



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



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 pasta sauce, tinned meat, cereals, sugar, tinned fish, jam, tinned tomatoes, long-life milk, 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.

'Care and Share' course at Tolleshunt Major Village Hall. Runs for 5 weeks from the 12th September. For details contact Roger ☎01621 892334.

Our next **Coffee Morning** is at The Honeywood on Saturday 28th October at 10:00am.

St. Peter's^{GT} 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 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.

The St. Peter's^{GT} Church Guide is available at the Church £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
24th September to 21st October 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24 September 2017 08:30 HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 PETS SERVICE @ THE HONYWOOD 	25 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	26 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ 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 CLUB IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	29 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONYWOOD 	30
01 October 2017 SUNDAY 11:00 HARVEST FESTIVAL. 	2 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 15:00 WEDDING CEREMONY REHEARSAL 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	3 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 	4 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 'RANGERS' MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH 	5 10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	6 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONYWOOD 	7
08 October 2017 08:00 MORNING PRAYER & SUNDAY CLUB 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 14:00 WEDDING CEREMONY @ ST. PETER'S 18:00 EVENSONG 	9 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	10 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 	11 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 'RANGERS' MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH 	12 10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	13 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONYWOOD 	14
15 October 2017 08:30 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG 	16 15:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	17 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 	18 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 	19 10:30 EDWARD BEAR CLUB IN CHURCH EXTENSION 	20 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONYWOOD 	

Notice: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail ☐ cmmunton@ukm.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 – 24th September 2017
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Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 *Psalm 145. 1-8*

The Greatness and the Goodness of God - Praise. Of David

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever. ²Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever. ³Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. ⁵On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. ⁶The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. ⁷They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Second Reading *Philippians 1. 21-end*

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he

has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel *Matthew 20 1-16*

The Labourers in the Vineyard

²⁰For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²¹After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,* he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.* ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.* ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?*" ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?*" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.*

In your prayer's this week please include:

Adam Billings	Mary Bradley	Keith Burrell	Margaret Clarke
Daphne Davies	Dawn Dugate	Pat Holland	Kimberly Howard
Sylvia Huxtable	Peggy Midwood	Laura Moore	Fred Mundy
Catherine Self	Sam Sweetman	Janet Trowles	

Those who have recently died and their families:

Eric Keyes