SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – AUGUST 2025

Sunday 31st August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Benefice Service

Litchborough

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next 'Open the Bible' meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th September, 2-3pm at Litchborough Village Hall

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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



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 24th August 2025 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

9.00am Holy Communion Adstone

9.30am Matins Maidford

10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley

* * * SERVICE AT LITCHBOROUGH CANCELLED * * *

6.00pm Compline Farthingstone

Collect and Readings

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

Hebrews 12, 18-end

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷ This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was guite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be



cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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.