

Pew Sheet

7 June 2026

First Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Little Bradley

10am Family Service St Peter and St Paul Kedington

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

Services next Sunday

PLEASE NOTE – no 8am Service at Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great Thurlow

Ministry Team:

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Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

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First reading	Genesis 12 v 1 - 9
Second reading	Romans 4 v 13 - 25
Gospel reading	Matthew 9 v 9 -13, 18 - 26

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 – Stephen Giles – Tom Ogden
Jill Thaine – Andrew Pound – 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 – Peter Phillips – Keith Skinner

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 14 June Kedington Meadowlark on the Great Meadow from 2pm until 5pm. **Meadow Praise**, also on the Great Meadow **6pm Sunday 15 June**. Bring a picnic to enjoy before the service.

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 Midsummer Party at Great Bradley Church 4.30pm until 8.30pm. Tickets £10 includes drinks and jazz music.

Sunday 28 June Drinks served after the 10am Eucharist to continue to celebrate Fr Chris’ 10-year anniversary of ordination.

Sunday 28 June 2pm until 4pm **Great Bradley Church Fete**. Entry £2.50 kids free. Tower tours, steam engines and vintage tractors, Hadstock Silver Band, Hall gardens, cream teas, barbecue, hamper draw, stalls.

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

Saturday 11 July 9am until 1pm **Churchyard Gardening** and St Peter and St Paul, 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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