

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – FEBRUARY 2026

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Candlemas

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley

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

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday before Lent

9.00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Family Service	Blakesley
10.30am	Family Service	Litchborough
6pm	Evensong	Maidford

### Dates for your Diary

**Lent Course:** This year the Lent Course will once again be held in Maidford Village Hall at 7-8pm starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, followed by 2nd, 9th, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Following on from last year, we will be looking at 'The Commandments' session of The Pilgrim Course. Everyone is welcome.

**Open the Bible:** the next meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February in Litchborough Village Hall, 2-3pm.

**A 'Soup and Puds' lunch:** will be held in aid of Maidford church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February in Maidford Village Hall at 12.30pm. Please contact Deborah Chamberlain [deborahturner@btinternet.com](mailto:deborahturner@btinternet.com) or Merrill Mayo [merrillmayo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:merrillmayo@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to attend.

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## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### *The Conversion of Paul*

### Services in the Benefice today:

9.00am	Holy Communion	Adstone
9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
6pm	Compline	Farthingstone

We have been asked to remember the following  
in our prayers:

David Aked-Walker, Katie Hakin, Carole Harrington, Diane Shaw,  
Philip Le Roux, Sylvia Reynolds, James Wagstaffe  
and Chris Wright.

## Collect and Readings

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
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.

### Acts 9:1-22

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup> The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house.

He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' <sup>21</sup> All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' <sup>22</sup> Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.



### Matthew 19. 27-end

<sup>27</sup> Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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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.