



The Benefice of the Blackwater

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
Third Sunday before Lent
Sunday 16th February 2025**



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Diary for Week Commencing Monday 17th February 2025

Mon	17	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	17	17:30	No Rainbows in the Church Extension Half-Term
Tue	18	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	19	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	19	10:30	Bible Studies Group at The Honeywood
Thu	20	10:30	No 'Edward Bear' in the Church Extension Half-Term
Thu	20	12:00	Womens Institute Meeting at The Honeywood
Fri	21	10:00	'Knit & Natter' at The Honeywood
Fri	21	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	21	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	22	10:00	Coffee Morning at The Honeywood
Sun	23	10:00	Morning Service of the Word & Sunday Club

Forthcoming events:

Sat 22 March 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honeywood



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Collect Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed here true joys are to be found; 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 *Jeremiah 17. 5-10*

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

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Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15. 12-20*

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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Church Marmalade Making. The marmalade season is here again and Sheila is happy to do all the work. There is a money box at the back of the church if you would like to contribute towards the cost of oranges and sugar. Karin Mann.

Gospel *Luke 6. 17-26*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

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St Peter's Church Electoral Roll 2025. Notice of preparation of a new roll.

The electoral roll lists the names of people entitled to vote at its AGM, on matters relating to the running of St. Peter's Church. Each year, this document is updated and amended as folk come and go. In a 6 year cycle, however, members of St. Peter's church, whose names appear on the electoral roll, must re-affirm their wish to be included on that list. To this end, it is necessary to apply or re-apply, subject to the normal qualifications for membership.

Forms are available at the back of the church.



In your prayer's this week please include:

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

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

For those who have recently died and their families:

John Leaworthy.



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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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.