

*The Stourhead Benefice*

**Pew Sheet**

**17 May 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sunday after Ascension**

**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

**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:** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading                      Acts 1 v 6 - 14  
Second reading                 1 Peter 4 v 12 – 14 and 5 v 6 - 11  
Gospel reading                  John 17 v 1 - 11

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All    Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people,\* to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All    Praise to you O Christ**

**Post Communion prayer:** Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## **Home Communion - 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  
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:**

Ken Young

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.

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## Notices

**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

**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 6 June Great Wrattling Fete** 1pm in Great Wrattling Hall. Haverhill Silver Band, refreshments, games and stalls. All the fun of a traditional village fete.

Date for your diary – on **Sunday 21 June 2026** we will join with Fr Chris Giles as he celebrates 10 years since his ordination. 10am Eucharist at St Mary’s Great Wrattling followed by refreshments.

**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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