

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

**Parish Magazine** We currently need volunteers to help deliver the Parish Magazine in Maypole Road and Eaton Way ten times a year. If you can help (the rounds can be shared or split), please contact Helen on ☎01621 891067 or e-mail ✉parishmagazinetotham@yahoo.co.uk

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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.

### Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham. Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026



### Diary for Week Commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Mon 13 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension  
Mon 13 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension – **EASTER BREAK**  
Tue 14 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension  
Wed 15 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension  
Wed 15 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood  
Wed 15 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension  
Thu 16 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension  
Fri 17 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood  
Fri 17 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension  
Fri 17 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice  
Sun 19 10:00 Family Communion and Sunday Club  
Sun 19 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

### Forthcoming events:

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



### DONATIONS

To donate to St Peter's Church: Scan the QR code; make a BACS payment to St Peter's Church Great Totham (sort code 20-54-30, account number 20882739), send a cheque (payable to 'St Peter's Church, Great Totham') to 17 Goat Lodge Road CM9 8BU or use the link on our website:  
[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6657](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6657)



### Collect.

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts 2. 14, 22-32

*Peter Addresses the Crowd*

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>22</sup> 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." <sup>29</sup> 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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


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### Second Reading I Peter 1. 3-9

#### A Living Hope

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,



 <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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### Gospel John 20. 19-end

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

#### Glory to you, Oh Lord.

*Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

*Jesus and Thomas*

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

*The Purpose of This Book*

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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