

# *The Stourhead Benefice*

## **Pew Sheet**

**19 April 2026**

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

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

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

10am Sung Eucharist St Mary's Great Wrating

4.30pm Evensong St Peter's Little Thurlow

#### **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

#### **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:** Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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**

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First reading	Acts 2 v 14 and 36 - 41
Second reading	1 Peter 1 v 17 - 23
Gospel reading	Luke 24 v 13 – 35

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All Glory to you O Lord**

On that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you O Christ**

**Post Communion prayer:** Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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.

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## **Prayer List**

### **Our prayers are asked particularly for:**

Terry Chittock – Jacob and his family – Leo and Val Farthing – Paul Allard  
Steve Watts – Iris Eley – Frank Underwood – Peter Phillips – Stephen Giles  
Charlotte Jackson – 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:**

Richard Hopper – Caroline Sharples – Hannah Carpenter

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**

**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

**Do you know someone who can play the piano or keyboard** who might be interested in discovering more about the organs in the Benefice or even able to join the rota of regular organists? Please put them in touch with Paul or Jill Davis, 01440 713137

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**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).

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**Church Coffee Morning** “Dolce Gusto” 10am until 12 noon every Tuesday at St Peter and St Paul’s Church in Kedington.

**Friday 24 April 2026** Bingo! in aid of St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Kedington. Kedington Royal British Legion Hall. £10 for six games plus a flyer. Over 18’s only please. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee on sale and a raffle. To book, please call Marion 07833 431184

**Bank Holiday Monday 4 May Kedington Duck Race.** Starts at 1pm in Silver Street Park. Tickets £1 each in advance from Kedington Butchers or Spar Shop or on the day on the riverbank. Cash prizes £25, £15, £10. BBQ, licensed bar and soft drinks on the meadow from 1.30pm

**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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