

Pew Sheet 5 October 2025

Harvest Festival

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services:

10am Holy Communion Harvest Festival at All Saints Little Bradley

4pm Harvest Festival at St Peter and St Paul Kedington

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

8am Said Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

10am Holy Communion All Saints Great Thurlow

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Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

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First reading	Deuteronomy 26 v 1 - 11
Second reading	Philippians 4 v 4 - 9
Gospel reading	John 6 v 25 - 35

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you O Lord

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'" Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion Prayer: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; 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:

Stella Francis – Joan Ford

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.

TODAY Harvest Supper at St Peter and St Paul’s, Kedington. Harvest Festival Service 4pm followed by bring and share supper. Contact Jill Davis 01440 713137 or Lol Far 01440 704179 to arrange what dish to bring. Non-perishable goods may be brought to the service as a harvest offering. These will be passed on to the local food bank

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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.

Saturday 25 October Haverhill Singers invite you to come and sing Vivaldi's Gloria and other choral pieces. Singers of all ages and experience welcome. Rehearsal 2pm and performance 7pm in St Mary's Church, Haverhill. Book on-line at www.haverhillsingers.org or call 07702310044 or 07765087424. £10 to take part and/or attend the concert.

"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 in All Saints Church, Great Thurlow. 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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