

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

Saturday 21st December

5.00pm Carol Service and Nativity Adstone

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

Sunday 5th January 2025 – Epiphany

9.30am Matins Maidford
10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley
6.00pm Compline Adstone

Tuesday 7th January

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

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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 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services in the Benefice today:

10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley
4.00pm Carol Service Farthingstone

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷ Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'
⁸ When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in
sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these
are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, 'See, I have come
to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the
second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through
the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1. 39-55

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in
the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and
greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and
exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the

sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And
blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what
was spoken to her by the Lord.'

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our
ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for
ever.'

of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'



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.