

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – JULY 2026

Tuesday 7th July – There will be no Woodend Holy Communion this month

Sunday 12th July –Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
10.30am	Family Service	Litchborough
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Sunday 19th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10.30am	Family Service	Blakseley
6pm	Compline	Adstone

Sunday 26th July – Eighth 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

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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 5th July 2026 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

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,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'



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.