



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday 1st March 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 2nd March 2026

- Mon 02 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
- Mon 02 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
- Tue 03 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
- Tue 03 19:00 Almshouse meeting @ The Honywood
- Wed 04 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
- Wed 04 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
- Wed 04 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
- Thu 05 10:30 Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
- Fri 06 10:00 'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
- Fri 06 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
- Fri 06 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
- Sun 08 10:00 Family Communion and Sunday Club
- Sun 08 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

- Sat 14 Mar 14:30 Mothers Union Posy making in the Church Extension
- Tue 17 Mar 19:30 P. C. C. Meeting in The Honywood
- Sat 28 Mar 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood
- Sun 26 Apl 10:00 Church Annual Meeting and Report



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Collect.

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 *Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17*

The Example of Abraham

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

God's Promise Realized through Faith

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,



➔ ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Gospel John 3. 1-17

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Glory to you, Oh Lord.

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.

Parish Magazine

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☎01621 891067 or e-mail ✉parishmagazinetotham@yahoo.co.uk



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.**

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