

Pew Sheet 21 December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day



Merry Christmas

Today's Services:

10am Holy Communion St Mary's Great Wrattling
10am Family Service St Peter's Little Thurlow
4pm Kedington Carol Service Sunday
6.30pm Lt Wrattling Carol Service

Services this week:

Evening Prayer 5pm Monday St Peter and St Paul's Kedington (no prayers on 29 December)
Wednesday 10am Said Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul Kedington

See over page for Christmas Services

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Stourhead Benefice Christmas Services

Gt Bradley Tuesday 23 December 6.30pm

Kedington Crib Service Christmas Eve 3pm

Thurlows (at Gt Thurlow) Christmas Eve 4.30pm

Lt Bradley Christmas Eve 6.30pm

Barnardiston Christmas Eve 7pm

Kedington Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Lt Thurlow Christmas Morning 10am



Services next Sunday

10am Holy Communion St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley

Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

First reading	Isaiah 7 v 10 - 16
Second reading	Romans 1 v 1 - 7
Gospel reading	Matthew 1 v 18 - end

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

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Post Communion prayer:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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 – Bryan Chambers – Orla
Rev Bob Torrens – Paul Allard – Steve Watts – Andrew Harrison – Iris Eley
Frank Underwood – Andrew, Richard and Doreen Pound – Peter Phillips
Richard Hart – 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:

Wendy Barnes

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

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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. **(Please note – no coffee morning on 23 or 30 December; resumes 6 January 2026.)**

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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