



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
 Sunday 19th February 2017
 Second 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

Our next **Coffee Morning** ☕ is at The Honyword 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.

The next **Magazine Meeting** will be on Tuesday 7th March at 7.45pm in the Honyword.

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 🧶 every Friday at The Honyword 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 Honyword. 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

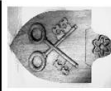
Prayer 🙏 Would you like someone to pray with you after the service today? Please speak with a Sidesman to arrange.

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

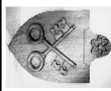
Bible Readings. Please note that these will be e-mailed each week, to the readers shown in the Church Rota. They are also published on our website.

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
 19th February to 18th March 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 February 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG	20 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH-EXTENSION COMMITTEE MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	21 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	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 18:00 EVENSONG 19:30 BELL RINGERS A.G.M.	27 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH-EXTENSION 19:30 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	28 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 18:30 FUNDRAISER & SOCIAL IN SUPPORT OF 'WATER AID' @ ST. PETERS 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 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
03 March 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG	6 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH-EXTENSION	7 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 MAGAZINE MEETING @ 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 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
12 March 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION BY EXTENSION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG	13 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH-EXTENSION	14 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 PCC MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	15 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 18:00 ALMSHOUSE TRUSTERS MEETING @ 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 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD

Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail ✉️ cmunton@ukm.com ☎01621 891817 who also maintains the consolidated diary for the Church, Church extension and The Honyword. Please inform him of All bookings to avoid the possibility of any conflicts.



Bible Readings – 19th February 2017

Second Sunday before Lent



Collect

Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth
 and made us in your own image:
 teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and your likeness in all your children;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading *Psalms 136. 1-9, 23-end*

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- ² O give thanks to the God of gods,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- ³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ⁴ who alone does great wonders,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ⁵ who by understanding made the heavens,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ⁶ who spread out the earth on the waters,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ⁷ who made the great lights,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ²³ It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ²⁴ and rescued us from our foes,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever;
- ²⁵ who gives food to all flesh,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- ²⁶ O give thanks to the God of heaven,
 for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Second Reading *Romans 8. 18-25*

Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in* hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes* for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel *Matthew 6. 25-end*

Do Not Worry

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,* or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God* and his* righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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 Gegan: Marion McCauley