

**Pew Sheet**  
**12 April 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**Today's Services:**

8am Said Eucharist St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great Thurlow

**Services this week:**

Evening Prayer 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's Great Wrating

4.30pm Evensong St Peter's Little Thurlow

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**Collect:** Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts 2 v 24a and 22 - 32

Second reading 1 Peter 1 v 3 - 9

Gospel reading John 20 v 19 - 31

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Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you O Christ**

**Post Communion prayer:** Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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 – 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 – Caroline Sharples

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 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 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](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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