

**Pew Sheet
5 April 2026**



A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services:

Easter Sung Eucharist 10am All Saints Little Bradley

Services this week:

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

Next Sunday

8am Said Eucharist St Peter and St Paul Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great Thurlow

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Collect: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

First reading	Acts 10 v 34 - 43
Second reading	Colossians 3 v 1 - 4
Gospel reading	John 20 v 1 - 18

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look* into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

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Post Communion prayer: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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 – Paul Allard
Steve Watts – Iris Eley – Frank Underwood – Peter Phillips – Stephen Giles
Hannah Carpenter – Caroline Sharples – 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:

Chris Turner – Keith Simpkin – Richard Hopper

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

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.

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 of 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 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 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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