

Pew Sheet 31 August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services:

10am Holy Communion St Mary's Little Wrattling followed by Summer Brunch.
4pm Songs of Praise All Saints Barnardiston followed by light refreshments

Services this week:

Evening Prayer 5pm Monday St Peter and St Paul's Kedington.
Wednesday 10am Said Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

Services next Sunday

10am Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul Kedington

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Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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	Jeremiah 2 v 4 - 13
Second reading	Hebrews 13 v 1 – 8 and 15 - 16
Gospel reading	Luke 14 v 1 and 7 – 14

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Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you O Lord

On one occasion when Jesus^[a] was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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 – Jacob and his family – Leo and Val Farthing – Jackie – Andrew Pound
Ann Daplyn – Judy Jesky – Bryan Chambers – Orla – Graeme Van de Zande
David and Pat Pearse – Rev Bob Torrens – Mike Driscoll – Andrew Harrison
King Charles

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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:

Margaret McCaffery – Doreen Rosemary (Rose) Wheatley – Allan Wright
Arlene Quelch – Gerry Joyce

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.

Kedington Churchyard Gardening Morning Saturday 6 September 9am until 1pm.

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

Great Wrattling 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 Wrattling Beacon. Cambridge Jazz company will be providing music. Bar for cash or card payments. BBQ cash only Burgers £5 each and hot dogs £2.50. Please book in advance via terryholloway.33@btinternet.com including any dietary requirements.

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Suffolk Historical Churches (SHCT) Ride and Stride Saturday 13 September. If you would like to walk or cycle around the local churches and seek sponsorship in aid of Suffolk Historic Church Trust, speak to the churchwarden in your parish. Half the money raised goes to the SHCT and half goes direct to the parish of your choice.

Churchwardens, if you have indicated that your church will be open on 13 September, please ensure the sign-up sheet and refreshments are available. As part of the SHCT Drive, the Classic Cars will leave Gt Thurlow Hall 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 in the Benefice News.

Kedington Church Summer Fete on the meadow off church walk, by kind permission. BBQ and licensed bar (including real ale) from 1pm. All other traditional stalls open 2pm. Prizegiving and auction of produce 4pm.

Harvest Lunch at Great Bradley Sunday 28 September from 12.30pm, following, the **Harvest Festival Service which will begin at 11am**. Adults £12.50 and £5 for children for casserole, jacket potato, dessert and drinks. (Vegetarian and gluten-free options available.) To book and for more information contact Sue Ireland sue.m.ireland@gmail.com

Harvest Supper at Kedington. Harvest Festival 5 October 4pm followed by bring and share supper. Contact Jill Davis 01440 713137 or Lol Far 01440 704179 to arrange what dish to bring.

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

“Champion of Champions Quiz” at Little Bradley Friday 28 November. More information 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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