

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



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Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

....For all of you are one in Jesus Christ...



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

Our Services

Sunday 22nd June – First Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe – Hymns 366, 63, 473, 158

11.30am – Holy Communion - Loughton

Revd Joe

Sunday 29th June – Peter and Paul, Apostles (White)

9.45am – Holy Communion – Chetton

Revd Joe – Hymns 17, 427, 437, 423

11.30am – Holy Communion – Cleobury North

Revd Joe

Sunday 6th July – The Third Sunday after Trinity

(Green)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion - Neenton

Revd Joe

Please note change to usual venue at 11.30 due to Bishop Richard's visitation on 20th July

Saturday 12th July

2.00pm – Service of Commemoration to remember the 23 Airmen who lost their lives on and around The Brown Clee Hill during WWII.

At The Memorial on top of The Brown Clee.

Please see further on in the pew sheet for details.

Activities & News throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News or online at

www.achurchnearyou.com/Brown-Clee-Benefice

Saturday 21st June

Neenton Duck Race. 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Lots of fun for all the family. Please see further on in the pew sheet for details!

Saturday 21st June

Chetton Heritage Museum open instead of Sunday 22nd

Free entry but donations welcome for Midlands Air Ambulance & St Giles Church, Chetton.

Friday 27th June

There will be no Get together Coffee Morning at Cleobury North this month

Saturday 28th June

Chetton Breakfast at The Down 9.00am

Please contact Sheila if you would like to join this lovely start to the weekend! 01746 789443

Sunday 29th June

Aston Botterell Treasure Hunt, 1.00pm

Starting from Middle House Farm, Aston Botterell in 10 – 15 minute intervals. £10.00 per person to include light refreshments. Raffle. Please contact Ann on 079666 459806 to book your place!

Saturday 5th July

First Coffee Morning of the Month at St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors 10.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 5th July

Pimms & Puds at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors.
5.00 – 8.00pm.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are £12.50 and include

Drinks, Puds, Cheese & Crackers and music by the 'Black-eyed Susans.'

Please contact Marjorie on 01746 712423 to secure your place!

All proceeds to St. John the Baptist, Ditton Priors

Benefice Office: Open Monday & Wednesday 9.30am – 1.30pm

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Collect for the Day

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Isaiah 65. 1 - 9

The Righteousness of God's Judgement

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Readings for Sunday 22nd June 2025

Psalm 42, 43 (or 42 or 43)

1 Kings 19. 1 – 4 (5 – 7) 8 – 15a

Elijah Flees from Jezebel

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the

So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Galatians 3. 23 - end

The Purpose of the Law

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 8. 26 - 39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac - Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.'

**To All PCC Members
LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING!**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US
TO COMPLETE YOUR
SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

**On Wednesday 30th July
at Cleobury North Village Hall
9.30am – 2.30pm**

In line with the Church of England directive all PCC Members must undertake the necessary Safeguarding Training which needs to be updated every 3 years. There will be lots of information and guidance to help everybody fulfil their training in a familiar and very friendly environment.

Please contact Emma at the Benefice Office (01746 599217) to book your place or ask any questions that you may have. There is no charge for this course and refreshments will be provided.

**Thank you.
We look forward to hearing from you.**



**Saturday 21st June at Neenton
2.00pm – 5.00pm**

We are so looking forward to Neenton's Duck Race and Fete! Come along and try the Beech Green activities. This consists of four games: the scores for each one are recorded and the person with the highest number of points at the end of the day will be declared the winner and claim the prize!

Lots of fun for all the family!
Skittles, stalls, refreshments, tombola....



Sunday 29th June

Car Treasure Hunt!
Starting from Middle House Farm,
Aston Botterell
Bookings start at 1.00pm
At 10/15 minute intervals
£10 entry pp to include light refreshments.
There will be a raffle.

Do you enjoy a bit of detective work?!
Well what better way to spend an afternoon than a drive around our beautiful Benefice whilst solving and collecting clues!
Please phone Anne on 07966 459806 for details and to book your place!
All proceeds to St. Michael & All Angels,
Aston Botterell



Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Pimm's & Puds on
Saturday 5th July

at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. 5.00 – 8.00pm.

Tickets are £12.50 and include Drinks, Puds,
Cheese & Crackers and music by the 'Black-eyed Susans.'

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Sunday 20th July 2025
Group Holy Communion
At St. Michael & All Angels Church,
Aston Botterell, 10.00am

We will be joined by Bishop Richard.
Please do come along to this very special Service.

Light Refreshments will be served
Everyone welcome!



Saturday 12th July 2025
At the Memorial
on the Brown Clee at 2.00pm

We will be holding a special Service to remember all those who lost their lives on the Brown Clee Hill and surrounding area.

Transport to the Memorial Site will be provided and nearer the time a central meeting point will be confirmed. The last journey to the top of the hill will leave from here at 1.30pm.

Light refreshments will follow at Cleobury North Village Hall, where you will have the opportunity to meet with those who were involved in the installation of the Memorial plaque. If you feel unable to join us at The Memorial, you are most welcome to join us at Hall following the Service which we envisage will be at approximately 3.00pm.

If you would like to be part of this very important day please let Revd Joe or Emma know on any of the ways listed on the front page. Thank you.

And finally, the answers to last week's quiz!

1. Which famous UK music festival takes place in June? **Glastonbury.**
2. In June 1783 which brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot air balloon? **Joseph-Michel and Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier.**
3. Name one of three birthstones of June? **Pearl, alexandrite and moonstone.**
4. The month of June was named after a Roman goddess. What was her name? **Juno.**
5. Before Julius Caesar changed the calendar, what number was June originally in the year? **Four – there were only 10 months in the Roman calendar.**
6. In this month in 1936. Gone With the Wind was first published. Who was the author? **Margaret Mitchell.**
7. The first Boat race held on the Thames between Oxford and Cambridge took place in June of which year?
a) 1829
b) 1849
c) 1869