

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MARCH/APRIL 2024

### HOLY WEEK

#### Benefice Compline with Music & Reflection, 7pm at:

- Litchborough on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Blakesley on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (inc Stripping the Altar)

#### Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

- 2-3pm Benefice Quiet Time for Reflection at the Foot of the Cross at Maidford
- 7.30pm – Live Music & Meditation for Good Friday at Blakesley

#### Easter Eve, 30<sup>th</sup> March

- 11am Easter Activities for families at Litchborough
- 2-3pm Easter Activities for families at Blakesley

### APRIL

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter

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

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion Farthingstone  
10.30am Celtic Morning Worship Blakesley  
10.30am Family Service Litchborough  
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.

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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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Easter Sunday

### Services in the Benefice today:

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Adstone
- 9.00am Holy Communion by ext at Maidford
- 10.00am Holy Communion at Blakesley
- 10.30am Holy Communion by ext at Farthingstone
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Litchborough

### 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.

## Collect & Readings for Easter Sunday

### Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

### Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup> When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

