



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



Our next **Coffee Morning** is at The Honeywood on Saturday 26th August at 10:00am. There's also our famous 'Full Monty' which saves you cooking breakfast!

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.

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

'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.

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

'Knit and Natter' starts again on Friday 1st September at The Honeywood from 9:30am – 12:00 noon. Please contact Sandra ☎01621 893153 or Sue Bacon ☎01621 893809. Please note that there will be no meeting during August.

'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

20th August to 16th September 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20 August 2017 08:30 SERVICE OF THE WORD 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION NO SUNDAY CLUB 	21 	22 	23 	24 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' HONEYWOOD 	25 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	26 10:00 COFFEE MORNING @ THE HONEYWOOD
27 August 2017 18:00 EVENSONG 	28 	29 	30 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH 	31 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' HONEYWOOD 	01 September 2017 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE 	2 15:00 FAREWELL BENEFICE BARBECUE FOR JONATHAN
03 September 2017 08:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 FAMILY COMMUNION & SUNDAY CLUB 18:00 EVENSONG 	4 10:00 PRAYER HOUR @ THE HONEYWOOD 	5 10:45 LUNCH CLUB @ THE HONEYWOOD 19:30 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING @ THE HONEYWOOD 	6 10:30 BIBLE STUDY GROUP @ THE HONEYWOOD 19:30 GT. TOTHAM CHORAL GROUP IN THE CHURCH 	7 10:30 'EDWARD BEAR' HONEYWOOD 	8 19:45 BELL RINGING PRACTICE @ THE HONEYWOOD 	9
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Notices: If you wish to include any item on the weekly 'Notices' please contact Chris E-Mail 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 – 20th August 2017

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Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unit of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Psalm 67.*

The Nations Called to Praise God

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah* ²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading *Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32*

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now* receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel *Matthew 15. (10-20) 21-28*

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.* And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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