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Father Chris writes

Dear Friends

As I write, it seems we have jumped into Autumn. The days are now getting shorter; it is much darker in the evenings and mornings. The leaves on the trees are beginning to change colour and the road opposite me, is lined with fallen conkers. All signs that Autumn has arrived. The gentle rustle of leaves beneath our feet and the aroma of damp earth serves as a constant reminder of God's ever-changing creation. Each leaf is transformed from a vibrant green to a fiery red or even a golden yellow, it showcases the beauty of transition. Likewise in our lives, seasons can change and sometimes be challenging but they have the potential to bring forth beauty and growth.

Autumn is a time of harvest. I am enjoying apples that friends are sharing with us. My son Jacob and I have started cutting logs ready for when we light the fire in the front room, it is now a time of preparing for Winter. We need to be preparing now for what might come both physically and spiritually. This unique ambience of Autumn pro-

vides both the perfect backdrop for reflection and a natural drawing to the warmth of our homes. In the quiet moments that this season offers, we can seek a closer communion with God. Just as Jesus often retreated to solitary places to pray, Autumn presents us with the opportunity to slow down to find our places of solitude, whether it's a quiet room or a peaceful woodland walk.

In this season of transition, let us embrace the profound stillness and beauty that Autumn brings in its silent wisdom. It reminds us of the importance of pausing, reflecting and drawing nearer to our creator. The seasons do change but God remains the same. How thankful I am for that truth. God is good no matter what season. He cares and provides for us, and we can trust that he will continue to do that. Autumn is a great time to just reflect on all God has done in our lives this past year. Counting our blessings, naming them one by one.

Every blessing
Fr Chris



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Fred fed Ted bread, and Ted fed Fred bread..

Thoughts for October and November

Some rambling thoughts for October and November.

October is one of my favourite months with its Autumn colours heralding the approach of winter. October is a beautiful reminder that change can be stunning and wonderful. Happy October a month to embrace with cozy sweaters and a warm drink. A time to begin to think about Christmas and perhaps hear on the radio the first singing of a Christmas carol.

Then the crisp air of November to remind us that another year is ending.

Welcome November the month of transition where every day offers a fresh start. November when the smell of food is different - it is an orange smell, a squash and pumpkin smell, a taste like cinnamon that can fill a house in the morning. Food is better in November with a promise of Christmas to come.

Christmas a time for tradition and singing favourite carols and hymns. When did this tradition begin?

It was thanks to Isaac Watts one of the greatest writers of hymns in the English language in the sixteenth century. Watts realised that the singing of hymns could be a powerful aid to personal devotion and made this the theme to one of his greatest hymns 'When I survey the wondrous cross'. He was a major influence in bringing hymn-singing into our worship, many of his hymns are still sung today including 'O God our help in ages past' and many more. He truly believed that the singing of Carols at Christmas and hymns during the Easter Season raises the tone and spirit of our services and concerts.

Susanna Wesley, born at the same time as Watts, was the mother of Charles and John Wesley . She was a remarkable person, not only producing 19 children although only 10 would survive into adult life, but also as a person of great discernment and influence. She led her famous sons into composing over 500 hymns so many of which are sung each week in our worship and also being leaders of the Evangelical Revival within the English Church with her own journal of Faith being a major factor.

What a woman! I would have loved to have met her.

