### **SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – DECEMBER 2025**

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Matins Maidford
10:30am Holy Communion Blakesley
6pm Compline Adstone

### Sunday 14th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.30amHoly CommunionMaidford10:30amFamily ServiceLitchborough4pmCarol ServiceFarthingstone6pmCarol ServiceBlakesley6pmComplineAdstone

## 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.

## **Notices and Dates for your Diary**

Adstone Apple Juice – Romayne Wood has apple juice for sale in aid of Adstone Church funds. Please contact her on 07969 922991 if you would like some!

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## THE LAMBFOLD 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 30<sup>th</sup> November *First Sunday of Advent*

## **Services in the Benefice today:**

**Benefice Holy Communion** 

10.00am

at

Adstone

## **Collect and Readings**

### Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. now and for ever.

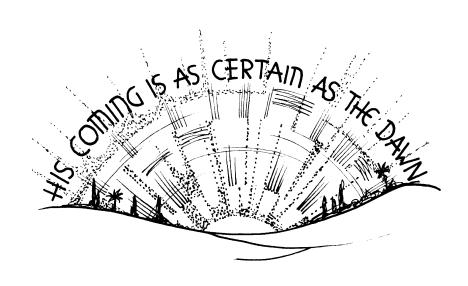
### Romans 13:11-end

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake

therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



## **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.