

The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet 11 January 2026

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day



Today's Services:

8am Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul Kedington
10am Holy Communion All Saints Great Thurlow

Services this week:

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

Services next Sunday

10am Holy Communion St Peter's Little Thurlow
10am Family Service St Mary's Great Wrating

Ministry Team:

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Collect: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 Isaiah 42 v 1 - 9
Second reading Acts 10 v 34 - 43
Gospel reading Matthew 3 v 13 - 17

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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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 – 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 – Laurence Beasley

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.

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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.

Saturday 21 February 2026 Quiz with Quizmaster Mike Morris. To be held at Kedington Community Centre in Arms Lane CB9 7QQ. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Teams of up to 6. £5 entry fee per person. There will be a bar (cash or card payments) so please do not bring your own drinks but do bring your own snacks and nibbles. There will also be a raffle. Proceeds to be split 50:50 between St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Kedington and Kedington Community Association. To book a table contact Jill 07974656813 or jill@gourmet-knights.co.uk

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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