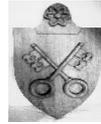




Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
 Sunday 12th February 2017
 Third Sunday before Lent



The Electoral Roll of St Peter's Church is being revised in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church meeting which is being held on Sunday 23rd April 2017. Only people on the Electoral Roll will be entitled to vote at that meeting, so it is essential that if you intend to be at that meeting and you are entitled to be on the Roll then please check that you are on it. The Roll will be revised between Sunday 19th March 2017 and Saturday 1st April 2017 so if you are not on the Roll and need an application form, then please contact David Barclay. ☎01621 891164

Quiz Night at The Village Hall – Saturday 18th February 7:15 for 7:30pm. Tables of 4-8 people £7.00 per head. Contact Helen ☎01621 891067 who would also appreciate donations of raffle prizes.

Our next **Coffee Morning** ☕ is at The Honeywood 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 28th 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.

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 Honeywood 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 Honeywood. 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} **Facebook** 📘 Page. Make 'Friends' with us at 'St. Peter's Church-Great Totham'.
 St. Peter's^{GT} **Website** <http://www.essexinfo.net/st-peter-s-church-great-totham>



St. Peter's Church, Great Totham
12th February to 11th March 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 February 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION BY EXTENSION & SUNDAY CLUB NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK	13 	14 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 	15 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION 	16 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION 	17 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	18 19:30 QUIZ NIGHT @ THE VILLAGE HALL
19 February 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	20 	21 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD WATER AID PRESENTATION @ ST. PETER'S GT 	22 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 GIRL GUIDES MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION 	23 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION 	24 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	25 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
26 February 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION THE WORD & SUNDAY CLUB	27 	28 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 18:30 FUNDRAISER & SOCIAL IN SUPPORT OF 'WATER AID' @ ST. PETER'S GT 	01 March 2017 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION 	2 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION 	3 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	4
05 March 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	6 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD 	7 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 	8 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 GIRL GUIDES MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION 	9 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION 14:00 WILDLIFE WATCHING MEET @ GOLDHANGER 	10 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	11
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Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail ☒ cmunition@ukm.com ☎01621 891817 who also maintains the consolidated diary for the Church, Church extension and The Honeywood. Please inform him of ALL bookings to avoid the possibility of any conflicts.



Bible Readings – 12th February 2017

Third Sunday before Lent



Collect

Almighty God,
 who alone can bring order
 to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
 give your people grace
 so to love what you command
 and to desire what you promise,
 that, among the many changes of this world,
 our hearts may surely there be fixed
 where true joys are to be found;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Deuteronomy. 30, 15-end*

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians. 3. 1-9*

On Divisions in the Corinthian Church

¹And so, brothers and sisters,^{*} I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the

one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Gospel *Matthew. 5. 21-37*

Concerning Anger.²¹You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister,^{*} you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult^{*} a brother or sister,^{*} you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell^{*} of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister^{*} has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister,^{*} and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court^{*} with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Concerning Adultery. ²⁷You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.^{*} ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.^{*}

Concerning Divorce.³¹It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Concerning Oaths. ³³Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.^{*}

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)

Those who have recently died and their families: Mary Gregan: Marion McCauley