

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4th October– Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Tuesday 6th October

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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Sunday 11th October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Family Service	Blakesley
4pm	Harvest Festival	Litchborough
5.30pm	Harvest Festival	Maidford

Sunday 18th October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 3rd October 'The Call of the Kingfisher' - a talk about wildlife along the River Nene by Nick Penny, 7.30pm at Blakesley Village Hall, in aid of Blakesley Church and Reading Room. Tickets £15, available from Corinnerussell1@msn.com

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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 27th September 2026 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice this Sunday

9am	Holy Communion	Adstone
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
4pm	Harvest Festival	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 God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

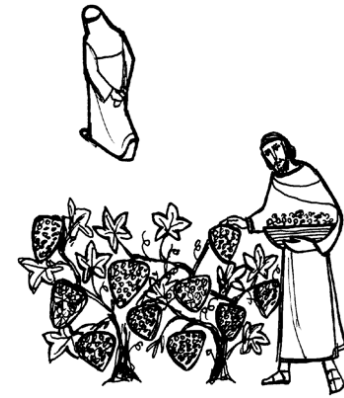
Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe 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.