

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 15th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 22nd September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

OPEN THE BIBLE!

If you would like to know more about the Bible and have the chance to ask questions and discuss it in an informal group (with tea/coffee and cake!) please come along on September 10th and every second Tuesday monthly, 2pm-3pm in Litchborough Village Hall. No prior knowledge of the Bible necessary!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday 14th September 2024 – sponsorship forms available from the NHCT website www.nhct.org.uk

ADSTONE IN THE FIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL – Saturday 14th September 2024, Elliotts Farmhouse, Adstone, 4- 10pm, Info & tickets available from: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/adstoneinthefieldmusicfestival1/1250965>

A CONCERT will take place at Blakesley Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 29th September, with the Benefice Choir and Michaelmas Daisies folk trio. Tickets are £7.50 (16 and under free) from Mary maryebarnett@btinternet.com or Trish 01327 860406 – to include a glass of wine and canapes.

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THE LAMBOLD 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 8th September 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

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| 9am | Holy Communion | Farthingstone |
| 10.30am | Celtic Morning Worship | Blakesley |
| 10.30am | Family Service | Litchborough |
| 4pm | Harvest Festival | Adstone |
| 6pm | Evensong | Maidford |

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 the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24 – end

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'



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.