

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – JANUARY 2025

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**OPEN THE BIBLE** - our next 'Open the Bible' meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2-3pm at Litchborough Village Hall.

**ALL WELCOME!**

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## THE LAMB FOLD 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Baptism of Christ

### 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

**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 Baptism of Christ

### Collect

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.

### Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice

came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



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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.