



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



'Ride & Stride' Please support the friends of Essex Churches Trust on 9th 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 12th September. For details contact Roger 01621 892334.

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

Pets' Service 11:00am Sunday, 24th September. You are all invited to bring your pets, large or small (or a photo) to a short service of thanksgiving for the enjoyment and loyalty our pets give us. The service will be in the Honeywood Hall garden, Hall Road, weather permitting. If it should rain we will hold the service in the Hall. You and your pets will be very welcome. Light refreshments will be served after the service. Please note that there will be no 10:00am service at St. Peter's^{GT} this day.

Harvest Festival We will be decorating the Church for Harvest Festival from 9:00am on Saturday 30th September and your help will be really appreciated. Our family Harvest Festival Service is at **11:00am** on Sunday 1st October, followed by a bring and share lunch in the Church extension. You are invited to bring offerings of food that can be donated to The Maldon Food Pantry. If you can, please give tinned meat, fish, fruit and soup, rice pasta, cereals, coffee and tea. As there is no 8:00am service this day, it would be lovely if we could have a 'bumper get together' of all our congregations to celebrate the occasion..

St. Peter's^{GT} 200 Club New members always welcome – Contact Roger 01621 892334. August Winners: 1st prize-Ivy Coker 2nd prize - Nick Scholey 3rd prize - Arthur Wheaton

'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 6th 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^{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. '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

3rd September to 30th September 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03 September 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG	4 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	5 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	6 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	7 CLUB IN CHURCH EXTENSION	8 'KNIT & NATTER MEET' @ THE HONYWOOD	9 14:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETERS
10 September 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG	11 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	12 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD	13 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 18:00 ALMS HOUSE TRUSTEES HONYWOOD 19:00 'RANGERS' MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	14 10:30 EDWARD BEAR HONYWOOD	15 'KNIT & NATTER MEET' @ THE HONYWOOD	16 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD
17 September 2017 08:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG	18 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	19 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 PCC MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	20 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	21 10:30 EDWARD BEAR HONYWOOD	22 'KNIT & NATTER MEET' @ THE HONYWOOD	23 14:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETERS
24 September 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 PETS SERVICE @ THE HONYWOOD 18:00 EVENSONG	25 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	26 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 PCC MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD	27 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 'RANGERS' MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	28 10:30 EDWARD BEAR HONYWOOD	29 'KNIT & NATTER MEET' @ THE HONYWOOD	30 14:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETERS

Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail 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 – 3rd September 2017

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unit of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Jeremiah 15. 15-21*

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Second Reading *Romans 12. 9-end*

Marks of the True Christian

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.* ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the

saints; extend hospitality to strangers.¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;* do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;* for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel *Matthew 16. 21-end*

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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	Eric Keyes	Peggy Midwood	Laura Moore
Fred Mundy	Catherine Self	Sam Sweetman	Janet Trowles
Lloyd Whitworth			