

# *The Stourhead Benefice*

## **Pew Sheet 18 January 2026**

### **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**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 Wratting

#### **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**

10am Holy Communion St Mary the Virgin Great Badley  
4pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

#### **Ministry Team:**

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**Collect:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 forever. **Amen**

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| First reading  | Isaiah 49 v 1 - 7 |
| Second reading | 1 Cor 1 v 1 - 9   |
| Gospel reading | John 1 v 29 – 42  |

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All    Glory to you O Lord**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All    Praise to you O Christ**

**Post Communion prayer:** God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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:**

Laurence Beasley – Brian Watts

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](mailto: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](mailto:jill@gourmet-knights.co.uk)

**Lent Course “In the Dust of Jesus”**. Sundays 22 February, 1 and 8 March. In St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Kedington. 3pm until 4pm. All are welcome to join this informal discussion group as we study the Bible together over tea or coffee. Each session stands alone; come to one or all.

**Friday 6 March 2026. Little Bradley Quiz.** More information to follow.

**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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