

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – OCTOBER 2024

Sunday 13th October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Harvest Festival	Blakesley
4pm	Harvest Festival	Litchborough
5.30pm	Harvest Festival	Maidford
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Sunday 20th October – Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

9am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Sunday 27th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

9am	Holy Communion	Adstone
9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Farthingstone

OPEN THE BIBLE!

The next 'Open the Bible' meeting is on 8th October, 2pm-3pm in Litchborough Village Hall. If anyone would like to join who didn't come to the first one, please contact Revd Sue and she will let you have a copy of the book the group is following.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ARBORETUM OPEN AFTERNOON, Blakesley, 20th October 2-4pm, with teas & tombola, all in aid of St Mary's Church.

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St Peter & St Paul, Maidford; St Mary's, Blakesley cum Woodend;
and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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Sunday 6th October 2024 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

9am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
4pm	Harvest Festival	Farthingstone
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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' ²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³ He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴ They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵ But Jesus said to them,

'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." ⁷ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



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.