

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent

|         |                |           |
|---------|----------------|-----------|
| 9.00am  | Matins         | Maidford  |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | 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 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in Maidford Village Hall.

*For more details, please contact Sue*

### *Bishops' Bible Day*

*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

*This year's theme will be the Book of Judges*

*More details to follow*

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## **THE LAMBOLD LETTER**

The Weekly Benefice Newsletter for the Churches of  
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and St Mary the Virgin, Farthingstone

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## ***Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024*** ***First Sunday of Lent***

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

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

## Collect & 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.

### 1 Peter 3. 18 – end

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### Mark 1. 9-15

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'



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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.

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### 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.