



**Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
Second Sunday of Advent
6th December 2020**



We will be **decorating the church** for Christmas on 12th December, starting at 9am. Greenery and help would be most welcome,

Our **Christingle Celebration** will be different this year but will still be happening on 24th December from 2pm to 5.30pm.

Midnight Mass 22:00 on 24th December. See below.

Christmas Day Morning Service 10:00. See below.

Unfortunately we are not able to support the **Christmas Shoe Boxes** this year by filling boxes but if you would still like to support the disadvantaged people in Eastern Europe please contact Sandra ☎ 01621 893153 and she will give you details of how to send a donation.

Bible Study Group Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.30 in the Church Extension. Contact: Paul ☎ 01621 893153 Contact: Sandra ☎ 01621 893153 - *Cancelled until further notice.*

Knit & Natter Fridays 10.00 - 12.00 in The Honywood - *Cancelled until further notice.*

Evensong by 'Zoom' – Contact Sue Godsmark for details. ☎ 01621 891513

St. Peter's 200 Club - New members always welcome – Contact Roger ☎ 01621 892334.

Attendance Although we ask you to let Karin Mann ☎ 01621 891215 know that you are attending a service can we please ask you to specifically make sure you book in for Midnight Mass. 24th December and the 25th December Christmas Day morning service. There will be a list at the back of the church to put your name down.

The **St. Peter's Church Guide** is available at the Church £4.00.
St. Peter's Website may be found at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6657>



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The Church **Rota** will be distributed by e-mail each month. If you do not have e-mail facilities, please contact Karin 01621 891215 or Mary 01621 892885.

Bible Readings. Please note that these will be e-mailed each week, to the readers shown in the Church Rota. They are also published on our website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6657>

Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris Munton E-Mail ☎ cmunton@ukm.com 01621 891817 who also maintains the consolidated diary for the Church.

Church Extension and The Honywood. Please inform him of ALL bookings to avoid the possibility of any conflicts.

**St. Peter's Church, Great Totham
6th December 2020 to 2nd January 2021**



SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
06 December 2020 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD	7	8	9	10	11	12
16:00 EVENSONG BY ZOOM ONLY	14	15	16	17	18	19
08:00 MORNING PRAYER 10:00 NINE LESSONS & CAROLS	21	22	23	24	25	26
16:00 EVENSONG BY ZOOM ONLY			19:30 PILGRIM COURSE BY ZOOM ONLY	INTERMENT OF ASHES @ ST. PETERS		
08:00 MORNING PRAYER 10:00 NINE LESSONS & CAROLS	28	29	30	31	01 January 2021	2
16:00 EVENSONG BY ZOOM ONLY			19:30 PILGRIM COURSE BY ZOOM ONLY	22:00 MIDNIGHT MASS VISIT THE CRIB	10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION	
08:00 MORNING PRAYER 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD						
16:00 EVENSONG BY ZOOM ONLY						

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Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First Reading *Isaiah 40. 1-11*

God's People Are Comforted

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' ⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading *2 Peter 3. 8-15*

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient

with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Final Exhortation and Doxology

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Gospel Mark 1. 1-8

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In your prayer's this week please include:

Our 'Friendship Church' - Bragernes Kirke, Drammen, Norway.

Adam Billings, Keith Burrell, John Gladdish, Pat Holland, Sylvia Huxtable, Dennis Macey, Laura Moore, Mick.

Those who have recently died and their families:

David Roach