm.
Everyone welcome. Please join us for this lovely social event. There is no charge for entry.

Please let us know if you are starting to plan events!

BROWN CLEE BENEFICE
SERVICES OF HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 6th October 2024

St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors 9.30am

Harvest Supper on 12th October

St. Michael & All Angels, Aston Botterell 5.30pm

Followed by Light Refreshments & Sale of Produce. All donations gratefully received.

Sunday 13th October 2024

St. Giles, Chetton 11.30am

Followed by lunch at Church House. Please let Lisa or Sheila know if you would like to attend. Everyone welcome.

Holy Trinity, Wheathill 6.00pm

Sunday 20th October 2024

All Saints, Neenton 4.00pm

Followed by refreshments at The Pheasant

Loughton, Chapel of Ease 6.30pm

Sunday 27th October 2024

St. Peter & Paul, Cleobury North 6.00pm

To be followed by refreshments

ALL SOULS SERVICE
Sunday 3rd November 2024 at St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors, at 4.00pm

This year we will be holding our 'All Souls' Service' to commemorate and hold in our memory's those we love but see no longer. We will be getting in touch with all those who we have contact details for, who have lost loved ones over the past 2 years. However, we would be so grateful if you could let us know of anyone you feel would like to hear from us (and you have their permission to do so). It is such a comforting and special Service and brings great solace to all who attend. During the Service candles are lit by families and friends, or if you would rather sit quietly Revd Joe will light the candle for you. Afterwards if you feel able to stay, light refreshments will be served.

Further details to follow soon. Thank you.

WERE YOU CORRECT?!

1) What is the name of possibly the oldest pudding in the world? Ashure (Noah's Pudding). A delicious combo of dried fruit, nuts, grains and beans! Said to be first made by Noah after he arrived at Mt Ararat.

2) How many sports will be taking place at the Paris Paralympic Games? There will be 22.

3) Where is the oldest Oak Tree in Shropshire & which Anglo Saxon King did it precede?! Near Lydbury North, Bishops Castle and is thought to date back 1,200 years. Starting to grow before the reign of Alfred The Great!

4) Which Shropshire Company is re-known for the manufacture of large hedge-cutting equipment and where is its factory? McConnels, Ludlow.

5) In which village in Shropshire was the largest city in Roman Britain? Wroxeter.

6) What was Shropshire's original name and why? Scrobbesbyrigscir (not a typo!) meant Shrewsburyshire. The Normans who ruled England after 1066 found this a bit of a mouthful and so changed it to Salopesberia and Salopescira (still quite tricky to say I think!)

Just a little puzzle….. Answers next week!
Can you unscramble the names of these items which may and will be found inside a church?

1. **het doro cserne**
2. **ynmh oksbo.**
3. **tnof.**
4. **eth trneelc.**
5. **lesbl.**
6. **teh tipplu.**
7. **tisaend slsga.**
8. **vena.**
9. **lsiea.**
10. **lebbi.**

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