

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
The Third Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday 25th January 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 26th January 2026

Mon 26 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 26 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue 27 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 28 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed 28 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed 28 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu 29 10:30 Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
Fri 30 10:00 'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
Fri 30 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Fri 30 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun 01 10:00 Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun 01 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Tue 24 Feb 19:00 Almshouse meeting @ The Honywood
Sat 28 Feb 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood
Sat 28 Feb 12:00 Baptism @ St. Peter's
Sat 14 Mar 14:30 Mothers Union Posy making in the Church Extension
Sun 26 Apl 10:00 Annual Meeting and Report



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Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain
us by your mighty power; 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 27.1. 5-13*

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. ⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. ⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger; you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. ¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

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Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1. 10-18*

Divisions in the Church

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)





¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

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Gospel Matthew 4. 12-23

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Glory to you, Oh Lord.

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

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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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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.

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 ☎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.