



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
 Sunday 30th April 2017
 Third Sunday of Easter



Anyone doing any gardening this weekend? could you please consider potting up a few extra plants as we are planning to have a plant stall in conjunction with the Open Gardens on the 17th/18th June.

There will be a Fete Committee meeting at 'The Honeywood' on Tuesday 2nd May 7:30pm. All **Volunteers** will be very, very welcome.

Our next **Coffee Morning** ☕ is at The Honeywood on Saturday 27th May at 10:00am.

SUMMER FETE – Saturday 1st July 2:00pm on Great Totham Cricket Field and at the Village Hall.

St. Peter's 200 Club 🏠 Reminder - The annual membership fee of £12 is due at the beginning of May for all existing members of the St. Peter's 200+ Club wishing to continue participating in the monthly draw; new members are also very welcome. Those who pay by cash/cheque rather than by SO, as well as anyone who would like to join the scheme whose proceeds benefit the church, should contact Roger Allen ☎01621 892334.

April winners: 1st Prize: Daphne Davies 2nd Prize: Christine Gunton: 3rd Prize: June Eaton

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 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.

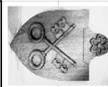
Prayer 🙏 If you would like someone to pray with you after the service today? Please speak with a Sidesman to arrange.

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.

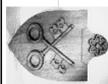
St. Peter's^{GT} **Facebook** 📘 Page. Make 'Friends' with us at 'St. Peter's Church-Great Totham'.

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



St. Peter's Church, Great Totham

30th April to 27th May 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
08:00 HOLY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 30 April 2017	10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 01 May 2017	10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 2	10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 3	10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION 4	09:30 KNIT & MATTER @ THE HONYWOOD 5	10:00 WICKHAM BISHOPS P.C.C. MEETING IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION 6
18:00 EVENSONG 07 May 2017	8 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	19:30 P.C.C. MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD 9	19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION 10	14:00 WILDLIFE WATCHING MEET @ GOLDHANGER 11	19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 12	10:00 BELL RINGING @ ST. PETERS 13:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETERS 13
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Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly Notices please contact Chris E-Mail ☒ communion@ukkm.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 – 30th April 2017

Third Sunday of Easter



Collect

Almighty Father,
 who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
 with the sight of the risen Lord:
 give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
 that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
 and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one god, now and forever.

First Reading Zephaniah 3. 14-end

A Song of Joy

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has
 turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that
 day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over
 you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear
 reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the
 lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all
 the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will
 make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore
 your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Second Reading Acts 2. 14a, 13-35

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him
 both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

The First Converts

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the
 other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be
 baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven;
 and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your
 children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save

yourself from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were
 baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel Luke 24. 13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about
 seven miles* from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that
 had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and
 went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to
 them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still,
 looking sad.* ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you
 the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place
 there in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about
 Jesus of Nazareth,* who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the
 people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to
 death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.*
 Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.
²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early
 this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us
 that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those
 who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they
 did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of
 heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the
 Messiah* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with
 Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the
 scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead
 as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is
 almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When
 he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their
 sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us* while he was
 talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour
 they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions
 gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared
 to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been
 made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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:	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