

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MAY/JUNE 2025

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am	Holy Communion	Adstone
9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Farthingstone

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
9.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
11am	Celebration Service	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost

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

### NOTICES & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May there will be an open meeting of Deanery Synod in Blakesley Church at 7.30pm, with tea/coffee from 7pm. The speaker will be our Archdeacon Richard Ormston. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## THE LAMBOLD LETTER

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and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### Services in the Benefice today:

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Pet Service	Litchborough
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship*	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

\*Note change to normal service

### 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup> But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will

be saved." <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

### John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'



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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.