

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
30th August 2026**



**WORSHIP TOGETHER 10:00am UNITED SERVICE AT
TOLLESHUNT MAJOR - TODAY**

Diary for Week Commencing Monday 31st August 2026

Mon	31 09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension	
Mon	31 15:00	Visiting Bell Ringers at St. Peter's	
Mon	31 17:30	'Rainbows' in the Church Extension	SUMMER BREAK
Tue	01 09:30	Private Function in the Church Extension	
Wed	02 10:00	Baby Signage in the Church Extension	SUMMER BREAK
Wed	02 10:30	Bible Studies Group at the Honywood	
Wed	02 19:30	Gt.Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension	
Thu	03 10:30	Edward Bear in the Church Extension	
Fri	04 10:00	'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood	
Fri	04 10:00	Baby Signage in the Church Extension	SUMMER BREAK
Fri	04 19:45	Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice	
Sun	06 10:00	Morning Service of the Word and Sunday Club	
Sun	06 18:00	Evensong via 'Zoom' Contact Sue Godsmark	

Forthcoming events:

Sun	13 Sep	10:00	Pet's Service at St. Peter's
Sat	26 Sep	10:00	Coffee Morning in The Honywood
Sun	TBA	10:00	Harvest Festival



DONATIONS

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make a BACS payment to St Peter's Church Great Totham
(sort code 20-54-30, account number 20882739),
send a cheque (payable to 'St Peter's Church, Great
Totham') to 17 Goat Lodge Road CM9 8BU or use the
link on our website:
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6657

Collect.

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Jeremiah 15. 15-21*

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

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Second Reading *Romans 12. 9 – end*

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Gospel Matthew 16. 21- end

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father; and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

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**FANCY JOINING ME
FOR COFFEE
MORNING?**



**You are invited to come and join us for yummy
tea/coffee and cake at our**

Knit & Natter Coffee Morning

At The Honywood Hall, Great Totham

Friday 25th September at 10:30am – 12:30pm

Contact No. Sandra ☎01621 893153

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

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

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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.