

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the  
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.  
Seventh Sunday after Trinity  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



**Diary for Week Commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

- Mon 20 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension  
Mon 20 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**  
Tue 21 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension  
Wed 22 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**  
Wed 22 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood – **SUMMER BREAK**  
Wed 22 19:30 Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension  
Thu 23 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**  
Fri 24 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood  
Fri 24 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension – **SUMMER BREAK**  
Fri 24 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice  
Sat 25 10:00 Coffee Morning in the Honywood  
Sun 26 10:00 Family Communion and Sunday Club  
Sun 26 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark

**Forthcoming events:**

- Sat 22 Aug 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood  
Sun 12 Sep 10:00 Pet's Service at St. Peter's



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### **Collect.**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 86. 11-end*

*Supplication for Help against Enemies*

*A Prayer of David.*

<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. <sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; <sup>3</sup> be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. <sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

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

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### **Second Reading** *Romans 8. 1-11*

*Life in the Spirit*

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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## **Gospel Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23**

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

**Glory to you, Oh Lord**

### *The Parable of the Sower*

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!'

### *The Parable of the Sower Explained*

<sup>18</sup> 'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

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### **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:*

Bob Herring, Kay Mehrtens.

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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.