

## Pew Sheet

**2 May 2021: The Firth Sunday of Easter**

**A warm welcome to all visitors to church on this day**

**Today's Service:**

Eucharist - The Church of All Saints Great Thurlow 10am

**Worship this coming week:**

**Eucharist:** Kedington 10am Wednesday

**Morning Prayer (Mattins):** Kedington 8.30am Monday to Thursday

**Evening Prayer:** Monday 7.30pm via Zoom. Please join us - ask for details

**Service next Sunday:**

Eucharist – The Church of St Mary The Virgin Great Bradley 10am.

**Home Communion - Pastoral Care**

**The Blessed Sacrament** is perpetually reserved for the Communion of the housebound, the sick and dying. Please inform Fr Chris or a member of the ministry team, of parishioners who are sick or in hospital, and of those who are in need of pastoral care.

## Ministry Team

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## Opening Music

**Collect:** Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading** Acts 8.26-40

**Second Reading** 1 John 4.7-21

## Reflective Music

**Gospel Reading** John 15.1-8

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

**All Glory to you O Lord**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you O Christ**

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Prayer List

### **Our prayers are asked particularly for:**

Jessie and Terry Lifford - Jeanette Smith - Bob, Vi and Avril Wyatt  
Jean Dumper - Terry Chittock - Brian and Jan Watts - Karen's mum Patricia  
Baby Elizabeth Myatt - Shelia Sanford - David Bowyer - Diane Roberts  
Jean Newlands - Lyn Whitworth - Beryl Bracken.

**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:**

Eileen Waddell - Clinton Rook

Grant until 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 when you come up to the altar rail.

## Notices

We are taking all practical measures to ensure everyone's safety here today.

The wearing of face masks is currently mandatory in a place of worship. Please make sure you sanitise your hands when entering the church building and when leaving. Also, that you have given your name and contact details on arrival.

We are maintaining good hygiene practises including, for example, priests and servers washing their hands and using alcohol-based hand-sanitiser before Holy Communion, and before distributing the consecrated wafers which are dropped gently into open hands. A pipette is used to drop wine onto the wafer.

### **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

**Ascension Day** service and breakfast 8am 13 May-The Church of St Peter and St Paul Kedington.

**Jigsaw festival** - The Church of St Peter and St Paul Kedington.  
29 May - 4 June-10am – 4pm each day.

**Patronal Festival** service and BBQ. 4.30 for 5pm 26 June The Church of St Peter and St Paul Kedington.

**Great Bradley Fete** - 27 June- details to be confirmed.

**Great Wrattling Village Picnic** 3 July, 12 noon – 3pm -some Fate activities-booking system will be available by the end of May.

**Barnardiston Churchyard gardening** and refreshments - 4 July 2.30-4.30pm

**Foundation Governor Wanted** to join me at for Hundon and Thurlow C of E Primary Federation. If Interested, please contact Fr Chris for details.