Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,

Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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...The Harvest is plentiful, but the Labourers are few: Therefore ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out Labourers into the Harvest...

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

Our Services
Sunday 20th October 2024
The 21st Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Joe – Hymns 393, 346, 437, 541
4.00pm – Harvest Festival – Neenton. Followed by refreshments at The Pheasant.
Dot Cartwright – Hymns 101, 505, 137, 534
6.30pm – Harvest Festival – Loughton
LMDG – Hymns 101, 9, 505, 534

Sunday 27th October 2024
The Last Sunday after Trinity (Green)

10.00am – Group Holy Communion – Chetton
Revd Joe – Hymns 209, 516, 193, 143
6.00pm – Harvest Festival – Cleobury North.
To be followed by refreshments
Revd Joe – Hymns 101, 9, 137, 534

Sunday 3rd November 2024
All Souls (Gold & White)

9.30am- Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Val – Hymns 473, 305, 259, 564
11.30am – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell
Revd Val – Hymns 473, 305, 259, 564
4.00pm – All Souls Memorial Service – Ditton Priors
Revd Joe – Hymns 63, 27, 490

Activities & News throughout the Benefice

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

Saturday 19th October 2024
Cleobury North Church 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Do come to a musical afternoon in aid of Brown Clee Churches and Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

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. 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 – 10.00am
Please come for coffee, cake & a chat to Cleobury North Village Hall. Everyone welcome

Tuesday 29th October 2024 – All day
Please remember that PAT testing will be taking place in all our Benefice churches today.

Saturday 2nd November 2024
First Coffee Morning of the Month at St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors, 10.30am – 12.30pm.
No charge for entry. Everyone welcome!

Saturday 2nd November 2024.
Artisan Christmas Fayre at Chetton Village Hall.
10.00am – 2.00pm. Please come along and start your Christmas Shopping. Not to be missed!

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Collect for the day

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 20th October 2024

Psalm 91. 9 - end

Isaiah 53. 4 – end

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 5. 1 - 10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, ,according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10. 35 – 45

The Request of James and John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

HARVEST READINGS
FOR SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER

Harvest Collect for the Day

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our won well-being; 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.

Harvest Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 126

Joel 2. 21 – 27

God's Response and Promise - Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

1 Timothy 6. 6 - 10

False Teaching and True Riches

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Matthew 6. 25 – 33 - Do Not Worry

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

How did you do in our Harvest Quiz?!

Did you unravel these popular Harvest Hymns?

1. Fdlsei dna tcstare ew ghlopu eth.
   We plough the fields and scatter.
2. Emoc uflanhtk mocc ey lpeepo.
   Come ye thankful people, come.
3. Rou onw nhkat ew dgo lal.
   Now thank we all our God.

Can you name 3 varieties of potatoes?
There are many answers but perhaps Maris Piper, Wilja & King Edward!

What was the name of the man who invented the seed drill? Jethro Tull.

Do you know where the Harvest Festival of Pongal is held? Can be either Sri Lanka or South India.

What does the Harvest Festival of Guetna celebrate and in which Country? The harvest of dates in Mauritania!

On what day do they celebrate the Saviour of the Apple Feast Day in Ukraine? 16 August.

How did the Romans celebrate Harvest? The 'Cerealia' was for the grain goddess Ceres. It was held for 7 days from mid to late April!

Do you know the name of the Vicar who is said to have invented the first Harvest Festival in church, and in which English County was it held?
Revd Robert Hawker and it was held in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

Do you know the translation of Lammas?
The first day of August, formally observed as Harvest Festival when the loaves from the first wheat harvest were blessed in church. The feast of first fruits.

TEA & TOAST

Please pray for our new Outreach 'Tea & Toast Event' on Monday 21st October 2024 9.00am – 10.00am at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors, after School/Nursery drop off as we seek to build our relationships with young people in our Benefice.
We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to this social occasion.

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

This year we will again 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 18 months. 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. In addition there will be the opportunity to leave a message on our special Memorial Tree inside the church. Thank you.

Please join us at our Wholeness Café should you need a time of reflection and support

Starting on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at Cleobury North Village Hall, 10.00am – 12.00noon.

Everyone welcome.
No charge for entry.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.