

Pew Sheet

13 September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

**A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day and to
Rev Raúl Arkaia
who is presiding and preaching this morning**

Today's Services

8am Said Eucharist St Peter and St Paul's Kedington

10am Sung Eucharist All Saints Great Thurlow

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 Peter's Little Thurlow

10am Family Service St Mary's Great Wrating

Ministry Team:

Fr Chris Giles	on sabbatical
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Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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	Exodus 14 v 19 - end
Second reading	Romans 14 v 1 - 12
Gospel reading	Matthew 18 v 21 - 35

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Peter came to Jesus and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents¹ was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation: 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 – 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:

Kieran McManus

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.

St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley Open Day. Saturday 19 September 10.30am until 7pm. Including exhibition by Great Bradley Photo Club and a display of items from the village archive. Bar, coffee and cakes, tower visits and vegetable stalls. All Welcome.

Kedington Church Fete Saturday 19 September from 1pm on the Meadow off Church Walk. Parking in churchyard. Licensed bar, barbeque, teas, and all the fun of a traditional country fete. Donations of items for the hamper raffle to Mary Upton before the day. Donations of produce and cakes to sell, and unopened bottles for the bottle stall gratefully received. Contact Lol 01440 704179 or Jill 01440 713137 for collection.

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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