

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Second Sunday before Advent
Sunday 16th November 2025**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 17th November 2025

Mon	17	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	17	10:30	Mothers Union Diocesan A.G.M. Chelmsford
Mon	17	17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue	18	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	19	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	19	10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed	19	19:30	Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	20	10:30	Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri	21	10:00	'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri	21	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri	21	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	22	15:00	Wreath Making Workshop in the Honywood
Sun	23	10:00	Family Communion & Baptism with Rev. Andrew Vince
Sun	23	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Sat	29	November	10:00	Coffee Morning at The Honywood
Sat	06	December	11:00	Christmas Fayre 'Elves Workshop'
Sun	14	December	10:00	Nativity Play
Sun	21	December	18:00	Nine Lessons and Carols
Wed	24	December	15:00	Christingles
Wed	24	December	17:00	Christingles
Thu	25	December	10:00	Christmas Day Service
Sat	24	January '26	10:00	Coffee Morning at The Honywood

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Collect.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Malachi 4. 1-2*

The Great Day of the Lord

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

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

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Second Reading *2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13*

Warning against Idleness

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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Gospel *Luke 21. 5-19*

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

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Signs and Persecutions

⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. ⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

'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.