

Pew Sheet

16 August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

**A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day and to
Archdeacon Duncan Green
who is presiding and preaching today**

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 Mary the Virgin Great Bradley

6pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul Kedington

Ministry Team:

Fr Chris Giles	on sabbatical
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Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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	Genesis 45 v 1 - 15
Second reading	Romans 11 v 1 – 2a and 29 - 32
Gospel reading	Matthew 15 v 21 - 28

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin: 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 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.

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:

Jean Watson

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 before the service begins.

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

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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.

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.

The PCC of Great Wrattling Church invite you to **Coffee and Cake** in aid of Great Wrattling Church **Saturday 17 October** 10am until 12 noon at Little Eadron, The Street, Great Wrattling CB9 7HQ

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 one of the Benefice Safeguarding Officers: Naomi Shelmerdine or Ruth Hopper. Contact phone number 07902 859169

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