

The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet 14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services:

Said Eucharist – St Peter and St Paul Kedington 8am

Sung Eucharist – All Saints Great Thurlow 10am

Services this week:

Evening Prayer – Monday, the Church of St Peter and St Paul Kedington 5pm

Said Eucharist – Wednesday, the Church of St Peter and St Paul Kedington 10am

Services next Sunday

Sung Eucharist – St Peter' Little Thurlow 10am

Family Service – St Mary's Great Wrating 10am

Home Communion - Pastoral Care:

The Blessed Sacrament is perpetually reserved for the Communion of the housebound, the sick and dying. Please inform Fr Chris or a member of the ministry team, of parishioners who are sick or in hospital, and of those who are in need of pastoral care.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

By arrangement with the Rector

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Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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. **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 3 v 12 - 19
Second Reading 1 John 3 v 1 - 7
Gospel Reading Luke 24 v 36 - 48

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you O Lord

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Post-communion: Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen**

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Prayer List

Our prayers are asked particularly for:

Terry Chittock – Leo and Val Farthing – Lizzie – Rosie Bryanton – Sam Sheppard -
Levi – Conrad Hawkins – Vi Wyatt – Roger Gawthrop – Marianna Cullen-Slivová
Richard Pound – Don Phillips – King Charles – Katherine, the Princess of Wales
Mirjam Gault

We also pray for others. Those who have asked to be remembered in our prayers in church and at home.

We pray for those that have recently died and whose loss we mourn:

Adelka – Neil Curtis – Colin Dobell

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

All And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

All And rise in glory

An invitation: If you wish to receive communion please come forward when guided by the stewards. Members of other churches who usually receive communion are welcome to do so here. Those not wishing to receive communion are welcome to come for a blessing; it is helpful if you indicate this by bringing your service booklet with you. If you find it difficult to come to the altar rail, please tell this to the steward on duty, so communion may be brought to you in your seat.

Gluten free Communion wafers are available – please ask when you come up to the altar rail.

Notices

Sharing of the common cup is now permitted. However, if you do not wish to receive from the Chalice, please say 'Intinct' as the Priest approaches you, and they will intinct the wafer in Consecrated wine from a separate Chalice.

Forthcoming events:

Please send me details of events you wish to publicise by email or phone, and I will do my best to include it (subject to space):

Fr Chris Giles – stourheadbenefice@gmail.com 01440 762901

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Church Café “Dolce Gusto” 10am until 12 noon at St Peter and St Paul’s Church in Kedington.

Monday 6 May Kedington Duck Race

Race begins 1pm at the bridge in Silver Street Park. Ends at the weir next to the Great Meadow. Buy your “duck” at Kedington Butchers, the Spar Shop or on the riverbank on the day. £1 per duck. The first three ducks past the finish post win a cash prize. Proceeds to Kedington Church Restoration Fund. Licensed bar, BBQ and soft drinks on sale on the meadow from 1.30pm.

Ascension Day Thursday 9 May

8.15am Service at the foot of the Church Tower, followed by and Sausage Breakfast at St Peter and St Paul’s Kedington

Saturday 25 May

Benefice Garden Party and Barbecue at Great Wratting Hall 5pm – 8pm. Free BBQ and bar. All welcome. Parking available in the farm entrance. For catering purposes, please let Ruth (ruthhopper@btinternet.com) or Jill (jill@gourmet-knights.co.uk) know if you would like to attend.

Bishop Martin’s Visit – 26 May, The Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich in his final year in post is coming to preside and preach at our Eucharist service.

Great Wratting Fete – Saturday 1 June. Hall Farm 1pm

Little Thurlow Garden party – 6pm Friday 28 June

Great Bradley evening event – Friday 29 June, more details to follow.

Great Bradley Fete – Great Bradley Hall 30 June 2pm.

Safeguarding – Safeguarding is about caring for one another and our community. As Christians, this is something we all need to do. If you would like any training or have any questions; please contact our Safeguarding Officer, Sharon Brandon 01440 786665 or another member of the Ministry team.

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