

The Churchwardens of St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, would like to extend an invitation to you and any of our parishioners to the Licensing Service of Reverend Andrew Vince who is to be licenced as an Associate Priest to the Blackwater Benefice at St. Mary the Virgin Tollesbury on 10th June at 7.30pm.

To enable seating to be available and for refreshments afterwards if you could let us know how many will be attending from your church by Monday June 1st that would be very helpful. Thank you very much. Best wishes

Clive and Denise Churchwardens St. Mary, Tollesbury.

Please contact: Rosie Pollock Blackwater Benefice Administrator

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### Leading your church into growth - a prayer.

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*In your prayer's this week please include:*

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

John Gladdish, Andrew Marsden, Nina Pearce

*Those who have recently died and their families:*

Bob Herring

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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. Trinity Sunday – United Benefice Service at St. Peter's - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026



### Diary for Week Commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Mon	01	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon	01	12:15	Private Service at St. Peter's
Mon	01	17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue	02	09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed	03	10:00	Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed	03	10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed	03	19:30	Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu	04	10:30	Edward Bear in the Church Extension
Fri	05	10:00	'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
Fri	05	10:00	Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Fri	05	15:00	Funeral at St. Peter's
Fri	05	19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sat	06	09:30	Beacon Group Prayer Meeting at St Mary's Chapel, Little Braxted. All Welcome.
Sun	07	10:00	Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun	07	18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

### Forthcoming events:

Sat 27 Jun 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood



### 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 and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 *Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end*

<sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? <sup>13</sup> Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? <sup>14</sup> Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? <sup>15</sup> Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. <sup>16</sup> Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. <sup>17</sup> All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

*New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)*

### Second Reading *2 Corinthians 13. 11-end*

*Final Greetings and Benediction*

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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### Gospel *Matthew 28. 16-end*

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

### Glory to you, Oh Lord

*The Commissioning of the Disciples*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

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### Request for Support at Baptisms

I have been supporting St. Peter's clergy at Baptisms for over 5 years and I am now finding it difficult to do this alone. So, this is a plea for someone to support me in welcoming families with babies, children and sometimes adults into the Church family. I would be good to have a team of us maybe 2 or 3. You do not have to be a member of the Mothers' Union as sometimes it is thought. Just someone who would like to help with bringing the wider community into our Church. Some baptisms take place on Saturdays as well as Sundays. I of course will support anyone who is interested. Please contact me on ☎01621 891315. With hopeful thanks June Eaton

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.