The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet

5 July 2026

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services
10am Sung Eucharist St Peter and St Paul's 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
8am Said Eucharist St Peter and St Paul's Kedington
10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great Thurlow

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Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading	Genesis 24 vs 38 – 48, 42 – 49 and 58 - end
Second reading	Romans 7 v 15 – 25a
Gospel reading	Matthew 11 v 16 – 19 and 25 – 30

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you O Lord**

'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you O Christ**

Post Communion prayer: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through 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

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

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.

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

31 July, 1 and 2 August – Jigsaw Puzzle and Beer Festival 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. Saturday afternoon – barbeque.

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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