

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Third Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 21st June 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 22nd June 2026

- Mon 22 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
- Mon 22 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
- Tue 23 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
- Wed 24 10:00 Baby Signage Group in the Church Extension
- Wed 24 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
- Wed 24 19:30 Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
- Thu 25 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension
- Thu 25 14:00 Memorial Service at St. Peter's
- Fri 26 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
- Fri 26 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
- Fri 26 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
- Sat 27 10:00 Coffee Morning at The Honywood
- Sun 28 10:00 Family Communion and Baptism
- Sun 28 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

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



DONATIONS

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Collect.

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 *Jeremiah 20. 7-13*

⁷How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it. ⁸“‘In that day,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘I will break the yoke off their necks and will tear off their bonds; no longer will foreigners enslave them. ⁹Instead, they will serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. ¹⁰“‘So do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel,’ declares the Lord. ‘I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid. ¹¹I am with you and will save you,’ declares the Lord. ‘Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only in due measure; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.’ ¹²“This is what the Lord says: “‘Your wound is incurable, your injury beyond healing. ¹³There is no one to plead your cause, no remedy for your sore, no healing for you.

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

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Second Reading *Romans 6. 1-11*

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.



➡ ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

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Gospel Luke 15. 11-24.

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

*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.

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

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 Honeywood.

Please inform ALL bookings to avoid the possibility of any conflicts.