



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
First Sunday of Advent



We will be **Decorating the Church and Christmas Tree** from 9:00a.m. on Saturday 16th. Help and assistance will be very much appreciated

W.I. Viking Group Carol Service followed by refreshments in the Church Extension. Monday, 4th December 2:00 for 2.30pm.

Goldhanger Tree Festival 9th & 10th December

Nativity Play at the 10:00am Service, and **9 Lessons and Carols Service** at 6:00pm on Sunday 17th December followed by refreshments.

Christingles - 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Sunday 24th December.

Midnight Mass - 11:45pm on Sunday 24th December.

Christmas Day - Family Communion at 10:00am.

'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.

St. Peter's^{GT} 200 Club November Winners: 1st Prize: James Allen 2nd Prize: Phil Page 3rd Prize: Natasha Allen. New members always welcome – Contact Roger ☎01621 892334.

Prayer Would you 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 £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 DECEMBER to 30th DECEMBER 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03 December 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG	04 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONYWOOD 14:30 W.I. CAROL SERVICE @ ST. PETERS 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	05 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 10:45 CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	06 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 'RANGERS' MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	07 10:30 EDWARD BEAR IN CHURCH EXTENSION 13:00 PARISH COUNCIL @ THE HONYWOOD	08 KNIT & NATTER MEET @ THE HONYWOOD PRIVATE SERVICE @ ST. PETERS 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	09 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONYWOOD GOLDHANGER TREE FESTIVAL
10 December 2017 08:00 MORNING PRAYER 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG GOLDHANGER TREE FESTIVAL	11 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	12 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 10:45 CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	13 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 'RANGERS' MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	14 10:30 EDWARD BEAR IN CHURCH EXTENSION 13:00 PARISH COUNCIL @ THE HONYWOOD	15 KNIT & NATTER MEET @ THE HONYWOOD PRIVATE SERVICE @ ST. PETERS 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	16 9:00 DECORATING THE CHURCH AND TREE FOR CHRISTMAS
17 December 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & NATIVITY PLAY 18:00 NINE LESSONS & CAROLS	18 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	19 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 10:45 CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	20 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONYWOOD 19:00 'RANGERS' MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH	21 10:30 EDWARD BEAR IN CHURCH EXTENSION 13:00 PARISH COUNCIL @ THE HONYWOOD	22 KNIT & NATTER MEET @ THE HONYWOOD 13:45 MOTHERS UNION MEETING @ THE HONYWOOD 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	23 9:00 DECORATING THE CHURCH AND TREE FOR CHRISTMAS
24 December 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SUNDAY CLUB 15:00 & 17:00 CHRISTINGLES 18:00 EVENSONG	25 1:00 FAMILY COMMUNION 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION	26 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONYWOOD 10:45 CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION	27 December 2017 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 IN CHURCH EXTENSION 13:00 PARISH COUNCIL @ THE HONYWOOD	29 December 2017 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE	30 9:00 DECORATING THE CHURCH AND TREE FOR CHRISTMAS

Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices', please contact Chris E-Mail cmunton@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 December 2017

First Sunday of Advent



Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Psalm 80.*

Prayer for Israel's Restoration

To the leader: on Lilies, a Covenant. Of Asaph. A Psalm.¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! ³Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁴O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶You make us the scorn* of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; ¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. ¹²Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. ¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted.* ¹⁶They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;* may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.¹⁷But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. ¹⁸Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1. 3-9*

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my* God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in

speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of* Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel *Mark 13. 24-end*

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁴But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he* is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert;* for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

In your prayer's this week please include:

Adam Billings Mary Bradley Keith Burrell Margaret Clarke Daphne Davies
Dawn Dungate Katrina Hardy-King Pat Holland Kimberly Howard Sylvia Huxtable
John Leaworthy Peggy Midwood Laura Moore Fred Mundy David Roach
Catherine Self Joan Tarpey Janet Trowles

Those who have recently died and their families:

Kathleen Chamberlain Daisy Miller Gerry Onslow Ellen Roast