

Pew Sheet

19 July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist St Peter's Little Thurlow

10am Family Service 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 Mary the Virgin Great Bradley

6pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

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Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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	at Little Thurlow Genesis 2 v 1 - 7
	at Great Wrating Genesis 28 v 10 - 19
Second reading	Romans 8 v 12 - 25
Gospel reading	Matthew 13 v 24 – 30 and 36 - 43

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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All Glory to you O Lord

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "An enemy did this," he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "No," he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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

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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
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:

Jill Thaine – Laurence Wood

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 details of events you wish to publicise by email or phone, and Jill will do her best to include it in the pew sheet (subject to space). Jill Davis 01440 713137 jill@gourmet-knights.co.uk

Church Coffee Morning "Dolce Gusto" 10am until 12 noon every Tuesday at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Kedington.

Jigsaw Puzzle and Beer Festival 31 July, 1 and 2 August at St Peter and St Paul's in Kedington. A display of completed jigsaw puzzles which are for sale plus

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competitions, produce, crafts, pre-loved books, hot drinks, cake, local beers and ciders, wine, soft drinks. Free entry and parking. Saturday afternoon – barbeque.

Evensong 4pm Sunday 9 August All Saints Great Thurlow

Songs of Praise and Afternoon Tea 4pm Sunday 30 August All Saints Barnardiston

Thurlow Fayre Sunday 6 September 10am until 4pm on Thurlow Recreation Ground.

Kedington Home-made and home-grown show Saturday 12 September. Schedule in the Benefice News or on this QR code. View the exhibits in the church from 2pm. Auction and prizegiving from 4pm



Music Event St Peter's Little Thurlow in September. More information to follow.

Kedington Church Fete Saturday 19 September from 2pm in the Meadow off Church Walk. Parking in the churchyard. Licensed bar, barbeque, teas and all the fun of a traditional country fete.

Kedington Bingo Night Friday 9 October in the Kedington Royal British Legion Hall. Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. £10 per person for six games plus flyer. Book with Marion 07833 431184. Bring your own cold drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee on sale.

Little Bradley Bingo Night Friday 16 October. In the Little Bradley Garden Barn. More information to follow.

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 07902 859169

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