

Pew Sheet

25 October 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services

10am Sung Eucharist at St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley

4pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul Kedington (note winter timing)

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 and St Paul Kedington

4pm All Souls Service St Peter and St Paul Kedington

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Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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First reading	Nehemiah 8 v 1 – 4a , (5 – 6) and 8 - 12
Second reading	Colossians 3 v 12 - 17
Gospel reading	Matthew 24 v 30 - 35

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he[g] is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion prayer: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Evensong Readings

Psalm 119 v 89 – 104

Isaiah 55 v 1 – 11

Luke 4 v 14 - 30

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 – Jacquie Joyce
Steve and Stephanie Watts – Stephen Giles – Owen Farmiloe – 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:

Stephen Wheeler – Rod Gibson – Gordon Irving – Robin Jobson

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. If you do not wish to receive from the Chalice, please say 'Intinct' as the Priest approaches you, and they will intinct the wafer in Consecrated wine from a separate Chalice.

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.

Sunday 1 November All Souls Service 4pm St Peter and St Paul Kedington. Remembering the dearly departed. Whether you are coming to the service or not, please feel free to send names of the dearly departed you wish to be remembered at the service to Fr Chris.

Sunday 15 November 4.30pm St Peter’s Little Thurlow, Choral Evensong with a visiting choir, “Beatitude”. Drinks and nibbles after the service. All welcome.

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! Donations for the Christmas Hamper, bottle stall and the raffle are most welcome. Please leave them at the back of the church or contact Jill Davis 01440 713137 to arrange collection.

Thursday 26 November 6.30pm Benefice Council Meeting St Peter and St Paul’s, Kedington

Sunday 29 November 6.30pm Compline for the First Sunday of Advent at St Mary’s Little Wrating

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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