

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE –APRIL 2025

Sunday 6th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Farthingstone
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HOLY WEEK

Monday 14th April

7pm	Benefice Compline with short reflection & music	Farthingstone
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Tuesday 15th April

7pm	Benefice Compline with short reflection & music	Adstone
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NOTICES & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st March - *The Lent Group*, 7-8pm, Maidford Village Hall. We will be following the Pilgrim sessions on the Lord's Prayer.

Thursday 3rd April - *Lent Frugal Lunch*, 12 -1.30pm - homemade soup, bread and fruit, in Litchborough Village Hall in aid of Daventry Food Bank and Mary's Meals

PLEASE NOTE: *The Church Electoral Rolls are due for renewal this year and anyone who would like to be included will need to complete a new form. Please look out for forms in your parishes or contact Revd Sue for more details.*

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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 30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

Services in the Benefice today:

10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Maidford
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Blakesley
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Litchborough
11am	Mothering Sunday Service	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 Mothering Sunday

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹² “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of

flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

Mark 1:29-34

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to

Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.



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.