

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday 16th December

6pm	Carol Service	Adstone
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Sunday 21st December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
4pm	Carol Service	Litchborough
6pm	Carol Service	Maidford
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4pm	Benefice Christingle	Blakesley
6pm	Christmas Holy Communion	Farthingstone

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

9am	Family Communion	Adstone
9.30am	Holy Communion by extension	Maidford
10am	Family Communion	Litchborough
11am	Family Communion	Blakesley

Sunday 28th December – First Sunday of Christmas

10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Blakesley
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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 14th December ***Third Sunday of Advent***

Services in the Benefice today:

9.30am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10:30am	Family Service	Litchborough
4pm	Carol Service	Farthingstone
6pm	Carol Service	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

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

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 35. 1-10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Matthew 11:2-11

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



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.