

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – AUGUST 2024

Sunday 4th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

Tuesday 6th August

9.30am	Holy Communion	Woodend
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Sunday 11th August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday 14th September 2024 – sponsorship forms available from the NHCT website www.nhct.org.uk

ADSTONE IN THE FIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL – Saturday 14th September 2024, Elliotts Farmhouse, Adstone, 4- 10pm, Info & tickets available from: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/adstoneinthefieldmusicfestival1/1250965>

A CONCERT will take place on Sunday 29th September, with the Benefice Choir and Michaelmas Daisies folk trio. More details to follow.

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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 28th July 2024 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

9.00am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Farthingstone
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 and Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

2 Kings 4. 42 – end

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' ⁴³But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

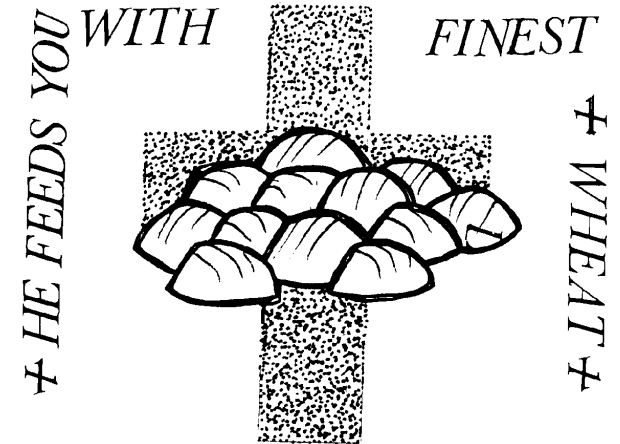
John 6:1-21

¹ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those

who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.



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.

