



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of  
St. Peter's, Great Totham  
Seventh Sunday after Triinity  
Sunday 3rd August 2025**



**Diary for Week Commencing Monday 4th August 2025**

Mon	04	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	04	11:30	Interment of Ashes at St. Peter's
Tue	05	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	06	19:30	Great Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Fri	08	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	09	08:00	Community Workers in Churchyard and using Extension
Sun	10	10:00	Morning Service of the Word (No Sunday Club during August)
Sun	10	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

**Forthcoming events:**

Sat 23 August 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood



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## Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 49. 1-12*

*The Folly of Trust in Riches*

*To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, <sup>2</sup> both low and high, rich and poor together. <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. <sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp. <sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, <sup>6</sup> those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? <sup>7</sup> Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it. <sup>8</sup> For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice, <sup>9</sup> that one should live on for ever and never see the grave. <sup>10</sup> When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others. <sup>11</sup> Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling-places to all generations, though they named lands their own. <sup>12</sup> Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

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

## Second Reading *Colossians 3. 1-11*

*The New Life in Christ*

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and



➡ Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

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### **Gospel Luke 12. 13-21**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N*

**Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

#### *The Parable of the Rich Fool*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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

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The July 100+ Club Draw winners are:

1st Prize: Brenda Keeble, 2nd Prize: Sue Lucas, 3rd Prize: Edwin Doubleday

### **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.

Those who have recently died and their families: Jeanne Shrimpton.



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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.