

The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet 25 January 2026

Conversion of St Paul & Third Sunday of Epiphany

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services:

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

10am Holy Communion All Saints Little Bradley
10am Family Service St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

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Collect: Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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	Jeremiah 1 v 4 - 10
Second reading	Acts 9 v 1 - 22
Gospel reading	Matthew 19 v 27 - 30

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Evensong Readings and Collect:

Psalm 33, 1 Peter 1 v 3 – 12 and Luke 4 v 14 - 21

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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 – 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.

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, 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 07974 656813 or 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 in The Garden Barn at Little Bradley. Arrive at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Teams of six. Prices: adult including meal, £17.50. adult without meal £10. child with child’s meal £10. Choice of fish, scampi or chicken with chips. Bring your own glasses and drinks. All tickets to be purchased from Mirjam Gault 01440 783756 mirjamgault@gmail.com All proceeds in aid of Little Bradley Church.

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 07405 624132

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