



**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the  
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.  
First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**



**Diary for Week Commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

- Mon 23 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
- Mon 23 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
- Tue 24 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
- Tue 24 19:00 Almshouse meeting @ The Honywood
- Wed 25 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
- Wed 25 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
- Wed 25 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
- Thu 26 10:30 Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension
- Fri 27 10:00 'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood
- Fri 27 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
- Fri 27 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
- Sat 28 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood
- Sat 28 12:00 Baptism @ St. Peter's
- Sun 01 10:00 Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
- Sun 01 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
- 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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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** *Genesis 2, 15-17, 3. 1-7*

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

#### *The First Sin and Its Punishment*

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup> but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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### **Second Reading** *Romans 5. 12-19*

#### *Adam and Christ*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup> sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin.



➔ For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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### **Gospel Matthew 4. 1-11**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N*

**Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

#### *The Temptation of Jesus*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup> But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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.

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.**

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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.