

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – FEBRUARY 2026

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday next before Lent

|         |                    |              |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|
| 9.30am  | Matins             | Maidford     |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion     | Litchborough |
| 10.30am | Music & Meditation | Blakesley    |

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday

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| 7.00pm | Holy Communion<br>Imposition of Ashes | Blakesley |
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### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – First Sunday of Lent

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|---------|------------------------|---------------|
| 9.00am  | Holy Communion         | Adstone       |
| 9.30am  | Matins                 | Maidford      |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion         | Blakesley     |
| 10.30am | Celtic Morning Worship | Litchborough  |
| 6pm     | Compline               | Farthingstone |

### Dates for your Diary

**Lent Course:** This year the Lent Course will once again be held in Maidford Village Hall at 7-8pm starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, followed by 2nd, 9th, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Following on from last year, we will be looking at 'The Commandments' session of The Pilgrim Course. Everyone is welcome.

**Open the Bible:** the next meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February in Litchborough Village Hall, 2-3pm.

**A 'Soup and Puds' lunch:** will be held in aid of Maidford church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February in Maidford Village Hall at 12.30pm. Please contact Deborah Chamberlain [deborahturner@btinternet.com](mailto:deborahturner@btinternet.com) or Merrill Mayo [merrillmayo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:merrillmayo@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to attend.

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## THE LAMBOLD LETTER

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and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Second Sunday before Lent

### Services in the Benefice today:

|         |                |               |
|---------|----------------|---------------|
| 9.00am  | Holy Communion | Farthingstone |
| 10.30am | Family Service | Blakesley     |
| 10.30am | Family Service | Litchborough  |
| 6pm     | Evensong       | Maidford      |

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

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

## Collect and Readings

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

### Romans 8:18-25

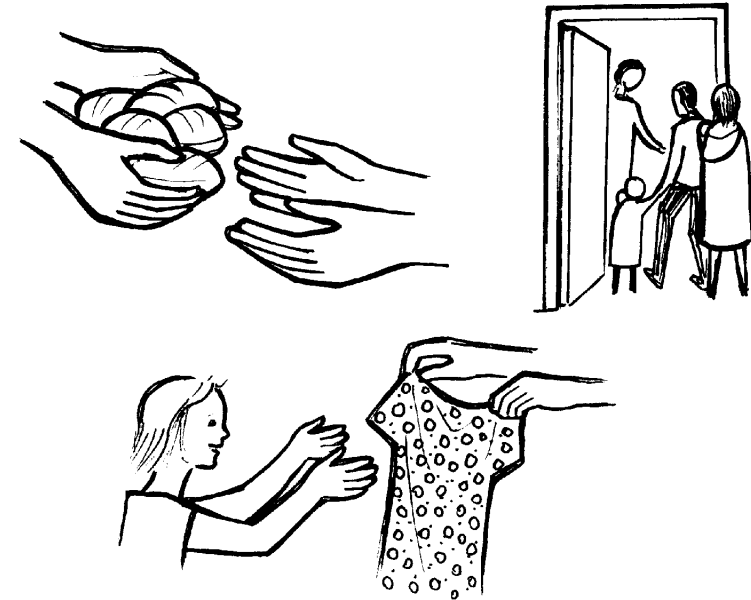
<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### Matthew 6. 25-end

<sup>25</sup> '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? <sup>26</sup> 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? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even

Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> 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? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.



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### 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.