



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham  
Sixth Sunday after Trinity



**High Tea at 'The Honeywood'** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2:00 to 5:00pm.  
Telephone Sandra on 01621 893153 for tickets £8.50 each  
Our next **Coffee Morning** is at The Honeywood on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10:00am. There's also our famous 'Full Monty' which saves you cooking breakfast!

**Worship Sub-Committee** meeting 7:30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> August at The Honeywood. Anyone who has an interest should attend.

**Advance Warning.** We are planning to close the church extension for the month of August whilst we carry out the alterations to the kitchen & WC.

**NOTE: There may not be any toilet facilities at times during the works.**

**St. Peter's<sup>GT</sup> 200 Club** 🐻 New members always welcome – Contact Roger 01621 892334.

**Knit and Natter** every Friday at The Honeywood from 9:30am – 12:00 noon. Please contact Sandra 01621 893153 or Sue Bacon 01621 893809. Please note that there will be no meeting during August.

**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. Please note that there will be no meeting during August.

**Dates for your Diary:**

1<sup>st</sup> October Friends of St. Peter's Craft Fair at the Village Hall  
30<sup>th</sup> November Maldon Vintage Christmas Fair on Maldon High Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> December St. Nicholas Fayre 2:00pm at the Village Hall

**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>



St. Peter's Church, Great Totham  
23th July to 19th August 2017



18:00 HOLY COMMUNION OF THE WORD AND SUNDAY CLUB	23 July 2017	SUNDAY		24	MONDAY		10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONEYWOOD	25	TUESDAY		19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION	26	WEDNESDAY		10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	27	THURSDAY		09:30 KNIT & NATTER @ THE HONEYWOOD	28	FRIDAY		14:00 HIGH TEA @ THE HONEYWOOD	29	SATURDAY	
18:00 HOLY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	30 July 2017	SUNDAY		31	MONDAY		10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONEYWOOD	01 August 2017	TUESDAY		19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION	2	WEDNESDAY		10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	3	THURSDAY		19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	4	FRIDAY		14:00 HIGH TEA @ THE HONEYWOOD	5	SATURDAY	
06:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD	06 August 2017	SUNDAY		7	MONDAY		10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONEYWOOD	08 August 2017	TUESDAY		19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION	9	WEDNESDAY		10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	10	THURSDAY		19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	11	FRIDAY		14:00 HIGH TEA @ THE HONEYWOOD	12	SATURDAY	
10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB	13 August 2017	SUNDAY		14	MONDAY		10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONEYWOOD	14 August 2017	TUESDAY		19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN EXTENSION	16	WEDNESDAY		10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN EXTENSION	17	THURSDAY		19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	18	FRIDAY		14:00 HIGH TEA @ THE HONEYWOOD	19	SATURDAY	
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Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail ☒ [communion@ukrm.com](mailto:communion@ukrm.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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

### Sixth Sunday after Trinity



#### Collect

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unit of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### First Reading *Psalm 86 11-end*

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. <sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name for ever. <sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love towards me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. <sup>14</sup> O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. <sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving-maid. <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

#### Second Reading *Romans 8. 12-25*

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters,\* we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba!\* Father!’ <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness\* with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

#### *Future Glory*

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for

the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in\* hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes\* for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

#### Gospel *Matthew 13. 24-30,36-43*

##### *The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat*

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” <sup>28</sup>He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” <sup>29</sup>But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

##### *Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds*

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ <sup>37</sup>He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears\* listen!

#### ***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