

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
13th September 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 14th September 2026

Mon 14 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 14 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue 15 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 16 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Wed 16 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed 16 19:30 Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu 17 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension
Fri 18 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
Fri 18 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Fri 18 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun 20 10:00 Family Communion and Sunday Club
Sun 20 18:00 Evensong via 'Zoom' - Contact Sue Godsmark

Forthcoming events:

Sat 26 Sep 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood
Sun 11 Oct 10:00 Harvest Festival



DONATIONS

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Collect.

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 *Genesis 1. 24-27*

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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

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Second Reading *Isaiah 11. 6-9*

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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Gospel Matthew 18. 21-35

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord

Forgiveness ²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

*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.