



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



**Church Extension** We are closing the church extension for the month of August whilst we carry out alterations.

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

Our next **Coffee Morning** is at The Honeywood on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10:00am.

**Farewell Benefice BBQ** for Jonathan and Nina on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 3:00pm onwards at St Peter's<sup>GT</sup> Church Extension. Please contact Sheila if you plan to attend. ☎01621 892334.

**'Ride & Stride'** Please support the friends of Essex Churches Trust on 9<sup>th</sup> September by riding and gaining sponsorship or by manning the church. Contact David on ☎01621 891164 for details.

**'Care and Share'** course at Tolleshunt Major Village Hall. 5 weeks from the 12<sup>th</sup> September. For details contact Roger ☎01621 892334.

**Pet's Service @ 'The Honeywood'** 11:00am on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that there will be no 10:00am service at St. Peter's<sup>GT</sup> this day.

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Note: this service will be at 11:00am.

**All Saints Service** at Little Totham. 11:00am on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that there will be no 10:00am service at St. Peter's<sup>GT</sup> this day.

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

**'Knit and Natter'** at The Honeywood from 9:30am – 12:00 noon. Please contact Sandra ☎01621 893153 or Sue Bacon ☎01621 893809.

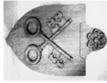
**'Bible Study Group'** starts again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30 in The Honeywood. Why not join us for an always interesting discussion? Coffee (or Tea) and Biscuits. Contact Paul ☎01621 893153 for more information.

**The St. Peter's<sup>GT</sup> Church Guide** is available at the Church for £4.00.

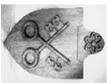
**Bible Readings.** Please note that these will be e-mailed each week, to the readers shown in the Church Rota. They are also published on our website.

St. Peter's<sup>GT</sup> **Facebook** Page. '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**  
**27th August to 23rd September 2017**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 August 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD NO SUNDAY CLUB	28 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	29 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	30 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	31 10:30 EDWARD BEAR HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONYWOOD	01 September 2017 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONYWOOD	2 15:00 FAREWELL BENEFICE BARBECUE FOR JONATHAN
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Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail [cmmunton@ukrm.com](mailto:cmmunton@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 – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**



**Collect**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive our gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading** *Isaiah 51. 1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup>For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;\* but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

**Second Reading** *Romans 12. 1-8*

*The New Life in Christ*

<sup>1</sup>appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,\* by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual\* worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world,\* but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you

may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.\* <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Gospel** *Matthew 16. 13-20*

*Peter's Declaration about Jesus*

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,\* the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter,\* and on this rock\* I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was\* the Messiah.\*

***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