

### 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.  
John Gladdish, Nina Pearce, Peter Roast.

We're looking for a volunteer to act as our Parish Safeguarding Officer.  
If you are interested:

Please contact Karen ☎01621-892122 or Helen ☎01621-891067.

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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.

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the  
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.  
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



### Diary for Week Commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Mon	06	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	06	17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue	07	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	08	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	08	10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed	08	19:30	Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	09	10:30	Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri	10	10:00	'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri	10	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	10	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	11	14:00	Baptism at St. Peter's
Sun	12	10:00	Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club

### Forthcoming events:

Saturday 25 Oct 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood  
Saturday 06 Dec 11:00 Christmas Fayre 'Santa's Workshop'



### DONATIONS

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### Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 37. 1-9

*Exhortation to Patience and Trust  
Of David.*

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, <sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. <sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. <sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. <sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

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

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### Second Reading 2 Timothy 1. 1-14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Thanksgiving and Encouragement*

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. <sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,



<sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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### Gospel Luke 17 5-10

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

**Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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

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The September 100+ Club draw winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Sue Godsmark; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Liz Bamford; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Paul Smith