Peter Smith member of the Ministry Team

EAST ANGLIAN MYTHS & LEGENDS QUIZ

1. Which East Anglian village is known as England's Nazareth?
2. Who is the king of the East Angles reputedly buried in the ship burial at Sutton Hoo?
3. In 1284 the Bishop of Ely founded which Cambridge college, its first?
4. Where in Suffolk is the easternmost point in the British Isles?
5. In 1980 US airmen reported UFO activity near which Suffolk village?
6. What was the disaster which occurred in Haverhill in 1667?
7. Who was the Suffolk born vice-admiral who gave his name to one of the shipping forecast areas?
8. Grimes Graves in Norfolk are not graves: what are they?
9. What animal was last reported as having been seen in Haverhill in 1123?
10. Newmarket Town Plate is the only horse race to have been won by an English monarch as a rider. Who was he?
11. The road in Haverhill adjacent to Queen's Square is called The Pightle. What is a pightle?
12. Who was the sculptor born at The Grange, Gt. Thurlow who died at Blandford Forum in 1992?
13. Which king of the East Angles was killed by the Vikings in 869 and became England's first patron saint?
14. The Battle of Sole Bay was fought off the Suffolk coast against the navy of which country?
15. Chipley Priory, Poslingford, now ruined, was run by which monastic order?
16. Who is the Queen buried in Bury St. Edmunds?

Thank you to Mike Morris for the quiz. Answers on Events Diary page.



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A Visitors Guide to Lourdes

Matthew Chapter 21

12: And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.

13: And said unto them, 'It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.'

Susie and I have travelled to the shrine of St Bernadette in Lourdes at least eight times over a period of several years. It is our most visited destination outside the UK and it is difficult to explain the reasons why we keep returning there. I think it is because it is a truly different place to any other we have been to, and we always find something new that we have not experienced before. The passage from Matthew is about as close an explanation of what Lourdes is like. It is and should be a place of pilgrimage, a place for the sick to find comfort and the faithful to come closer to Jesus, but the commercialism that feeds off those who visit is unrelenting from the moment you leave the area of the Shrine. Hundreds of thousands of mass-produced ornaments and souvenirs have replaced the New Testament doves.



How did Lourdes become like this? My own view is that it owes much to the time of the miracles coinciding with improved communications, the ability to travel by train and the post-revolution sentiment of the French people who had suffered under the early Republican rule. It is akin to a spa town and there some of these not far from Lourdes.

Born Bernadette Soubirous in 1844, St Bernadette came from a poor family. She was illiterate and worked as a child servant. Starting on February 11, 1858, the 14-year-old Bernadette experienced 18 visions of a 'beautiful Lady' in the Massabielle Grotto. During these apparitions, the Lady identified herself as Mary and instructed Bernadette to build a chapel at the site. A spring in the grotto was also revealed to Bernadette, from which miraculous water flowed, leading to countless cures. Despite her fame, Bernadette remained humble and chose to enter the Sisters of Charity at Nevers, France. She lived a life of quiet devotion, charity and suffering until her death at age 35 on April 16, 1879. Her body was found to be incorrupt after her death. Pope Pius XI beatified her in 1925, canonized her as a saint in 1933 and she is the patron saint of illness, poverty, and Lourdes.

For those who wish to visit the grotto, sample the Holy Water, worship at the Shrine and explore the buildings, you can start your journey in the centre of Lourdes, under the mediaeval castle that has long guarded the valleys leading up to the fine sharp peaks of the Pyrenees. On a fine day, the views are majestic, although low cloud often shrouds their beauty. The castle also houses an excellent museum that is worth seeing, it soars above the town and provides the best views of the area.

As you then descend the steep, narrow streets to the river and the church, the shops and crowds start to overwhelm your senses. There are easily over 100 gift shops all selling near identical items, vast boxes are stacked high just to hold the plastic containers that can be filled with Holy water at the shrine. There are Nativity sets costing €3000, vestments and goblets also costing thousands nestled amongst gaudy mementoes and trinkets of every kind that cost cents. There are huge quantities of candles for sale.



The theme of white and blue for the colours of St Bernadette jostle with the flags of the world that entice in the visitors from afar. It is truly multilingual as you pass families and pilgrim groups from across the globe.

Restaurants and narrow hotel doors squeeze into the spaces in these streets. As you finally cross the river, a look upstream reveals an endless line array of accommodation that look like a typical British sea front. Despite the income derived from the visitors, the area is also similar in appearance to our own neglected Victorian seaside resorts. The facades are crumbling, some buildings are derelict and there is an overall shabby decay that is not the same as that of classic French towns with their understated exteriors, this is an area unable to generate the wealth it once did.

