



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 8th December 2024**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 9th December 2024

Mon	09	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	09	17:30	Rainbows in the Church Extension
Tue	10	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	11	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	11	10:30	Bible Studies Group at The Honywood
Wed	11	19:30	Great Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	12	10:30	'Edward Bear' in the Honywood
Thu	12	12:00	Ramblers Service
Thu	12	13:00	Private Function in the Church Extension
Fri	13	10:00	'Knit & Natter' at The Honywood
Fri	13	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	13	13:45	Mothers Union meeting
Fri	13	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	14	09:00	Decorating the Church for Christmas
Sun	15	10:00	Morning Service of the Word and Nativity Play
Sun	15	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

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 Eve **Midnight Mass** 10:00pm

Christmas Day 10am - Family Communion

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

DONATIONS

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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. **Amen.**

First Reading *Malachi 3. 1-4*

The Coming Messenger

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

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Second Reading *Philippians 1. 3-11*

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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Gospel Luke 3. 1-6**Glory to you, Oh Lord.***The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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.**



The November 100+ Club draw winners are:

1st Prize : Revd Sue Godsmark, 2nd Prize : Jean Gill. 3rd Prize : James Doubleday

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.