

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday 30th August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Holy Communion Maidford

Tuesday 1st September

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

Sunday 6th September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley

4pm Pet Service Maidford

6pm Compline Adstone

Sunday 13th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Farthingstone

10.30am Celtic Morning Worship Blakesley

10.30am Family Service Litchborough

4pm Harvest Festival Adstone

6pm Evensong Maidford

Sunday 20th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Maidford

10.30am Holy Communion Litchborough

10.30am Music & Meditation Blakesley

4pm Harvest Festival Blakesley

6pm Compline Adstone

Dates for your Diary

6th September – 4pm, Pet Service at Maidford. Everyone is invited, with or without a pet, followed by tea and cake.

13th September - Historic Churches 'Stride, Ride or Drive' - all of our Benefice churches will be open.

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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 23rd August 2026 *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

Services in the Benefice today:

9am	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, David Cockshott, Katie Hakin,
Carole Harrington, Philip Le Roux, Sylvia Reynolds, Diane Shaw
and James Wagstaffe.

Collect and Readings

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

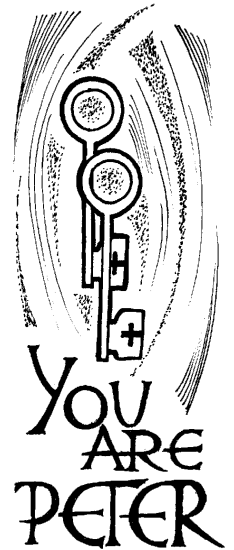
Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;^[a]
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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.