



Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday 8th March 2026



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 9th March 2026

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| Mon | 09 | 09:30 | Private Function in the Church Extension |
| Mon | 09 | 17:30 | 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension |
| Tue | 10 | 09:30 | Private Function in the Church Extension |
| Wed | 11 | 10:00 | Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension |
| Wed | 11 | 10:30 | Bible Studies Group at the Honywood |
| Wed | 11 | 19:30 | Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension |
| Thu | 12 | 10:30 | Edward Bear Group in the Church Extension |
| Fri | 13 | 10:00 | 'Knit and Natter' Group in the Honywood |
| Fri | 13 | 10:00 | Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension |
| Fri | 13 | 19:45 | Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice |
| Sat | 14 | 14:30 | Mothers Union Posy Making in the Church Extension |
| Sun | 15 | 10:00 | Morning Service of the Word Sunday Club |
| Sun | 15 | 18:00 | Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark |

Forthcoming events:

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| 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 |

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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Collect. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 95*

A Call to Worship and Obedience

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! ⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.' ¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore, 'They shall not enter my rest.'

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

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Second Reading *Romans 5. 1-11*

Results of Justification

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Gospel *John 4. 5-42*

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Glory to you, Oh Lord.

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

¹ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'— ² although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— ➔

➡ ³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

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The February **100+ Club** draw winners are:

1st Prize: Jo Mitchell, 2nd Prize: Paul Smith, 3rd Prize: Janet Morley



Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate towards the cost of an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact me on ☎01621 891220. We are suggesting a minimum donation of £5.00 We will be decorating the church for Easter from 9am on Saturday, 4th April. If you would like to help, you would be most welcome. Greenery and spring flowers would be much appreciated.

Sue Keys

Parish Magazine

We currently need volunteers to help deliver the Parish Magazine in Plains Road and Maypole Road ten times a year. If you can help (the rounds can be shared or split), please contact Helen on

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