

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
The Second Sunday after Christmas
Sunday 4th January 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 5th January 2026

Mon 05 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 05 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension **WINTER BREAK**
Tue 06 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 07 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed 07 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed 07 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
WINTER BREAK
Thu 08 10:30 Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri 09 10:00 'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri 09 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri 09 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun 11 10:00 Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun 11 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Sat 17 Jan 10:30 Visiting Bell Ringers @ St. Peter's
Sun 18 Jan 10:00 Combined Service @ St. Peter's
Sat 24 Jan 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood
Tue 24 Feb 19:00 Almshouse meeting @ The Honywood
Sat 28 Feb 12:00 Baptism @ St. Peter's
Sat 14 Mar 14:30 Mothers Union Posy making in the Church Extension



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Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Psalm 72. 1-8

Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King Of Solomon.

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. ⁵ May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

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Second Reading 1 John 4. 7-10

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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Gospel Mark 6. 34-44

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Glory to you, Oh Lord.

³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' ³⁷ But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' ³⁸ And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled; ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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

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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.**

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.

Please inform ALL bookings to avoid the possibility of any conflicts.