The Stourhead Benefice

Pew Sheet
15 November 2026

Second Sunday before Advent
Safeguarding Sunday

A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day

Today's Services
10am Sunday Sung Eucharist St Mary Great Wratting
4.30pm Sunday Choral Evensong St Peter Little Thurlow with visiting choir, "Beatitude". Drinks and nibbles after the service.

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 Mary the Virgin Great Bradley
4pm Evensong St Peter and St Paul Kedington

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Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**
First reading Zephaniah 1 v 7 and v 12 - 18

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11
Gospel reading Matthew 25 v 14 - 30

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

The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Post Communion prayer: Lord of all life, in this Eucharist you have fed us with the bread of heaven and bound us together in your family. Having tasted your healing grace, empower us to stand with the vulnerable, to listen with humility, and to build communities of truth, safety, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Evensong Readings

Psalm 75 to be sung by the choir
Revelation 1 v 4 - 18
Luke 9 v 1 - 6

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

Prayer List

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

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:
Rod Gibson – 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.

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