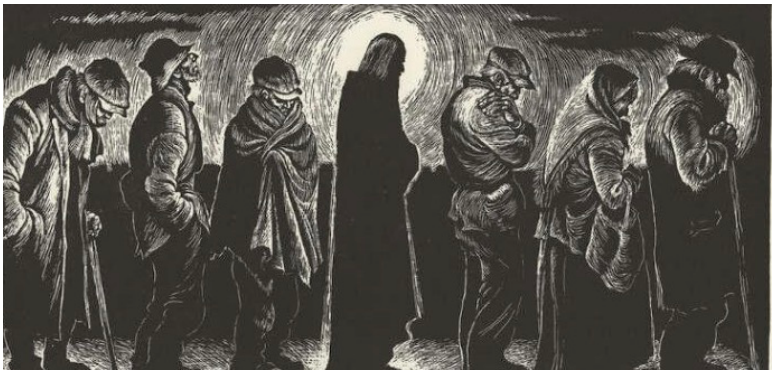
The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet
22 November 2026
Sunday before Advent



A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services
10am Sung Eucharist St Mary the Virgin Great Bradley
4pm Evensong 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
10am Sung Eucharist at All Saints Barnardiston
6.30pm Compline at St Mary's Little Wratting

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Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First reading	Ezekial 34 v 11 - 16
Second reading	Ephesians 1 v 15 - 23
Gospel reading	Matthew 25 v 31 - 46

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

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

Post Communion prayer: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Evensong Readings
Psalm 93
2 Samuel 23 v 1 – 7
Matthew 28 v 16 - 20

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.

Prayer List

Our prayers are asked particularly for:
Terry Chittock – Jacob and his family – Leo and Val Farthing – Stephen Giles Owen Farmiloe – Alan Smith – Audrey Brown – King Charles – Pope Leo

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:
Charles Steward

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.

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. There will also be services of Compline on the second and third Sundays of Advent, 6.30pm at Lt Wratting.

Christmas Services
Carols at Great Wratting Friday 18 December 7pm
Carols at Kedington Sunday 20 December 4pm
Carols at Little Wratting Sunday 20 December 6.30pm
Carols at Great Bradley Wednesday 23 December 6.30pm
Crib Service Kedington Christmas Eve 3pm
Thurlow Carols at Little Thurlow Christmas Eve 4.30pm
Carols at Little Bradley Christmas Eve 6.30pm
Carols at Barnardiston Christmas Eve 7pm
Midnight Mass Christmas Eve 11.30pm at Kedington
Christmas Morning Eucharist Great Bradley 10am

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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