

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday 19th April 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 20th April 2026

- Mon 20 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 20 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue 21 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 22 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed 22 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed 22 19:30 Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu 23 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension
Fri 24 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
Fri 24 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Fri 24 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat 25 10:00 Coffee Morning in the Honywood
Sun 26 10:00 Family Communion and Sunday Club
Sun 26 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

- Sun 03 May 10:00 Church Annual Meeting and Report
Sat 23 May 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood

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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Collect.

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 | *Peter 1. 17-23*

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

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Second Reading *Acts 2. 14, 36-41*

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ 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. ³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

The First Converts

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸ Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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Gospel Luke 24. 13-35

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Glory to you, Oh Lord.

³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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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.

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.

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.