

**Bible Readings and Weekly Notices for the
Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham.
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
11th October 2026**



Diary for Week Commencing Monday 12th October 2026

Mon 12 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Mon 12 17:30 'Rainbows' in the Church Extension
Tue 13 09:30 Private Function in the Church Extension
Wed 14 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Wed 14 10:30 Bible Studies Group at the Honywood
Wed 14 19:30 Gt. Totham Community Choir in the Church Extension
Thu 15 10:30 Edward Bear in the Church Extension
Fri 16 10:00 'Knit and Natter' in the Honywood
Fri 16 10:00 Baby Signage in the Church Extension
Fri 16 19:45 Great Totham Bell Ringing Practice
Sun 18 10:00 Family Communion and Sunday Club

Forthcoming events:

Sat 24 Oct 10:00 Coffee Morning in The Honywood
Sat 05 Dec Christmas Fayre
Fri 18 Dec 11:00 Ramblers Carol Service
Sun 20 Dec 10:00 Nativity Play
Sun 20 Dec 18:00 Nine Lessons and Carols
Thu 24 Dec 15:00 & 17:00 Christingles



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Collect.

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.



Bible Reading 2 Corinthians 8. 1-5,7-15

Encouragement to Be Generous

¹We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints - ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us,

⁷Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something -

¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

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

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Gospel Matthew 14. 15-21

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

Glory to you, Oh Lord

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