

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – DECEMBER 2024

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

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion Farthingstone  
10.30am Family Service Blakesley  
10.30am Family Service Litchborough  
6.00pm Evensong Maidford  
6.00pm Compline Adstone

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion Maidford  
4.00pm Carol Service Litchborough  
6.00pm Carol Service Blakesley  
6.00pm Compline Adstone

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm Carol Service Maidford

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

5.00pm Carol Service and Nativity Adstone

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**OPEN THE BIBLE** - our next 'Open the Bible' meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2-3pm at Litchborough Village Hall.

**ALL WELCOME!**

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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> December 2024

# Advent Sunday

## Services in the Benefice today:

10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley

6.00pm Benefice Service of Adstone

readings, music &

meditations for Advent

**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 Advent Sunday

### Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and

know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'



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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.