



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 7th September 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 8th September 2025

Mon	08	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	08	17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue	09	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Tue	09	19:30	P.C.C. Meeting at The Honywood
Wed	10	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	10	10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed	10	19:30	Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	11	10:30	Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri	12	10:00	'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri	12	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	12	13:45	Mothers Union Meeting in The Honywood
Fri	12	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	13	08:00	Community Workers in Churchyard and Extension
Sun	14	10:00	Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun	14	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark



Forthcoming events:

Saturday 27 Sep 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood
Sunday 28 Sep 10:00 Harvest Festival



DONATIONS

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Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: our down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 1*

The Two Ways

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

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Second Reading *Philemon 1-21*

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty



➡ ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Gospel Luke 14 25-33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them,
²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."
³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.



➔ 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

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.



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.