

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MARCH 2026

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley

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

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
10.30am	Family Service	Litchborough
6.00pm	Evensong	Maidford

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Family Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Blakesley

### 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.

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## THE LAMBFOLD LETTER

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and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 First Sunday of Lent

### 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 and James Wagstaffe.

## Collect and Readings

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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.

### Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

**3** <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup> but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup> But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



### 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.