

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – DECEMBER 2024

Thursday 19th December

6.00pm Carol Service Maidford

Saturday 21st December

5.00pm Carol Service and Nativity Adstone

Sunday 22nd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley
4.00pm Carol Service Farthingstone

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Benefice Christingle Service Blakesley
6.00pm Holy Communion for Christmas Farthingstone

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.00am Family Communion Adstone
9.30am Holy Communion by Extension Maidford
10.00am Family Communion Blakesley
11.00am Family Communion Litchborough

Sunday 29th December – First Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Benefice Family Communion Litchborough

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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 15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Services in the Benefice today:

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
4.00pm	Carol Service	Litchborough
6.00pm	Carol Service	Blakesley
6.00pm	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 the Third Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Philippians 4: 4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'
¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'
¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount

prescribed for you.'
¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the

Messiah,^[a] ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.



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.