

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – OCTOBER 2026

Tuesday 6th October

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

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

Sunday 25th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion Adstone
9.30am Matins Maidford
10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley
10.30am Celtic Morning Worship Litchborough
6pm Compline Farthingstone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th October **Concert** at Litchborough Church by the Lambfold Benefice Choir and Michaelmas Daisies at 6.30pm. It is the final concert by the Benefice choir which is sadly disbanding after 31 years. Tickets on the door - £7.50 - to include a drink. Proceeds to Litchborough Church.

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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 4th October 2026 *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Services in the Benefice this Sunday

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

**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,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 3:4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21. 33-46

³³‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

⁴²Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.



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.