

Pew Sheet

11 October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

**A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day and to
Rev Marianne Atkinson
who is presiding and preaching this morning at
Great Thurlow**

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 at St Mary's Great Wrattling

10am Family Service at St Peter's Little Thurlow

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Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may on all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 31 v 1 - 14
Second reading	Philippians 4 v 1 - 9
Gospel reading	Matthew 22 v 1 - 14

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to J

All Glory to you O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so, the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: Holy and Blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Home Communion - 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 and Stephanie Watts – Stephen Giles – Owen Farmiloe – Jacque 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 – Stephen Wheeler

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. If you are interested in playing other instruments for services, contact Anne Start: pignmix@mypostoffice.co.uk

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Forthcoming events: Please send me details of events you wish to publicise by email or phone, and I will do my best to include it (subject to space). Fr Chris Giles – stourheadbenefice@gmail.com 01440 762901

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

“Wave of Light” Service at St Peter and St Paul’s, Kedington **Wednesday 14 October at 6.30pm**. Light a candle in memory of all babies and children gone too soon.

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

Churchyard Gardening Morning at Kedington Saturday 17 October from 9am until 1pm

Haverhill and District Youth for Christ present **Linton Jazz on Saturday 17 October 6.30pm** at Castle Manor Academy in Eastern Avenue, Haverhill. Suggested donation of £5. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a short AGM in the interval.

Festival of Remembrance at St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Clare, on **Friday 6 November** at 7.30pm, and features Long Melford Silver Band and the Wattisham Military Wives Choir in support of the Royal British Legion. Tickets are £10 and can be booked online at: www.longmelfordsilverband.co.uk or from Harris & Harris Books and Humphreys Butchers, both in Clare.

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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