

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Farthingstone
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

Sunday 1st December – Advent Sunday

10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6.00pm	Benefice Service of readings, music & meditations for Advent	Adstone

Tuesday 3rd December

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Family Service	Blakesley
10.30am	Family Service	Litchborough
6.00pm	Evensong	Maidford
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN THE BIBLE - our next 'Open the Bible' meeting will be on Tuesday 10th December, 2-3pm at Litchborough Village Hall.

ALL WELCOME!

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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 17th November 2024 Second Sunday before Advent

Services in the Benefice today:

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Music & Meditation	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 Second Sunday before Advent

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

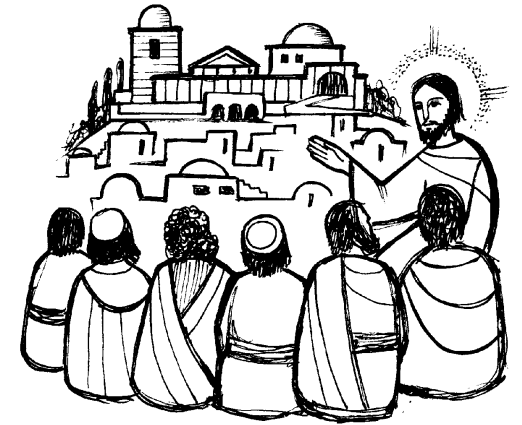
¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³ and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13:1-8

¹ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ² Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'



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.