



Notices for the Parish of St. Peter's, Great Totham
Second 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

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' Friday's at The Honeywood from 9:30am – 12:00 noon. Please contact Sandra ☎01621 893153 or Sue Bacon ☎01621 893809. Note: will not meet on 29th December 2017.

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. Note: will not meet on 27th December 2017 and 3rd January 2018.

St. Peter's^{GT} 200 Club New members always welcome – Contact Roger ☎01621 892334.

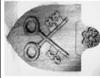
Prayer Would you like someone to pray with you after the service today? Please speak with a Sidesman to arrange.

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
10th DECEMBER 2017 to 6th JANUARY 2018



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 10 December 2017 08:30 MORNING PRAYER 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG GOLDBANGER TREE FESTIVAL | 11 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION | 12 10:45 CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION | 13 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONEYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH | 14 10:30 EDWARD BEAR IN CHURCH EXTENSION | 15 KNIT & NATTER MEET @ THE HONEYWOOD PRIVATE SERVICE @ ST. PETERS 13:45 MOTHERS UNION MEETING @ THE HAWTHORNS 15:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE | 16 9:00 DECORATING THE CHURCH AND TREE FOR CHRISTMAS |
| 17 December 2017 08:30 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & NATIVITY PLAY | 18 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION | 19 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONEYWOOD | 20 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONEYWOOD 19:30 RANGERS MEET @ THE HONEYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH | 21 10:30 EDWARD BEAR IN CHURCH EXTENSION | 22 KNIT & NATTER MEET @ THE HONEYWOOD 15:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE | 23 9:00 DECORATING THE CHURCH AND TREE FOR CHRISTMAS |
| 24 December 2017 08:30 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SUNDAY CLUB 15:00 & 17:00 CHRISTINGLES 18:00 EVENSONG | 25 17:30 RAINBOWS IN CHURCH EXTENSION | 26 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONEYWOOD | 27 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONEYWOOD 19:30 RANGERS MEET @ THE HONEYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH | 28 10:30 EDWARD BEAR IN CHURCH EXTENSION | 29 KNIT & NATTER MEET @ THE HONEYWOOD 15:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE | 30 9:00 DECORATING THE CHURCH AND TREE FOR CHRISTMAS |
| 31 December 2017 08:30 MORNING PRAYER 10:00 MORNING SERVICE OF THE WORD & SUNDAY CLUB NO EVENSONG | 01 January 2018 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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 – 10th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



Collect

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever

First Reading *Isaiah 40. 1-11*

*God's People Are Comforted*¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' ⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;* lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,* lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading *2 Peter 3. 8-15a*

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow

about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you,* not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.* ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening* the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Final Exhortation and Doxology

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel *Mark 1. 1-8*

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

¹The beginning of the good news* of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.* ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,* 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,* who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', ⁴John the baptizer appeared* in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with* water; but he will baptize you with* the Holy Spirit.'

In your prayer's this week please include:

Adam Billings Mary Bradley Keith Burrell Margaret Clarke Daphne Davies
Dawn Dungate Brian Gleghorn 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