The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet
1 November 2026

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day



Today's Services
10am Sung Eucharist St Peter and St Paul Kedington
4pm All Souls Service St Peter and St Paul 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
10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Great Thurlow followed by service in All Saints Church
10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Kedington Churchyard followed by service Church of St Peter and St Paul

Ministry Team:

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St Thérèse Martin

Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 for ever. **Amen**

First reading	Revelation 7 v 9 - 17
Second reading	1 John 3 v 1 - 3
Gospel reading	Matthew 5 v 1 - 12

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you O Lord**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you O Christ**

Post Communion prayer: God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; 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 – 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

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.

TODAY 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.

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.

Saturday 7 November Bonfire Night at Great Bradley, on the field at the corner of Hall Road. Gates open 6.30pm. Fireworks from 7.15pm. Entrance fee – cash donation. Food and drink for sale on the field – cash or card. No parking on Hall Road please.

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.

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 Wratting

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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