

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MARCH 2025

Sunday 16th March – Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.00am	Holy Communion	Adstone
9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
6.00pm	Compline	Farthingstone

Sunday 30th March – Mothering Sunday

10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Maidford
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Blakesley
10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Litchborough
11am	Mothering Sunday Service	Adstone

NOTICES & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10th March - *The Lent Group*, 7-8pm, Maidford Village Hall. We will be following the Pilgrim sessions on the Lord's Prayer.

Tuesday 11th March - The next ***Bible Study*** meeting, 2-3pm in Litchborough Village Hall

Thursday 20th March & 3rd April - *Lent Frugal Lunches*, 12 -1.30pm - homemade soup, bread and fruit, in Litchborough Village Hall in aid of Daventry Food Bank and Mary's Meals

PLEASE NOTE: *The Church Electoral Rolls are due for renewal this year and anyone who would like to be included will need to complete a new form. Please look out for forms in your parishes or contact Revd Sue for more details.*

**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.



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 9th March 2025 *First Sunday of Lent*

Services in the Benefice today:

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

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Collect and Readings for First Sunday of Lent

Collect

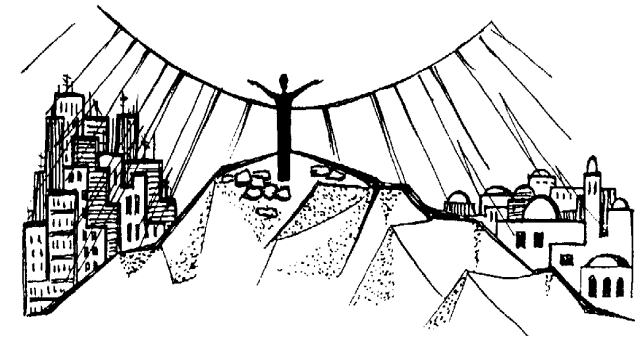
Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."
⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸ Jesus answered him, 'It is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."
⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",
¹¹ and
"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."
¹² Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."
¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



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.