



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
 Sunday 5th March 2017
 First Sunday of Lent



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

Support **Jonathan in the Colchester Half Marathon** in aid of MS U.K. and Goldhanger Nursery. Sunday 12th March. Contact him or get forms from the Church for Sponsorship.

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

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

St. Peter's 200 Club 🏠 New members always welcome – Contact Roger ☎01621 892334. February Winners 1st prize: Helen Mutton 2nd prize: Geoff Harwood 3rd Prize: Paul Smith

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

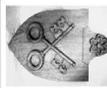
Prayer 🙏 Would you like someone to pray with you after the service today? Please speak with a Sidesman to arrange.

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.

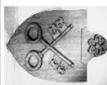
St. Peter's^{GT} **Facebook** 📘 Page. Make 'Friends' with us at 'St. Peter's Church-Great Totham'.

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



St. Peter's Church, Great Totham

5th March to 1st April 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
05 March 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 	6 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 	7 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 	8 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 	9 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION 	10 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 	11 
12 March 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION BY EXTENSION & SUNDAY CLUB COLCHESTER HALF MARATHON 	13 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	14 19:45 MAGAZINE MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD 	15 18:00 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 18:00 ALMSHOUSE TRUSTES MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION 	16 14:00 WILDLIFE WATCHING MEET @ GOLDHANGER 	17 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 LITTLE TOTHAM QUIZ NIGHT @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	18 
19 March 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 	20 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	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 13:45 MOTHER'S UNION @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	25 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD 
26 March 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION BY EXTENSION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG 	27 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	28 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 	29 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION 	30 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION 	31 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 	01 April 2017 10:00 MOTHER'S UNION HOT CROSS BUN MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD 

Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail ☒ cmmunton@ukrm.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 March 2017

First Sunday of Lent



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
 you hate nothing that you have made
 and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
 create and make in us new and contrite hearts
 that we, worthily lamenting our sins
 and acknowledging our wretchedness,
 may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
 perfect remission and forgiveness;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Psalm 32.*

The Joy of Forgiveness
 Of David. A Maskil.

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up* as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress,* the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

⁷ You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Second Reading *Romans 5, 12-19*

Adam and Christ

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³sin was indeed in the world

before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification* leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel *Matthew 4. 1-11*

The Temptation of Jesus

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him

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

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