

Pew Sheet

10 May 2026

Sixth 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 Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great 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

8am **Thursday Ascension Day** service followed by Sausage Breakfast
St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

Next Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist St Peter's Little Thurlow

10am Family Service St Mary's Great Wrattling

Ministry Team:

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Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts 17 v 22 - 32
Second reading 1 Peter 3 v 13 - 22
Gospel reading John 14 v 15 - 21

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you O Lord

'If you love me, you will keep* my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in* you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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.

Notices

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We do not have an organist or musician for the Family Service next Sunday.

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.

Thursday 14 May ASCENSION DAY service at the foot of the tower at 8am followed by sausage breakfast.

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 **TODAY** if you wish to attend pa@lthfamily.co.uk giving any dietary requirements.

Saturday 6 June Great Wratting Fete 1pm in Great Wratting 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 Wratting 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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