

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MAY 2026

3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Tuesday 5th May

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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Sunday 10th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Family Service	Blakesley
10.30am	Family Service	Litchborough
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Sunday 17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Litchborough Arts Festival - Sat 25th/Sun 26th May, 11am-5pm, art exhibition in church, lunches, teas, tombola and craft stalls in the Village Hall

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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 26th April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services in the Benefice today:

9am	Holy Communion	Adstone
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Farthingstone

**PLEASE NOTE: MATINS AT MAIDFORD IS CANCELLED
AND
THERE IS NO SERVICE AT LITCHBOROUGH DUE TO
THE ART FESTIVAL**

**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 God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 2. 42 -end

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

¹⁹For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

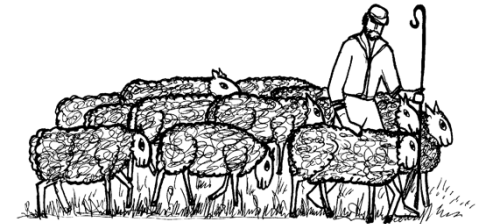
²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by

his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10

¹'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



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.