

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 26th April 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 27th April 2026

- Mon 27 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 27 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue 28 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 29 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed 29 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed 29 11:30 Funeral at St. Peter's
Wed 29 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu 30 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension
Fri 01 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
Fri 01 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Fri 01 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun 03 10:00 Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun 03 11:00 Church Annual Meeting and Report
Sun 03 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Sat 23 May 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood



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Collect.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 2. 42-end

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

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Second Reading 1 Peter 2. 19-end

¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Gospel John 10. 1-10

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger; but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

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The Church Annual Meeting will be held at 11am on Sunday 3rd May when the 2025 Accounts and Report on church activities will be presented and PCC members appointed. Everyone is welcome to attend although votes may only be cast by those registered on St Peter's Electoral Roll. Current PCC members have already indicated they are willing to stand again, however, we do have space for more. If you are interested in joining, please complete a nomination form (available at the back of church) and return it to Helen Mutton, 17 Goat Lodge Road. Electoral Roll forms should be returned to Colin Heaviside.

There are many people who undertake small tasks which help to run St Peter's. We now need some roles to be covered and would be very grateful you would consider doing this. Please speak to Karen ☎01621 892122 or Helen ☎01621 891067 for further details.

Compiling and maintaining the church and extension cleaning rotas.

Joining either (or both) cleaning rotas (training given and all equipment provided)!

Serving refreshments after the 10am Sunday service (about once a month).

Joining the rota of sides persons who 'meet and greet' people coming into church.

In your prayer's this week please include:

Our 'Friendship Church' - Bragernes Kirke, Drammen, Norway.

John Gladdish, Nina Pearce

Those who have recently died and their families: Terry Jenkins, Peter Roast



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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.