



The Benefice of the Hockwold

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 1st December 2024**



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Diary for Week Commencing Monday 2nd December 2024

Mon	02	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	02	17:30	Rainbows in the Church Extension
Tue	03	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	04	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	04	10:30	Bible Studies Group at The Honywood
Wed	04	19:30	Great Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	05	10:30	'Edward Bear' in the Church Extension
Fri	06	10:00	'Knit & Natter' at The Honywood
Fri	06	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	06	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	07	10:00	Flower arranging / Wreath Making
Sun	08	10:00	Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun	08	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Flower Arranging / Wreath Making at The Church Extension - 7th December.

Tickets £15.00 Contact Karen Tarpey ☎01621-892122

Decorating the Church for Christmas 14th December 09:00

Greenery would be appreciated

December 15th - **Nativity Play**

December 22nd - 6pm **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Christmas Eve - **Christingles 3pm and 5pm**

Christmas Day 10am - Family Communion

December 29th - Benefice Service, Family Communion,
the theme is 'Celebration of Christmas'.

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Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Jeremiah 33. 14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3.. 9-end

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Luke 21. 25-36

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Exhortation to Watch

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Praise to you, O Christ.

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In your prayer's this week please include:

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

Adam Billings, John Gladdish, Pat Holland, John Leaworthy, Nina Pearce, Peter Roast, Jeanne Shrimpton.

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The Prayer for Peace in the World

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceful wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Leading your church into growth - a prayer.

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris Munton E-Mail ✉cmmunton@ukmm.com ☎01621 891817 who also maintains the consolidated diary for the Church, Church Extension and The Honywood.

Please inform ALL bookings to avoid the possibility of any conflicts.