

Pew Sheet

12 July 2026

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services

8am Said Eucharist St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great Thurlow

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

10am Family Service St Mary's Great Wrating

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Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Genesis 25 v 19 - end

Second reading Romans 8 v 1 - 11

Gospel reading Matthew 13 v 1 – 9 and 18 - 23

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Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears^[a] listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name 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
Andrew Pound – King Charles

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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 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.

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

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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.

Sculpture Exhibition 18 and 19 September in Great Bradley Church. 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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