



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 29th August 2021



From September **Morning Prayer** will be on Facebook on Mondays and on YouTube on Wednesdays and Fridays both at 10:00 am.

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:

- Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersgtotham> and join for free.
- Every time you shop online, log in to www.easyfundraising.org.uk first to find the retailer you want and start shopping.
- 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 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>



St. Peter's Church, Great Totham 29th August to 25th 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 EMail cmunton@ukmm.com 01621 891817 who also maintains the consolidated diary for the Church.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Walker 01621 892431

Diocesan Safeguarding Team: 01245 294444

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29 August 2021	30	31	01 September 2021	2	3	4
08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 09:30 UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S TOLLESBURY	09:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION 10:00 MORNING PRAYER ON FACEBOOK	09:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	10:00 MORNING PRAYER ON YOUTUBE 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	10:30 EDWARD BEAR GROUP IN CHURCH EXTENSION	10:00 KNIT & NATTER IN THE HONYWOOD 10:00 MORNING PRAYER ON YOUTUBE	11:00 PRIVATE FUNCTION @ THE HONYWOOD 14:00 WEDDING REHEARSAL @ ST. PETER'S 10:00 ORGAN MARATHON @ ST. NICHOLAS TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY
05 September 2021	6	7	8	9	10	11
08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SUNDAY CLUB 14:00 BAPTISM @ ST. PETER'S	09:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION 10:00 MORNING PRAYER ON FACEBOOK	09:30 PRIVATE FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	10:00 MORNING PRAYER ON YOUTUBE 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	10:30 EDWARD BEAR GROUP IN CHURCH EXTENSION	10:00 KNIT & NATTER IN THE HONYWOOD 10:00 MORNING PRAYER ON YOUTUBE	12:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETER'S
12 September 2021	13	14	15	16	17	18
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18:00 EVENSONG BY ZOOM ONLY	17:00 RAINBOWS IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION					
19 September 2021	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Psalm 15.*

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?

A Psalm of David.

¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill
²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; ³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; ⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; ⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Second Reading *James 1. 17-end*

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately

forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel *Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15. 21-23*

The Tradition of the Elders

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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.