



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
First Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday 12th January 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 13th January 2025

Mon	13	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	13	17:30	Rainbows in the Church Extension
Tue	14	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	15	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	15	10:30	Bible Studies Group at The Honywood
Wed	15	19:30	Great Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	16	10:30	'Edward Bear' in the Church Extension
Fri	17	10:00	'Knit & Natter' at The Honywood
Fri	17	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	17	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun	19	10:00	Family Communion and Sunday Club
Sun	19	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark



Forthcoming events:

Tue	21	19:30	P.C.C. Meeting @ The Honywood
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.

Saturday 25th January 2025 4:00-6:00 pm
ST PETER'S CHURCH, GREAT TOTHAM
PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF PARTY FOOD

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Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 *Isaiah 43. 1-7*

Israel's Only Savior

¹ But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

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

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Second Reading *Acts 18. 14-17*

¹⁴Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, “If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. ¹⁵But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law—settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things.” ¹⁶So he drove them off. ¹⁷Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever.

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Gospel *Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord **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.



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.