

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
Sunday 19th October 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 20th October 2025

Mon	20	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	20	17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue	21	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	22	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	22	10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed	22	19:30	Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	23	10:30	Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri	24	10:00	'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri	24	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	24	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	25	10:00	Coffee Morning at the Honywood
Sat	25	17:00	Bell Ringing at St. Peter's. Quarter Peal of Bells
Sun	26	10:00	Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun	26	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Saturday	22	November	10:00	Coffee Morning at The Honywood
Saturday	06	December	11:00	Christmas Fayre 'Elves Workshop'
Saturday	16	December	10:00	Nativity Play (Provisional)
Sunday	21	December	18:00	Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday	24	December	15:00	Christingles
Wednesday	24	December	17:00	Christingles
Thursday	25	December	10:00	Christmas Day Service

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Collect. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 121 Assurance of God's Protection. A Song of Ascents.*

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

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

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Second Reading *2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5*

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Gospel *Luke 18. 1-8*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N
Glory to you, Oh Lord.

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

*'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.