

Pew Sheet

23 August 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

**A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day and to
Fr Max Drinkwater
who is presiding and preaching this morning**

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley
6pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul 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

10am Sung Eucharist St Mary's Little Wrattling
4pm Songs of Praise and afternoon tea at All Saints Barnardiston

Ministry Team:

Fr Chris Giles	on sabbatical
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Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and meditation of 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**

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First reading	Exodus 1 v 8 – 2 v 10
Second reading	Romans 12 v 1 - 8
Gospel reading	Matthew 17 v 15 – 34

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Now when Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Evensong Readings:

Psalm 95

2 Kings 6 v 8 - 23

Acts 17 v 15 - 34

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 – Stephen Giles – Tom Ogden – Owen Farmiloe
Jacquie Joyce – 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.

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

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

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

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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



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.

Great Bradley Harvest Lunch Sunday 27 September at Great Bradley Hall from 12 noon following 10.30am Harvest Festival. Casserole, jacket potato, dessert and drinks £15 for adults and £5 for children. To book tickets or for more information contact Sue at sue.m.ireland@gmail.com

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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