

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MAY 2024

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost

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

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**MAIDFORD FETE - Saturday 15th June 2024**, at the Old Rectory, Maidford

**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)

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and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024** ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

### **Services in the Benefice today:**

9.00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Family Service	Litchborough
10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
6.00pm	Evensong	Maidford
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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Acts 1:15-17, 21-end

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup> 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they

have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.



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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.