



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
Second Sunday of Epiphany - A week of Prayer
For Christian Unity - Sunday 19th January 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 20th January 2025

Mon	20	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	20	17:30	Rainbows in the Church Extension
Tue	21	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Tue	21	19:30	P.C.C. Meeting @ The Honywood
Wed	22	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	22	10:30	Bible Studies Group at The Honywood
Wed	22	19:30	Great Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	23	10:30	'Edward Bear' in the Church Extension
Fri	24	10:00	'Knit & Natter' at The Honywood
Fri	23	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	23	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	25	10:-00	Coffee Morning @ The Honywood
Sat	25	16:00	Church Party

A social gathering for the church family to celebrate the new year and thanks to all those who help out.

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, GREAT TOTHAM
PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF PARTY FOOD**

Sun	26	10:00	Morning Service of the Word & Sunday Club
Sun	26	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

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Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through 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. **Amen.**

First Reading *Ezekiel 37. 26-end*

²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them for evermore. ²⁷ My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations shall know that I the Lord sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them for evermore.

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

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Second Reading *Ephesians 4. 1-6*

Unity in the Body of Christ

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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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.

Gospel John 17. 20-end.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Confirmation Classes in the Blackwater Benefice

Revd Andrew Vince and his team will be running Confirmation Classes after Easter, using the book *Faith Confirmed* (Preparing for Confirmation). If you are interested in taking this next step in your faith journey, or wish to discuss it further, please contact our Blackwater Benefice Administrator (Rosie) on office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com or 07908776750





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.**

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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.