

Pew Sheet 20 July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services:

10am Holy Communion St Peter's Little Thurlow

10am Family Service St Mary's Great Wrating

Services this week:

Evening Prayer 5pm Monday St Peter and St Paul's Kedington except Bank Holidays

Wednesday 10am Said Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

Services next Sunday

10am Holy Communion St Mary the Virgin, Great Bradley

6pm Evensong (BCP) St Peter and St Paul Kedington

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The Stourhead Benefice

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading	Genesis 18 v 1 - 10
Second reading	Colossians 1 v 15 - 28
Gospel reading	Luke 10 v 38 - end

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you O Lord

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Home Communions - 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.

Prayer List

Our prayers are asked particularly for:

Terry Chittock – Charlie – Jacob and his family – Leo and Val Farthing – Jackie
Andrew Pound – Freya – Ann Daplyn – Judy Jesky – Bryan Chambers
Graeme Van de Zande – Orla – Pat Pearse – Bob Torrens – King Charles

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:

Tim Valente

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.

Sharing of the common cup is 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.

Notices

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

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

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Sunday 27 July West Suffolk Classic Car Show in Kedington 10am until 4pm.

Thurlow Fayre - 7 September. 10am - 4pm on Thurlow Recreation Ground.

Great Wratting Parish Council are organising a **village BBQ** on **Friday 12 September 2025** from 6pm until 9pm in the Paddock, the meadow adjacent to the Gt Wratting Beacon. Cambridge Jazz company will be providing music. The team from the Wratting Red Lion will be running a bar, cash or card payments. BBQ food will also be on sale. Burgers £5 each and hot dogs £2.50. Cash only for the food. Please book in advance with Terry Holloway terryholloway.33@btinternet.com including any dietary requirements.

Suffolk Historical Churches Ride and Stride Saturday 13 September. If you have agreed to open your parish church on this day, you should have received the pack of forms and documents by now. Please ensure the church is unlocked or leave refreshments and the sign-in sheets in the porch. On the same day, the Classic Cars will be beginning their drive at Gt Thurlow at 10am.

Saturday 20 September 2025

Kedington Church “Home-made and Home-grown” in the church. Contact Jill Davis for a schedule or find it on this link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/698448394584248>

Kedington Church Summer Fete 20 September on the meadow off church walk, by kind permission. BBQ and Bar from 1pm. All other traditional stalls open 2pm. Prizegiving and auction of produce 4pm.

Little Bradley Barn Dance Saturday 18 October 2025. Details to follow.

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 Fr Chris or another member of the Ministry team. Benefice Safeguarding Officers are Naomi Shelmerdine and Ruth Hopper contact phone number is 07405 624132

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