



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
Third Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday 26th January 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 27th January 2025

Mon	27	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	27	17:30	Rainbows in the Church Extension
Tue	28	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	29	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	29	10:30	Bible Studies Group at The Honywood
Wed	29	19:30	Great Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	30	10:30	'Edward Bear' in the Church Extension
Fri	31	10:00	'Knit & Natter' at The Honywood
Fri	31	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	31	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun	02	10:00	Morning Service of the Word & Sunday Club

Forthcoming events:

Sat 22 Feb 10:00 Coffee Morning @ The Honywood

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Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 *Psalm 19. 1-6*

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

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

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Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12. 12-31*

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. ➡

➡ But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member,²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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Gospel Luke 4. 14-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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.



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



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