

Pew Sheet

20 September 2026

Sixteenth 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 this morning at Little
Thurlow**

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist St Peter's Little Thurlow

10am Family Service 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

10.30am Sung Eucharist Harvest Festival at St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley.

Note the later start time than usual. This service will be followed by a

Harvest lunch. See notices for booking details.

6pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

Ministry Team:

Fr Chris Giles	on sabbatical
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Collect: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have the grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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	Exodus 16 v 2 - 15
Second reading	Philippians 1 v 21 - 30
Gospel reading	Matthew 20 v 1 – 16

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

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Post Communion prayer: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves: 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 – Stephen Giles – 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:

Kieran McManus – Tom Ogden – Frank Underwood – John Deeks

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.

Great Bradley Harvest Lunch Sunday 27 September at Great Bradley Hall from 12 noon following **10.30am** Harvest Festival Service. 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

Sunday 4 October Harvest Family Service at 11am followed by **Kedington Harvest “Bring and Share” lunch**. Bring a plate of food to share plus your own drinks. Glasses, cutlery, crockery, and hot drinks provided. Contact Lol Far 01440 704179 or Jill 01440 713137 for more information.

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.

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

Kedington Christmas Bazaar Saturday 21 November from 2pm at Kedington Community Centre, Arms Lane, CB9 7QQ. Get into the Christmas spirit early!

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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