

Aston Botterell,
Burwarton,
Chetton,
Cleobury North,



Ditton Priors,
Loughton,
Neenton,
Wheathill.

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...Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him...



As a Church we pray for those who are ill and in need and for those recently departed and their families. We especially pray for the families of the late June Bryan and Myra Brougham. We also pray for Margaret Griffiths in Oldbury Grange Nursing Home.

Sunday 19th April

The Second Sunday after Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe – Hymns 62, 309, 220, 503

11.30am – Holy Communion – Neenton

Revd Joe - To be chosen by Neenton

6.00pm – Evening Prayer – Wheathill

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Sunday 26th April

The Third Sunday after Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors

Revd Joe

11.30am – Holy Communion –

Cleobury North

Revd Joe

Activities & News

throughout the Benefice

more info in Wheatland News
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www.browncleebenefice.org.uk
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Friday 17th April

Slow Stitching Workshop at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Join Jo for this lovely event to embroider memories & reflections of the local landscape. Free entry and all materials provided. No experience needed! Refreshments available to buy from The Willows Café

Thursday 23rd & 30th April

Our final Lent Course Sessions at The Pavilion, Ditton Priors, 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Friday 24th April

Julia's Get together Coffee Morning at Cleobury North Village Hall
10.30 am – 12 noon. Always a lovely event.

Friday 8th of May

Aston Botterell Fish & Chips and Quiz at The Boyne Arms, at 7.00pm.
Please contact Anne Preece for further details and to book your team on 07966 459806.

Saturday 16th May

St. John the Baptist Church Fete
1.00pm – 4.00pm. BBQ, Raffle, Stalls, and Games. Music from Saxophone ensemble 'Black-eyed Susans'

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

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Collect for the Day

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 19th of April

Psalm 116. 1 – 3, 10 - end

Acts 2. 14a, 36 - 41

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.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

The First Converts

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1. 17 – 23

A Call to Holy Living

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your

ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24. 13 - 35

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking

sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the

scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



This month we have had the pleasure of reading the Wedding Banns for Lydia Daisy Steele and Richard John William Davies who will be getting married on Saturday 30th May at St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors. We wish them both every blessing.



A Time for Prayer & Reflection

Please do join us at a time for prayer and reflection every other Thursday starting on Thursday 30th of April at 10.30am in The Pavilion, Ditton Priors. This will last for roughly 1 hour. It is a time to come together to pray as a group into our mission and vision for the Benefice.

It will also be a time to maybe reflect on a passage of scripture or some other reading or event that has spoken to us in a particular way.

Everyone is most welcome. If you feel that you would like to take part please let either Revd Joe or Emma at The Benefice Office by any of the usual ways

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions!