

Pew Sheet

2 August 2026

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

**A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day and to
Rev Canon Stephen Mitchell
who is presiding and preaching today**

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Little Bradley

6pm Jigsaw Puzzle Festival Evening Prayer 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 Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist St Peter's Little Thurlow

4pm Evensong All Saints Great Thurlow

Ministry Team:

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Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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**

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First reading	Genesis 32 v 22 - 31
Second reading	Romans 9 v 1 - 5
Gospel reading	Matthew 14 v 13 - 21

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where we reveal the fullness of your peace, gather your people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet 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 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:

Laurence Wood – Laurence Cullen – Rowan Sylvester-Bradley
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

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

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TODAY Jigsaw Puzzle and Beer Festival until 6pm 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. Service of Evening Prayer at 6pm

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

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