The contrast as you enter the actual site of the church is stark. The walk up to the church is a wide paved area filled with all peoples. The basilica and the church that rests upon it glitter with gold, huge mosaics adorn the walls leading to wide sweeping ramps that reach to the upper levels. On the river side are the many taps that supply a constant stream of healing water, people queuing to fill their Lourdes branded plastic containers to take home.

To the side of the taps is a covered area for burning offertory candles, there are hundreds on tiered racks, tea lights, slender blue and white ones and the highly

decorated ones, many times the size of our Easter candles. As we stood by the Offertory, I spotted a worker enter a sturdy locked door with 25kg sacks of calcium stearate piled high on a trolley. This is not normal in a church. In my best French (below GCSE standard) I tried to ask what he was doing. In a moment I was ushered into the underground crypts beneath the church where the candles are actually made. The candles here dwarf the ones in shops, they weigh 70kg and need a dedicated trolley to move them. These large candles, that pilgrimage groups purchase, were stacked by the vats of molten wax, recycled from the drip trays outside. The calcium stearate is used to make the candles less translucent. I was fascinated by this and grateful to be allowed to witness the catacombs.



Beyond the prayer candles is the grotto of St Bernadette. A constant service is held as the hundreds of people queue to be blessed by the holy stone. It is cool to the touch after waiting in the heat of southern France and millions of hands have worn it smooth over the decades. I have visited sites of relics many times, they lie largely ignored in churches and cathedrals, this small spring tucked into a rocky river bank is the exception, the complete opposite, the queue is rarely less than 40 mins.

The Church, the Sanctaire Notre-Dame du Lourdes, is a relatively modern building and is regularly used. It is a steady climb to the doors, it sits above the more accessible Basilica Notra Dame du Rosaire. The basilica is divided into bays, each one a chapel, decorated with huge, colourful mosaics depicting the life of Christ. The walls are all clad with polished marble tiles, hundreds and hundreds of them engraved with the names of the families or churches who sponsored them.



While these churches are visible and impressive, Lourdes has another church that we failed to even notice the first time we visited. The main concourse has a large sward of grass to one side and underneath this is the Basilique Saint Pi X. The way in has all the appearance of the entrance to an underground car-park and there is little obvious to hint of the wonders inside. As you leave the daylight and enter the subdued lighting of the interior, you descend a gentle slope into a vast ribbed oval cavern of concrete, it is incredible. The main chamber is devoid of pillars, an open space that is 201m long, 81m wide and can accommodate 25,000 worshippers.

The walls are lined with images of Saints on hanging canvasses. There is an absence of gold adornment, bar the cross on the central altar. This absence of decoration is a profound contrast to the older churches and does give a genuine sense of awe.



When we were there this year, in August, there was a service at 5pm for the sick, that we decided to attend. I was confident we could follow the format. You may remember that John Eley initially retired to the Abbaye Notre-Dame de Senanque in Provence some years ago. Before he left the village, we decided to visit the Monastery to see the place he loved. We stayed for the morning service and the format of the liturgy was so similar to our services that it was easy to follow, even though it was delivered in a mixture of French and Latin. After this experience, we thought we could follow the service in Lourdes. It was completely unexpected in the end. After a procession of wheelchair and bed bound people who were seeking healing, the clergy gathered at the altar, wreathed in plumes of incense as the choir sang in at least five languages. There followed complete silence for 10 minutes. A hymn was sung and another 10 minute silence began. After the third hymn, a longer silence was held. Individually, we wondered if this was the start of a lengthy service and our car would be stranded behind locked gates by the time it finished. The next hymn saw the priest bless the congregation in sections and the service ended. Our lack of preparedness did mean we lost some of the point of the service. When we visit again, and we will, we can engage with the service because we now understand the purpose of it.

