



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
 Sunday 19th March 2017
 Third Sunday of Lent



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

The Mothers Union are having a **Hot Cross Bun** Coffee morning on 1st April at The Honyword 10am to 12noon. Apart from buns and drinks there will be a cake stall, Easter gifts and a raffle.

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.

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 & Chatter 🧶 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.

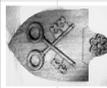
Confirmation Groups ✝️ will take place next spring. Contact Jonathan for further details ☎01621 893150

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

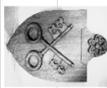
The St. Peter's^{GT} Church Guide is available at the Church for £4.00.

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
 19th March to 15th April 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION	23 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION	24 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 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 & SUNDAY CLUB	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 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	01 April 2017 10:00 MOTHER'S UNION HOT CROSS BUN MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
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18:00 EVENSONG						

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

Third Sunday of Lent



Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Exodus 17. 1-7*

Water from the Rock

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’ ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ ⁵The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah* and Meribah,* because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

Second Reading *Romans 5. 1-11*

Results of Justification

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we* have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access* to this grace in which we stand; and we* boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we* also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.* ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel *John 4, 5-42*

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him,

‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)* ¹⁰Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ ¹¹The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?’ ¹²‘Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ ¹³Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ ¹⁵The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ ¹⁷The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ ¹⁹The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you* say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ ²¹Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ ²⁵The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ ²⁶Jesus said to her, ‘I am he,* the one who is speaking to you.’ ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,* can he?’ ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ ³²But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ ³³So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ ³⁴Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving* wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

In your prayer’s this week please include:

Adam Billings: Mary Bradley: Keith Burrell: Margaret Clarke: Daphne Davies:
Dawn Dungate: Pauline Hart: Pat Holland: Kimberly Howard: Sylvia Huxtable:
Peggy Midwood: Laura Moore: Fred Mundy: Catherine Self: Sam Sweetman: Bob Tarpey:
Janet Trowles: Lloyd Whitworth

Those who have recently died and their families:

Elizabeth Parsons