

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MARCH 2024

Tuesday 5th March

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

Sunday 10th March – Mothering Sunday

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

Sunday 17th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion Maidford
10.30am Holy Communion Litchborough
10.30am Music & Meditation Blakesley
6.00pm Compline Adstone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lent Course

Have you ever wanted to find out more about prayer? Why do we do it? Why doesn't it always work? This year on Tuesday evenings during Lent, we will be following 'The Prayer Course' which takes us on a journey through the Lord's Prayer, learning together and helping us to grow in our relationship with God. The first session will be on Tuesday 27th February at 7pm in Maidford Village Hall.

For more details, please contact Sue

Bishops' Bible Day

Saturday 9th March 2024

This year's theme will be the Book of Judges

More details to follow

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and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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Sunday 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

Services in the Benefice:

9.00am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6.00pm	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 & Readings for Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

Exodus 20. 1-17

¹ Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



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.