Back outside, in the evening rain, the complex was still busy with visitors and long trains of people in the curiously old-fashioned wheelchairs, propelled by the many volunteers, taking them back up the hill to the hospital/hotels nearby. We wound our way through the crowds, in the teeming rain, back to the shelter of our car, already thinking of our return.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit, you should do so, and then explore the glorious Pyrenees.

David, Bellringer for the Benefice
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We were pleased to receive a good number of entries in all the sections of this year's show despite the lateness of the date of the show and the unusual weather.

In particular, the children had been working very hard making bookmarks, greetings cards, gardens in saucers and models out of recyclable materials. The best in the children's section was Thomas Hitchcock's model of a boat. The Girl Guides had produced a beautiful set of painted rocks. The winner of this section was Holly Kimber.

Generally, the culinary section numbers were down, apart from the jams and chutneys. The culinary best in show was David Cianciola's apple pie.

The flower section is always a highlight. As usual, there were plenty of roses and this year a few dahlias too. We knew we were taking a risk, holding the show late in the year so it was no surprise that the number of entries in the fruit and veg classes were down. The entries we did have were of a high quality. In particular, Peter Wilken's extraordinary quince. They had to be seen to be believed.

The adult arts and crafts section was well subscribed. For the first time this year there were classes for ceramics. If this is something you would like to try, contact Carly Jones 07867 871611 or email Tithebarnceramics@gmail.com Several people had worked with Carly during the year to produce plates or cups. It was Kate Kendrick's plate that caught the judge's eye to win the Beryl Bracken Memorial Trophy.

For the overall trophy, points are awarded as follows: 1st: 5 points, 2nd: 3 points, 3rd: 1 point for all classes in all sections. The Keddy Trophy is awarded to the exhibitor achieving the highest number of points overall. For the third year running, this was won by Mary Richards. Well done, Mary! Some of the entries were kindly donated and were either auctioned off on the fete meadow by Neville Smith or sold on the fete produce stall.

Thank you to everyone who took part. Maybe next year you could have a go?

Jill Davis

Summary of the Trophy Winners 2025

Barbara Moulton Trophy for best in Culinary Section – David Cianciola

Jeannie Lee Memorial Trophy for best container of six mixed stems of flowers – Audrey Brett

Rose Driscoll Memorial Trophy for best single rose – Ana Brooke

Les Moulton Trophy for best in fruit and veg sections – Peter Wilkens

Mike Driscoll Trophy for best in Children's Classes – Thomas Hitchcock

Beryl Bracken Trophy for best in Arts and Crafts classes – Kate Kendrick

Kedington Rocks Trophy for best painted rock – Holly Kimber

Keddy Trophy for overall winner – Mary Richards

Next year's show will be on Saturday 12 September. Watch out for the revised schedule which will be published in this publication in January.



Photos (clockwise starting on L) showing Jeanie Smith presenting winners David Cianciola, Peter Wilkens, Thomas Hitchcock and Kate Kendrick with their trophies.

Buddy's Blog - September 2025

I am feeling my age, my dear friends.

Once again, I have had to wear the cone of shame because my old skin is not as good as it used to be and it makes me itchy. Sometimes my bones ache after a busy day on security duty. I like to sleep a lot. But with old age comes wisdom. I am wise like the owls that hoot in the trees above our garden.

In my wise, old age, I have discovered that life changes. Things do not stay the same for very long.

Even in my small world, there have been a lot of changes.

Big brother Logan moved into his new house. He is still in the same village as us and he pops in to take eggs from the chickens and he looks after us when Daddy and Mummy fly away to the beaches in the sun. But it is not the same as having him live with us. Change number 1.

Two years ago, our family had a big disaster. Mr Fox killed all our chicken family. We were all very sad. The garden was very quiet when they were gone. Change number 2.

