

# *The Stourhead Benefice*

## **Pew Sheet 15 March 2026**

### *Mothering Sunday*

**A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day**

#### **Today's Services:**

10am Sung Eucharist St Peter's Little Thurlow

10am Family Service St Mary's Great Wrating

#### **Services this week:**

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

Said Eucharist Wednesday 10am St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

#### **Services next Sunday**

10am Sung Eucharist St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley

6pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

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**Collect:** God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Exodus 2 v 1 - 10

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1 v 3 - 7

Gospel reading John 19 v 25b - 27

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Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you O Lord**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you O Christ**

**Post Communion prayer:** Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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 – Rev Bob Torrens  
Paul Allard – Steve Watts – Iris Eley – Frank Underwood – Orla – Peter Phillips  
Stephen Giles – Hannah Carpenter – Caroline Sharples – 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:**

Patricia Boddington – Bryan Chambers – Sam Sheppard – Chris Turner  
Keith Simpkin

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**

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**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](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.

**Lent Lunch 12 noon Friday 20 March** St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Kedington. A simple lunch of bread and soup. No charge – charity donations invited.

### **Easter Services:**

**Maundy Thursday** 2 April 7pm at St Mary’s Great Wrating. Sung Eucharist – remembering Jesus’ Last Supper

**Good Friday** 3 April 2pm at All Saints Barnardiston. A quiet hour before the cross of Jesus.

**Stations of the Cross for Children** Saturday 4 April from 10.30am. Hear the Easter Story with Fr Chris, craft activity and egg hunt. Refreshments available.

**Easter Vigil** Saturday 4 April 8pm St Peter and St Paul Kedington. the first celebration of Easter. This ancient, joy-filled service marks the transition from darkness to light.

**Easter Sunday** 5 April Sung Eucharist 10am All Saints Little Bradley

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**Candles for Ukraine.** Do you have any candles that could bring light and heat to Ukraine? Used, new, stubs, tealights, bits of wax. Collection point **until 28 April 2026** – St Peter and St Paul's Church, Kedington. Organised by Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership. For any questions about the collection, call Emily 07988 195800

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 4 May Kedington Duck Race**

**Friday and Saturday 8 and 9 May, Contemporary Art Exhibition** at St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley. Private viewing on Friday tickets £10 available from [karl@linton59.co.uk](mailto:karl@linton59.co.uk) Open day on Saturday, free entry. 10% of art sales and all ticket sales to Friends of Gt Bradley Church.

**Saturday 16 May Benefice Garden Party at Little Thurlow Hall.** 5pm until 8pm BBQ and bar. Free event for all in our communities. Please e-mail Amy if you wish to attend [pa@lthfamily.co.uk](mailto:pa@lthfamily.co.uk) giving any dietary requirements.

**Saturday 6 June Great Wratting Fete** 2pm.

**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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