

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

Saturday 11th November – Armistice Day

10.55am Act of Remembrance and Service Litchborough

Sunday 19th November – Second Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 26th November – Christ the King

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

Sun 3rd December – First Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion Blakesley
5.00pm A Benefice Service of Readings, Music and Reflections for Advent Litchborough

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st December **Concert by the Lambfold Choir and folk trio 'Michaelmas Daisies'** – 7pm at Farthingstone Church. Tickets £7.50 (with mulled wine & mince pie), free to children under 16. Tickets available from Betty Ore, Telephone: 01327 361426 Email: betts-o@hotmail.co.uk

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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 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

Services in the Benefice today:

9.00am Act of Remembrance Maidford
9.00am Holy Communion Farthingstone
9.00am Remembrance Day Service Adstone
10.50am Act of Remembrance Blakesley
10.50am Act of Remembrance in Joy Mead Farthingstone

**Prayers - we have been asked to remember
the following in our prayers:**

David Aked-Walker, Katie Hakin, Carole Harrington,
Diane Jones, Philip Le Roux, Rob Matthews, Sylvia Reynolds,
James Wagstaffe and Chris Wright

Collect and Readings for Remembrance Sunday

Collect:

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

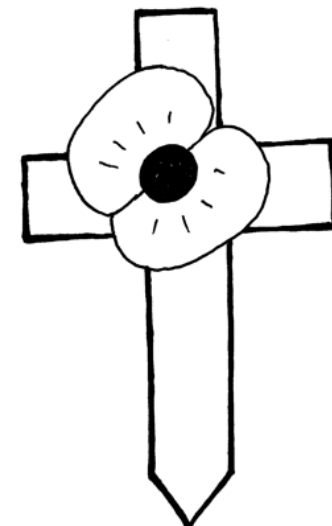
Micah 4:1-5

¹ In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
² and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
³ He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig
trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.
⁵ For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
for ever and ever.

Matthew 5:43-end

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



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.