

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – SEPTEMBER 2024

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Farthingstone  
10.30am Celtic Morning Worship Blakesley  
10.30am Family Service Litchborough  
4pm Harvest Festival Adstone  
6pm Evensong Maidford

### OPEN THE BIBLE!

If you would like to know more about the Bible and have the chance to ask questions and discuss it in an informal group (with tea/coffee and cake!) please come along on September 10<sup>th</sup> and every second Tuesday monthly, 2pm-3pm in Litchborough Village Hall. No prior knowledge of the Bible necessary!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024** – sponsorship forms available from the NHCT website [www.nhct.org.uk](http://www.nhct.org.uk)

**ADSTONE IN THE FIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, Elliotts Farmhouse, Adstone, 4- 10pm, Info & tickets available from: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/adstoneinthefieldmusicfestival1/1250965>

**A CONCERT will take place at Blakesley Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, with the Benefice Choir and Michaelmas Daisies folk trio. Tickets are £7.50 (16 and under free) from Mary [maryebarnett@btinternet.com](mailto:maryebarnett@btinternet.com) or Trish 01327 860406 – to include a glass of wine and canapes.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Services in the Benefice today:

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd Lulu Pelly Maidford  
6pm Compline Adstone

### 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.

## Collect and Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

### Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup> So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup> You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' <sup>7</sup> For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup> But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your

disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'



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## 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.