

Pew Sheet 21 September

St Matthew

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.

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

Services next Sunday

11am Holy Communion St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley

Please note the later start time. This service will be followed by a Harvest Lunch. See notices inside Pew Sheet for booking details.

6pm Evensong at St Peter and St Paul Kedington

Ministry Team:

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Collect: O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son 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	Proverbs 3 v 13 - 18
Second reading	2 Corinthians 4 v 1 - 6
Gospel reading	Matthew 9 v 9 - 13

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

As Jesus was walking along,
he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.'
And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,
'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'
But when he heard this, he said,
'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means,
'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'
For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; 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 – Andrew Pound
Ann Daplyn – Kirk Pearson – Bryan Chambers – Orla – Graeme Van de Zande
David and Pat Pearse – Rev Bob Torrens – Mike Driscoll – Andrew Harrison
Paul Allard – 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:

Allan Wright – Arlene Quelch – Gerry Joyce – Judith Swails – Stella Francis

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

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

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

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Harvest Supper at St Peter and St Paul's, Kedington. Harvest Festival Service **Sunday 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.

Kedington Church Bingo Friday 10 October 2025. Kedington Royal British Legion Hall. Doors open 7pm; eyes down 7.30pm. Over 18's only £10 for six games plus flyer. Cash prizes. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle – cash only please. To book or for more information contact Marion 07833 431184
All proceeds to St Peter and St Paul's Church Kedington

Little Bradley Barn Dance Saturday 18 October 2025. At the Garden Barn. Dancing to Kelly's Eye. 7pm until 11pm. Pre-book tickets from Mirjam 07770885956 or emily@thegardenbarn.co.uk or. Tickets £25 adults, less for under 18's. Bar. In aid of All Saints Church Lt Bradley.

"Champion of Champions Quiz" at the Grden Barn Little Bradley Friday 28 November. Win £200 for your PCC. £12.50 entry per team member. Optional food, fish, chicken or scampi all with chips. Entry forms available from colin@littelbradleyhall.co.uk
Entries close 14 November 2025

An Evening of Music with the Emergers. Saturday 6 December 2025 6.30pm.
To celebrate the completion of major repairs to the church and to say thank you to all who helped with fundraising and to give the opportunity for everyone to admire the results. Wine and canapes will be served. For FREE tickets, contact Molly on mollyhawkins10@aol.com There will be a retiring collection.

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):

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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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