



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 14th September 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 15th September 2025

Mon	15	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	15	17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue	16	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	17	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	17	10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honeywood
Wed	17	19:00	Christmas Fayre meeting at 'Keepers Pantry'
Wed	17	19:30	Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	18	10:30	Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri	19	10:00	'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honeywood
Fri	19	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	19	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun	21	10:00	Family Communion and Sunday Club
Sun	21	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark



Forthcoming events:

Saturday	27 Sep	09:00	Decorating the church for Harvest Thanksgiving
Saturday	27 Sep	10:00	Coffee Morning at The Honeywood
Sunday	28 Sep	10:00	Harvest Festival
Friday	03 Oct	10:30	Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning



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Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Psalm 51*

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon.

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement. ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, ¹⁹ then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt-offerings and whole burnt-offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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

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Second Reading | Timothy 1. 12-17

Gratitude for Mercy

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Luke 15. 1-10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹ Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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

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Decorating the church for Harvest Thanksgiving. Saturday 27th September from 9:00am, if you could spare some time to help you will be very welcome. Greenery, produce and flowers also needed. Sue Keyes

A meeting is being held on Wednesday, 17th September 7:00pm at Keepers Pantry (courtesy of Jean Grant) to discuss the **Christmas Fayre**. We would love you to join us please. If you can please just turn up on the 17th. Tea/coffee will be available. Thank you

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.