



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of
St. Peter's, Great Totham
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 31st August 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 1st September 2025

Mon	01	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Tue	02	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	03	10:30	Bible Studies Group in the Honywood
Wed	03	19:30	Gt. Totham Comm. Choir in the Church Extension
Fri	04	10:00	'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri	05	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun	07	10:00	Pet's Service
Sun	07	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 27 Sep	10:00	Coffee Morning at The Honywood
Friday 03 Oct		Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning



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Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 *Proverbs 25. 6-7*

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷ for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble

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Second Reading *Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16*

Service Well-Pleasing to God

¹ Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Gospel Luke 14. 1, 7-14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Humility and Hospitality

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

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**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Coffee morning at the Honywood. Friday, October 3rd 10:30am



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.**

The August 100+ Club draw winners are: 1st Prize: Rebekah Clark,
2nd Prize: Edwin Doubleday, 3rd Prize: June Eaton

In your prayer's this week please include:

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

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.