

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Palm Sunday
Sunday 29th March 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 30th March 2026

Mon	30	09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	30	17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension – Easter Break
Tue	31	09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	01	10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	01	10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed	01	19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	02	10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension – Easter Break
Thu	02	19:00 Eucharist of the last Supper
Fri	03	10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood – Easter Break
Fri	03	10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension – Easter Break
Fri	03	14:00 Stations of the Cross
Fri	03	19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice – Easter Break
Sat	04	19:00 Easter Vigil
Sun	05	10:00 Holy Communion and Sunday Club

Forthcoming events:

Sat	25 Apl	10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood
Sun	03 May	10:00 Church Annual Meeting and Report



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Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 31. 9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many - terror all around! - as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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

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Second Reading Philippians 2. 5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel Matthew 26. 14-27

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Glory to you, Oh Lord.

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' ¹⁸ He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."' ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹ and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' ²³ He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you;

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

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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. 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 Keyes

