

# *The Stourhead Benefice*

## **Pew Sheet**

**3 May 2026**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

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

10am Sung Eucharist St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

3.30pm Confirmation Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

#### **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**

8am Said Eucharist St Peter and St Paul Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great Thurlow

#### **Ministry Team:**

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**Collect:** Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7 v 55 - 60  
Second reading            1 Peter 2 v 2 - 10  
Gospel reading             John 14 v 1 – 14

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All    Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe\* in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.'" Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know\* my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied. Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me\* for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All    Praise to you O Christ**

**Post Communion prayer:** Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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:**

Caroline Sharples – Hannah Carpenter – 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

**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.

**TOMORROW 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 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 Wrating Fete** 1pm in Great Wrating Hall

**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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