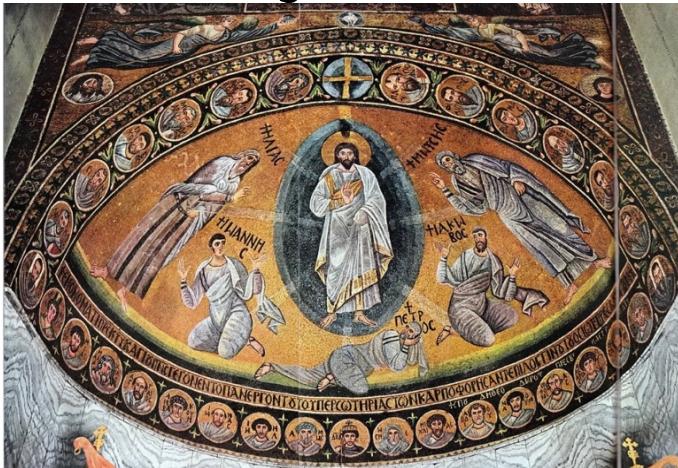


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Pew Sheet 15 February 2026

Transfiguration Sunday before Lent



A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services:

10am Sung Eucharist St Mary's Great Wratting

Services this week:

Evening Prayer 5pm Monday St Peter and St Paul's Kedington
Ash Wednesday

10am Said Holy Communion with ashes St Peter and St Paul's Kedington
6.30pm Said Holy Communion with ashes St Peter's Little Thurlow

Services next Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist St Mary the Virgin Gt Bradley
4pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

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Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading Exodus 24 v 12 - 18

Second reading 2 Peter 1 v 16 - 21

Gospel reading Matthew 17 v 1 - 9

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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

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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 – Rev Bob Torrens

Paul Allard – Steve Watts – Iris Eley – Frank Underwood – Orla – Peter Phillips

Stephen Giles – Hannah Carpenter – 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:

Brian Watts – Richard Hart – Alan Hames – Patricia Boddington – Bryan Chambers

Sam Sheppard

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. 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 **Only three tables left – don’t miss out!**

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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