

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – JANUARY 2025

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany

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

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January – First Sunday of Epiphany

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

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

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## **THE LAMBOLD 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 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

## ***First Sunday of Christmas***

**Services in the Benefice today:**

**Benefice Holy Communion**

**10.00am**

**at Litchborough**

**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 First Sunday of Christmas

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 1 Samuel 2:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

### Luke 2:41-52

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup> He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you

not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all

these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.



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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.