

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Fourth Sunday after Trinity
28th June 2026 – St. Peter's Day**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 29th June 2026

- Mon 29 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
- Mon 29 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
- Tue 30 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 01 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension
- Fri 03 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
- Fri 03 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
- Fri 03 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
- Sat 04 09:30 Beacon Group Prayer Meeting
- Sun 05 10:00 Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
- Sun 05 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

- Sat 25 Jul 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood



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Collect.

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading *1 Corinthians 13. 1-8a*

The Gift of Love

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. ⁸ Love never ends.

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

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Gospel *Matthew 16. 13-19*

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and
the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**



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

The Prayer for Peace in the World

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceful wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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

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.