



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
Sunday 4th June 2017
Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday



Bishop Stephen's School for Disciples 7:00pm for 7:30pm @ Wickham Bishops Village Hall on Wednesday 14th June.

Great Totham Open Gardens 17th & 18th 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) also Photography Exhibition during the day. Funds in aid of St Peter's Church^{GT}.

Seven Parishes 'Mid Summer Social'. 7:30pm @ St. Peter's^{GT} Thursday 22nd June. An opportunity to meet Rev'd. Canon Paul Daltry and his wife Jean.

Our next **Coffee Morning** is at The Honyword on Saturday 24th June at 10:00am.

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

BHCT Service at Great Totham Village Hall 10:30am on Sunday 2nd July.

Sea Sunday Service at Goldhanger Sailing Club 10:00am on Sunday 9th July.

There will be no Morning Service at St. Peters on these Sundays.

St. Peter's 200 Club 🐻 New members always welcome – Contact Roger 01621 892334. May Winners: - 1st prize: Nicholas Allen 2nd prize: Mr R. Raven 3rd prize: Alistair Welford

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 Rev'd. 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^{GT} Church Guide is available at the Church for £4.00.

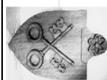
Bible Readings. Please note that these will be e-mailed each week, to the readers shown in the Church Rota. They are also published on our website.

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>



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4th June to 1st July 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
04 June 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	5 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD	6 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	7 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	8 10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	9 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	10 11:00 - 17:00 GREAT TOTHAM OPEN GARDENS
11 June 2017 18:00 EVENSONG	12 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	13 19:30 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	14 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION	15 14:00 WILDLIFE WATCHING MEET @ GOLDHANGER	16 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONYWOOD	17 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
18 June 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 11:00 - 17:00 OPEN GARDENS	19 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	20 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	21 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	22 10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	23 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	24 12:30 MOTHERS UNION MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD
25 June 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD	26 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	27 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD	28 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	29 June 2017 10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	30 09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONYWOOD	1 14:00 GREAT TOTHAM FETE

Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail communion@ukmm.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 – 4th June 2017

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Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Psalm 104. 28-end*

²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit,* they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Second Reading *Acts 23. 1-21*

¹While Paul was looking intently at the council he said, ‘Brothers,* up to this day I have lived my life with a clear conscience before God.’ ²Then the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near him to strike him on the mouth. ³At this Paul said to him, ‘God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting there to judge me according to the law, and yet in violation of the law you order me to be struck?’ ⁴Those standing nearby said, ‘Do you dare to insult God’s high priest?’ ⁵And Paul said, ‘I did not realize, brothers, that he was high priest; for it is written, “You shall not speak evil of a leader of your people.”’ ⁶When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, ‘Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection* of the dead.’ ⁷When he said this, a dissension began between the Pharisees

and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸(The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, or angel, or spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge all three.) ⁹Then a great clamour arose, and certain scribes of the Pharisees’ group stood up and contended, ‘We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?’ ¹⁰When the dissension became violent, the tribune, fearing that they would tear Paul to pieces, ordered the soldiers to go down, take him by force, and bring him into the barracks. ¹¹ That night the Lord stood near him and said, ‘Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome.’

The Plot to Kill Paul

¹² In the morning the Jews joined in a conspiracy and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. ¹³There were more than forty who joined in this conspiracy. ¹⁴They went to the chief priests and elders and said, ‘We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵Now then, you and the council must notify the tribune to bring him down to you, on the pretext that you want to make a more thorough examination of his case. And we are ready to do away with him before he arrives.’ ¹⁶ Now the son of Paul’s sister heard about the ambush; so he went and gained entrance to the barracks and told Paul. ¹⁷Paul called one of the centurions and said, ‘Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to report to him.’ ¹⁸So he took him, brought him to the tribune, and said, ‘The prisoner Paul called me and asked me to bring this young man to you; he has something to tell you.’ ¹⁹The tribune took him by the hand, drew him aside privately, and asked, ‘What is it that you have to report to me?’ ²⁰He answered, ‘The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more thoroughly into his case. ²¹But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him. They have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they kill him. They are ready now and are waiting for your consent.’ ²²So the tribune dismissed the young man, ordering him, ‘Tell no one that you have informed me of this.’

Gospel *John 20. 19-23*

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

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