



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 18th May 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 19th May 2025

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| Mon | 19 | 09:30 | Private Function in the Church Extension |
| Mon | 19 | 17:30 | Rainbows in the Church Extension |
| Tue | 20 | 09:30 | Private Function in the Church Extension |
| Tue | 20 | 13:30 | Wedding at St. Peter's |
| Tue | 20 | 19:00 | Flower Festival Review meeting in The Honywood |
| Wed | 21 | 10:00 | Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension |
| Wed | 21 | 10:30 | Bible Studies Group at The Honywood |
| Wed | 21 | 19:30 | Great Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension |
| Thu | 22 | 10:30 | 'Edward Bear' in the Church Extension |
| Fri | 23 | 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 | 24 | 10:00 | Coffee Morning at The Honywood |
| Sun | 25 | 10:00 | Family Communion and Sunday Club. |
| Sun | 25 | 18:00 | Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark |

Forthcoming events:

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| Sat | 28 | June | 10:00 | Coffee Morning at The Honywood |
| Sun | 29 | June | 15:00 | Cream Teas in the Church Extension |



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Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ne God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 11. 1-18

Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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



Second Reading Revelations 21. 1-6

The New Heaven and the New Earth

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

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Gospel John 13. 31-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

The New Commandment

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

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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.**



In your prayer's this week please include:

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

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

For those who have recently died and their families:

Pat Holland

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Vacancy

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.