



## Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021



Throughout August **Morning Prayer** will be on Facebook on Mondays and on YouTube on Wednesdays, both at 10:00 am. There will be no Morning Prayer on Friday mornings.

The **St. Peter's Choir** need more voices to sing when requested at weddings and funerals. We are trying to get a list of people we can call upon to boost our numbers. If you can sing and would like to help on these occasions, please let me know. Sue Keyes ☎01621 891220

**Bible Study Group** resumes Wednesday 1st September in The Honywood 10.30 a.m - 12.00 - All welcome - speak to Paul for further details ☎01621 893153

**Edward Bear Playgroup.** Every Thursday 10:30 – 12:00noon. Currently there are 'Covid' restrictions so please contact Rosie Pollock (details in the Church Magazine) to arrange. (There will be no meetings during August)

**Knit & Natter** Fridays 10:00 - 12.30 in The Honywood - please ring Sandra to book a place as these are limited. ☎01621 893153. (There will be no meetings during August)

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

Great Totham church has recently signed up with **Easyfundraising**, an easy way to help raise much-needed funds for the church at no extra cost to you! Whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for the church with easyfundraising. There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

- (a) Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersgtotham> and join for free.
- (b) Every time you shop online, log in to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) first to find the retailer you want and start shopping.
- (c) After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to the church at no extra cost to you whatsoever! Thank you for your support. Please contact Lizzie Armour, our Benefice Administrator on 07908 776750 or [office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com) for any queries or help.

There are Book of Common Prayer **Communion Services** at **St. Nicholas Tolleshunt D'Arcy** 10:00am on Wednesdays, and at **All Saints Little Totham** 5:00pm on Saturdays. No need to book.

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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## St. Peter's Church, Great Totham 22nd August to 18th September



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. St. Peter's Facebook page: 'St. Peter's Church-Great Totham'.

**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 ☐ [communion@ukm.com](mailto:communion@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.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Walker ☎01621 892431 Diocesan Safeguarding Team: ☎01245 294444

Rev'd. Tracey Caswell ☎07742 999 633		Monday		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
22 August 2021	23	24	25	26	27	28	29 August 2021	30	31	01 September 2021	2	3	4
08:00 MORNING PRAYER OF THE WORD AND SUNDAY CLUB 16:00 EVENSONG BY ZOOM ONLY	08:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION ON FACEBOOK	08:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	10:00 MORNING PRAYER ON YOU TUBE	15:00 WEDDING REHEARSAL @ ST. PETERS	14:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETERS	11:00 PRIVATE FUNCTION @ THE HONYWOOD 14:00 WEDDING REHEARSAL @ ST. PETERS	08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 09:30 UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S TOLLESBURY 16:00 EVENSONG BY ZOOM ONLY	08:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION ON FACEBOOK	08:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	10:00 KNIT & NATTER IN THE HONYWOOD	10:00 KNIT & NATTER IN THE HONYWOOD	11:00 PRIVATE FUNCTION @ THE HONYWOOD 14:00 WEDDING REHEARSAL @ ST. PETERS
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### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

### First Reading *Joshua 24. 1-2, 14-18*

*The Tribes Renew the Covenant*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

### Second Reading *Ephesians 6. 10-20*

*The Whole Armor of God*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet

put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

### Gospel *John 6. 56-69*

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

*The Words of Eternal Life*

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

*In your prayer's this week please include:*

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

Adam Billings, Keith Burrell, John Gladdish, Mike Gutsall, Pat Holland, Sylvia Huxtable, Dennis Macey, Nina Pearce, David Walker, Mick.

***Those who have recently died and their families:***

Ann Powell, Barbara Ramsey (Babs)