



Parishes of Great Totham, Little Totham and Goldhanger.
 Notices for St. Peter's, Great Totham – 5th February 2017
 Fourth Sunday before Lent



Quiz Night at The Village Hall – Saturday 18th February 7:15 for 7:30pm. Games of 4-8 people £7.00 per head. Contact Helen ☎01621 891067.

Our next **Coffee Morning** ☕ is at The Honywood on Saturday 25th February at 10:00am.

Beacon Hill Churches Together - Fundraiser and Social in support of Water Aid at St. Peter's Church^{GT} Tuesday 21st February 6.30pm for 7.00pm start with Finger buffet and drinks followed with talk by Brian and Carol Willis from Water Aid - Bring and Buy stall - All Welcome.

St. Peter's 200 Club 🎲 New members always welcome – Contact Roger ☎01621 892334. January Winners 1st prize Revd. Sue Godsmark: 2nd prize Gill Butcher: 3rd prize Jenny Barclay.

Wildlife Walks 🐿 Why not join Revd. Jonathan on the second Thursday of each month for a stroll around the countryside. Meet at Goldhanger Church 2:00pm.

Knit and Natter, Crochet and Chatter 🧶 every Friday at The Honywood 9:30am – 12:00 noon. Please contact Sandra ☎01621 893153 or Sue Bacon ☎01621 893809.

Bible Study Group 📖 meets on Wednesday's at 10:30 in The Honywood. Why not join us for an always interesting discussion? Coffee (or Tea) and Biscuits. Contact Paul ☎01621 893153 for more information.

The **Choir** 🎵 would be very appreciative of additional members when we have a special ceremony like a wedding. Please let Karin ☎01621 891215 know if you would be willing to join them.

Confirmation Classes ✝️ will take place next spring. Contact Jonathan for further details ☎01621 893150

Prayer 🙏 Would you like someone to pray with you after the service today? Please speak with a Sidesman to arrange.

The St. Peter's^{GT} Church Guide is available at the Church for £4.00.

Bible Readings. Please note that these will be e-mailed each week, to the readers shown in the Church Rota. They are also published on our website.

St. Peter's^{GT} has a **Facebook** 📘 Page – make 'Friends' with us at 'St. Peter's Church-Great Totham'. Tweet with us on **Twitter** 🐦 Search for: / Follow: 'Totham-Goldhanger' - @Revdjpearce.

For latest information please look at **St. Peter's^{GT} Website**
<http://www.essexinfo.net/st-peter-s-church-great-totham>



St. Peter's Church, Great Totham
 5th February to 4th March 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
05 February 2017 0800 HOLY COMMUNION 1000 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	6 1000 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD	7 1045 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	8 1030 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	9 1030 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	10 0930 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	11 1930 QUIZ NIGHT @ THE VILLAGE HALL
12 February 2017 1800 EVENSONG 1000 FAMILY COMMUNION BY EXTENSION & SUNDAY CLUB NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK	13 1730 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	14 1045 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	15 1030 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	16 1030 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	17 0930 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	18 1930 QUIZ NIGHT @ THE VILLAGE HALL
19 February 2017 0800 HOLY COMMUNION 1000 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	20 1730 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	21 1045 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	22 1030 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	23 1030 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	24 0930 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	25 1000 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
26 February 2017 0800 HOLY COMMUNION THE WORD & SUNDAY CLUB	27 1730 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	28 1045 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	01 March 2017 1030 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	2 1030 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	3 0930 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	4 1000 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
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Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail ☒ cmmunton@ukm.com ☎01621 891817 who also maintains the consolidated diary for the Church, Church extension and The Honywood. Please inform him of ALL bookings to avoid the possibility of any conflicts.



Bible Readings – 5th February 2017

Fourth Sunday before Lent



Collect

O God,
 you know us to be set
 in the midst of so many and great dangers,
 that by reason of the frailty of our nature
 we cannot always stand upright:
 grant to us such strength and protection
 as may support us in all dangers
 and carry us through all temptations;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Isaiah 58. 1-12*

False and True Worship

1Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 3'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. 4Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? 6Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator* shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. 9Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. 12Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 2. 1-12, 13-End*

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

1When I came to you, brothers and sisters,* I did not come proclaiming the mystery* of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

4My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom,* but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. The True Wisdom of God 6Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— 10these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.* 14Those who are unspiritual* do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. 15Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 16'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel *Matthew 5. 13-20*

Salt and Light

13'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

17'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,* not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore, whoever breaks* one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

In your prayer's this week please include:

Adam Billings:	Mary Bradley:	Keith Burrell:	Margaret Clarke:
Daphne Davies:	Dawn Dungate:	Pat Holland:	Kimberly Howard:
Sylvia Huxtable:	Geoff Metzger:	Peggy Midwood:	Laura Moore:
Fred Mundy:	Elizabeth Parsons:	Peter Roast:	Catherine Self:
Sam Sweetman:	Bob Tarpey:	Janet Trowles:	Lloyd Whitworth.
Gordon (Janet's Brother)			