

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the  
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.  
The First Sunday of Epiphany  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



**Diary for Week Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Mon 12 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension  
Mon 12 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension  
Tue 13 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension  
Tue 13 19:30 P.C.C. Meeting in The Honywood  
Wed 14 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension  
Wed 14 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood  
Wed 14 19:30 Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension

**WINTER BREAK**

Thu 15 10:30 Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension  
Fri 16 10:00 'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood  
Fri 16 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension  
Fri 16 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice  
Sat 17 10:30 Visiting Bell Ringers at St. Peter's  
Sun 18 10:00 Combined Service @ St. Peter's and Sunday Club  
Sun 18 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

**Forthcoming events:**

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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## Collect.

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 *Isaiah 42. 1-9*

### *The Servant, a Light to the Nations*

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

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## Second Reading *Acts 10. 34-43*

### *Gentiles Hear the Good News*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.



→ <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear; <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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### **Gospel Matthew 3. 13-end**

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

#### *The Baptism of Jesus*

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

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**ROTA.** Please note that there has been a temporary delay in the circulation of our January and February Rota. Copies should be available at the back of the Church, in our Vestry and in the Kitchen.



*In your prayer's this week please include:*

Our 'Friendship Church' - Bragernes Kirke, Drammen, Norway.

John Gladdish, Nina Pearce, Peter Roast.

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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.

**Notices:** If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris Munton E-Mail [cmmunton@ukmm.com](mailto: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.