

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Ninth Sunday after Trinity
2nd August 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 3rd August 2026

- Mon 03 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 03 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**
Tue 04 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 05 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**
Wed 05 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood – **SUMMER BREAK**
Wed 05 19:30 Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu 06 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**
Fri 07 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood – **SUMMER BREAK**
Fri 07 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**
Fri 07 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun 09 10:00 Morning Service of the Word - **NO SUNDAY CLUB**
Sun 09 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

- Sat 29 Aug 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood
Sun 12 Sep 10:00 Pet's Service at St. Peter's



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Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 55. 1-5*

An Invitation to Abundant Life

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

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Second Reading *Romans 9. 1-5*

God's Election of Israel

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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Gospel Matthew 14. 13-21

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

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The 100+ Club Draw winners are:

1st Prize: Heather Gulliver, 2nd Prize: Nicholas Allen.

3rd Prize: Vanessa Ellams

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 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:

Kay Mehrstens.

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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.