

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
First Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 7th June 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 8th June 2026

- Mon 08 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 08 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue 09 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 10 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
Wed 10 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed 10 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Wed 10 19:30 Licensing Service of Reverend Andrew Vince
at St. Mary the Virgin Tollesbury
Thu 11 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension
Fri 12 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
Fri 12 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Fri 12 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun 14 10:00 Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club
Sun 14 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

- Sat 27 Jun 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood

The May 100+ Club Draw winners are: 1st Prize: James Bettley
2nd Prize: Sonya Hornet 3rd Prize: Lucy Bettley

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Collect.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 *Psalm 50.*

A psalm of Asaph.

¹ The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. ² From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. ³ Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. ⁴ He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: ⁵ "Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." ⁶ And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice. ⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God. ⁸ I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me. ⁹ I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, ¹⁰ for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine. ¹² If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴ "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵ and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honour me." ¹⁶ But to the wicked person, God says: "What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips? ¹⁷ You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you. ¹⁸ When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. ¹⁹ You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. ²⁰ You sit and testify against your brother and slander your own mother's son. ²¹ When you did these things and I kept silent, you thought I was exactly like you. But I now arraign you and set my accusations before you. ²² "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you: ²³ Those who sacrifice thank offerings honour me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation."

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

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Second Reading *Romans 4. 13-25*

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.



➔ ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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Gospel_Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord

The Calling of Matthew

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." ²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

*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.

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.