But it was not quiet for long. New two-day old chicks came and joined our family. They started off quietly cheeping but now they cluck and scrap just like the chickens that were killed. They are not the same but it is better than no chickens. Change number 3.

Do you remember we had two rabbits in our family too? Flopsy and Mopsy? Just last month, Daddy went to feed them and Flopsy had died overnight. We were all sad again. Just when we thought things were settling down to be the same for a little while with another little grave in the garden. Then, three days later, Mopsy died. We think it must have been from a broken heart because Flopsy had died. This makes me very sad. Did Mopsy not know we were her family, me Opie and Millie, even though we weren't rabbits? Changes number 4 and 5.

In the changes that our family has gone through, none have been as exciting as this one. Our sister Millie is a Mummy to her own puppies! We have one new little sister and two new little brothers. Change number 6.

But wait, there is more sadness. One of Millie's little puppies, our little brother was born wrong. He did not live very long.

Too many sadnesses. When will we be happy again?

Your friend, Buddy



To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to break down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to count as lost,
a time to keep and a time to discard,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
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Ecclesiastes chapter 3

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What might have been

by Sheila Blackwood

I ought to have taken up dancing
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Or maybe to sing in a choir,
Perhaps that would be more my style:
O, the wonderful note
To emerge from my throat
Would be certain to thrill and beguile.

I might have done well on the
trombone
Or even succeeded on drums
But, alas, sad to say,
I really can't play:
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- Great Wrating does not have a ramp but the step into the church is quite shallow, however the slope to the church gate is steep. Arrangements could be made for wheelchair users to park in the Rectory and access the churchyard through the side gate but this is across grass.
- Little Bradley does not have a ramp. The step into the church is 4 inches deep.
- Barnardiston does not have a ramp and the entry into the church requires stepping over a raised threshold.

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Events Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday 5th October	4pm	Kedington Harvest Festival - followed by Bring and Share Supper
Friday 10th October	7pm for 7.30pm start	Bingo in aid of St Peter & St Paul's at Kedington Royal British Legion Hall, £10 per person for six games, to book contact Marion on
Saturday 18th October	7-11pm	Little Bradley Barn Dance & Super at the Garden Barn. See poster in Benefice news for more details
Friday 14th November	12pm - 6pm (Free entry)	Pop-Up Christmas Shop at The Hall Barn Great Thurlow. Drinks reception 6-8pm (£10) Contact Jennie Peel 01440 783780 for more information
Friday 28th November		Little Bradley Deanery Quiz Night (See poster in Benefice News)
Saturday 6th December	6.30pm	Concert with 'The Emergers' at All Saints' church Great Thurlow (See poster in Benefice News)
Tuesdays	10am -12 noon	'Dolce Gusto' Coffee morning at St Peter & St Paul's Kedington.
Thursdays	2 - 4 pm	Centre café at Kedington Community Centre.

Answers to the quiz.

1, Walsingham; 2, Raedwald; 3, Peterhouse; 4, Lowestoft Ness;
 5, Rendlesham; 6, A fire; 7, Robert Fitzroy; 8, Neolithic flint mines;
 9, A wolf; 10, Charles II; 11, A small enclosure of land; 12, Dame Elizabeth Frink; 13, Edmund; 14, Holland; 15, Augustinians;
 16, Mary Tudor, Queen of France, sister of Henry VIII.

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Gospel Readings during October

5	Harvest	John 6: 25 - 35
12	17th Sunday after Trinity	Luke 17: 11 - 19
19	St Luke	Luke 10: 1 - 9
26	Last Sunday of Trinity	Luke 18: 9 - 14

Gospel Readings during November

2	All Saints and All Souls	Luke 6: 20 - 31
9	Remembrance	Luke 20: 27 - 38
16	2nd before Advent	Luke 21: 5 - 19
23	Christ the King	Luke 23: 33 - 43
30	1st Sunday of Advent	Matthew 24: 36 - 44

Evening Prayer on Mondays

Monday Evening Prayer is
at Kedington Church at 5pm.

