

**Pew Sheet
24 May 2026**



Pentecost

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist St Mary the Virgin, Great Bradley
6pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

Services this week:

Evening Prayer Monday 5pm St Peter and St Paul's Kedington
(not Bank Holidays)

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

Services next Sunday

8am Matins according to the Book of Common Prayer St Mary's Little Wrattling
10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Barnardiston

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The Stourhead Benefice

Collect: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 1 - 21
Second reading 1 Corinthians 12 v 3b - 13
Gospel reading John 20 v 19 - 23

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you O Lord

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Evensong Readings

Psalm 67 or 133
Joel 2 v 21 – 32
Acts 2 v 14 - 38

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
Tom Ogden – 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:

Elsie Smith – Jod Spiro

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

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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.

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

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 Wrating followed by refreshments.

Friday 26 June Little Thurlow Garden Party at “The Grange” from 6pm until 8pm.

Saturday 27 June Sporting Memorabilia Exhibition at Great Bradley Church 4.30 until 8.30pm. Tickets £12.50, children under 12’s free.

Sunday 28 June Great Bradley Church Fete in the afternoon. Entry £2.50 but free for under 16’s. Tower tours, steam engines, Hadstock Silver Band, refreshments, stalls.

Sunday 28 June 4.30pm Patronal Festival Afternoon Tea, followed at 6pm by Evensong St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Kedington.

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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