



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham  
 Sunday 14th May 2017  
 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Our next **Coffee Morning** is at The Honyword on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am.  
**Great Totham Open Gardens** 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 11:00am to 5:00pm  
 Tickets £5 per person obtainable from Great Totham Village Hall CM9 8NH.  
 Stop off at the Village Hall for refreshments (Including cakes and Light Lunches) & Photography Exhibition during the day. Funds in aid of St Peter's Church, Great Totham.

**Summer Fete** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2:00pm on Great Totham Cricket Field and at the Village Hall. The next organising meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Please come along and help. Glynnis 01621 891474 is organising a 'Bric-à-Brac' stall. "Saleable" items (you know what we mean) gratefully received. Donations of local produce for the Raffle Prize Hamper will be appreciated. Karin 01621 891215 will need lots of help with the Refreshments. Homemade cakes wanted, as are 'Full' bottles for the Bottle Stall.  
**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.

**Knit and Natter, Crochet and Chatter** every Friday at The Honyword 9:30am – 12:00 noon. Please contact Sandra 01621 893153 or Sue Bacon 01621 893809.

**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.  
**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.

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



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 14th May to 10th June 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 May 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION BY EXTN AND SUNDAY CLUB	15 May 2017 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	16 May 2017 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	17 May 2017 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	18 May 2017 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION	19 May 2017 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	20 May 2017 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
21 May 2017 18:00 EVENSONG	22 May 2017 19:30 FETE COMMITTEE MEETING	23 May 2017 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	24 May 2017 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	25 May 2017 12:30 MOTHER SUNNIN A.G.M. FOLLOWED BY LUNCH @ THE HONYWOOD	26 May 2017 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	27 May 2017
28 May 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD	29 May 2017 14:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETERS	30 May 2017 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	31 May 2017 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	1 June 2017 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION	2 June 2017 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	3 June 2017
04 June 2017 18:00 EVENSONG	05 June 2017 11:00 HOLIDAY CLUB IN CHURCH EXTENSION	06 June 2017 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	07 June 2017 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION	08 June 2017 14:00 WILDLIFE WATCHING MEET @ GOLDHANGER	09 June 2017 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	10 June 2017
08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD	19:30 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' CLUB IN EXTENSION	09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	
18:00 EVENSONG			19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION			

Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail [communion@ukm.com](mailto:communion@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 – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### Fifth Sunday of Easter



#### Collect

Almighty God,  
 who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
 have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
 grant that, as by your grace going before us  
     you put into our minds good desires,  
 so by your continual help  
 we may bring them to good effect;  
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

#### First Reading *Psalm 31. 1-5, 15-16*

Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies  
 To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
     do not let me ever be put to shame;  
     in your righteousness deliver me.
- <sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;  
     rescue me speedily.  
 Be a rock of refuge for me,  
     a strong fortress to save me.
- <sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
     for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
<sup>4</sup> take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
     for you are my refuge.
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
     you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
     deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- <sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
     save me in your steadfast love.

#### Second Reading *Acts 7. 55-end*

<sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.\*

#### Gospel *John 4. 1-14*

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus\* learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'— <sup>2</sup> although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— <sup>3</sup>he left Judea and started back to Galilee. <sup>4</sup>But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The 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.)\* <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but 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.'

#### *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:	Janet Trowles:
Lloyd Whitworth				