All are welcome to join this short
intimate service as we pray for
the world, the Church, our
communities and ourselves.



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CONNECTIONS

Kedington Churchyard Gardening Morning



Saturday 11 October
2025
9am until 1pm

- Stay half an hour or all morning
- Bring your own tools, hat, gardening gloves and suncream
- Refreshments provided

For more info contact Jill Davis 01440 713137

While tidying the churchyard we will be following advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Spirit, lead me into deeper truth.

Keep me curious when others claim certainty.

Protect me from sin, pride, and easy answers.

Help me ask better questions and unlearn when I need to.

Make me brave enough to follow where you lead.

Amen

Submitted by John Farrow

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A Prayer at Harvest Time

As we come to harvest time we thank You God for all the colours and fruits harvest brings from the crops in this country and crops sent from overseas.

How rich we are in the harvest
You bless us with.

We thank You God, for all who sow, cultivate and gather; for those that transport and sell the harvest crops.

Thank You God for the giving of the harvest.

Amen

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Barn Dance & Supper

At The Garden Barn, Little Bradley

In aid of All Saint's Church

On Saturday 18th October 2025

7pm – 11pm

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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.

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Paul Jarvis who was baptised at Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Church Kedington on 28th September.

Holy Matrimony: We congratulate Amy Allard and Robert Steward who were married at All Saints' Church Barnardiston on 2nd August. We also congratulate Sarah Roach and Rhys Williams who were married at All Saints' Church Barnardiston on 23rd August. Congratulations to Ivy Smith and Thomas Trenor who were married at St Peter and St Paul's Church Kedington on 27th September. We wish them well at the start of their life together.

Funeral: The funeral of the late Margaret McCaffery on 1st September and the funeral of the late Doreen Rosemary Wheatley on 3rd September were both held at St Mary the Virgin Church Great Bradley. The funeral of the late Alan Wright took place on 24th September and the funeral of the late Judith Swails took place on 25th September both were held at St Peter and St Paul's Church Kedington.

'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'

Thinking of a christening or a wedding in church? Please take a look at our Benefice website where there is useful information about both baptisms and weddings.

Holy Communion

Sharing of the common cup is now permitted. However, if you do not want 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. Good hygiene practises are maintained at Holy Communion.

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

SERVICE ROTA

October 2025

Sun	5	10:00	Little Bradley	Holy Communion - Harvest Festival
		16:00	Kedington	Family Service - Harvest Festival
Sun	12	8:00	Kedington	Said Holy Communion
		10:00	Great Thurlow	Holy Communion
Tues	14	19:00	Kedington	Wave of Light - Baby and Child Loss
Sun	19	10:00	Great Wratting	Holy Communion
		16:00	Little Thurlow	Choral Evensong
Sun	26	10:00	Great Bradley	Holy Communion
		16:00	Kedington	Evensong - Bible Sunday

November 2025

Sun	2	10:00	Kedington	Holy Communion - All Saints & All Souls
		16:00	Kedington	All Souls
Sun	9	8:00	Kedington	Said Holy Communion
		10:50	Great Thurlow	Remembrance Service
		10:50	Kedington	Remembrance Service and Parade
Sun	16	10:00	Little Thurlow	Holy Communion - 2nd before Advent
		10:00	Great Wratting	Family Service - 2nd before Advent
Sun	23	10:00	Great Bradley	Holy Communion - Christ the King
		16:00	Kedington	Evensong (Note winter start time)
Sun	30	10:00	Barnardiston	Holy Communion - 1st Sunday of Advent
		18:00	Little Wratting	Compline

December 2025

Sun	7	10:00	Little Bradley	Holy Communion - 2nd Sunday of Advent
		10:00	Kedington	Christingle Service
		18:00	Little Wratting	Compline

Mid-week Eucharist at Kedington on Wednesdays at 10am