

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – APRIL 2025

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday

10am Benefice Holy Communion Farthingstone

### HOLY WEEK

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

7pm Benefice Compline with short reflection & music Farthingstone

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

7pm Benefice Compline with short reflection & music Adstone

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

7pm Benefice Compline with short reflection & music Litchborough

### Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

7pm Benefice Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar Blakesley

### Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

2pm – 3pm Benefice Quiet time of reflection at the foot of the cross Maidford

### Easter Eve Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April

11am Easter Activities for families Litchborough  
2-3pm Easter Activities for families Blakesley

## NOTICES & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- The next 'Open the Bible' meeting will be on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2-3pm at Litchborough Village Hall.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The Church Electoral Rolls are due for renewal this year and anyone who would like to be included will need to complete a new form. Please look out for forms in your parishes or contact Revd Sue for more details.**

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## THE LAMB FOLD LETTER

The Weekly Benefice Newsletter for the Churches of  
St Martin's, Litchborough; All Saints, Adstone;  
St Peter & St Paul, Maidford; St Mary's, Blakesley cum Woodend;  
and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

## Services in the Benefice today:

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

We have been asked to remember the following  
in our prayers:

David Aked-Walker, Katie Hakin, Carole Harrington, Diane Jones,  
Philip Le Roux, Sylvia Reynolds, James Wagstaffe  
and Chris Wright.

## Collect and Readings for Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

### Philippians 3:4-14

<sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.  
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have  
more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of  
Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the  
law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to  
righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss  
because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss  
because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For  
his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as  
rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not  
having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one  
that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based  
on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and  
the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if  
somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the  
goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has  
made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my  
own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining

forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize  
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of  
Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a  
dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the  
table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure  
nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house  
was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one  
of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> 'Why  
was this perfume not sold for  
three hundred denarii and the  
money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup> (He  
said this not because he cared  
about the poor, but because he  
was a thief; he kept the  
common purse and used to  
steal what was put into  
it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her  
alone. She bought it so that she  
might keep it for the day of my  
burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the  
poor with you, but you do not  
always have me.'



### Leading Your Church into Growth

God of Mission,  
who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our  
actions, joy to our worship and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to  
you, and in service to our local community,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.