

The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet

21 June 2026

Third Sunday after Trinity



Ten years since Fr Chris' ordination

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist 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

Services next Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist St Peter's Little Thurlow

6pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

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Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 forever. **Amen**

First reading	Samuel 3 v 1 – 11 and 19
Second reading	Acts 9 v 1 - 9
Gospel reading	Matthew 4 v 18 – 25

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people

News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 – 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:

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

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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.

TODAY: Refreshments after the service to celebrate Fr Chris’ 10 year anniversary of ordination.

Friday 26 June Little Thurlow Garden Party at “The Grange” from 6pm until 8pm. In aid of St Peter’s Fabric Fund. Please e-mail Jess on jch14@cam.ac.uk to confirm attendance.

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 at St. Peter’s Little Thurlow 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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