

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the  
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.  
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



**Diary for Week Commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Mon	13	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	13	17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue	14	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	15	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	15	10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed	15	19:30	Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	16	10:30	Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri	17	10:00	'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri	17	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	17	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun	19	10:00	Family Communion and Sunday Club
Sun	19	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

**Forthcoming events:**

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



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## Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: our your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15

### *The Healing of Naaman*

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' <sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

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## **Second Reading 2 Timothy 2. 8-15**

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

### *A Worker Approved by God*

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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## **Gospel Luke 17.11-19**

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

**Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

### *Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers*

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

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### **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.