

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



HOLY COMMUNION 3RD APRIL 2016 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER NOTICE SHEET

A very warm welcome to the community here at St. Peter's where worship has been offered on this site since Saxon times. The present Church building has its origins in the late 13th Century and has been the place of worship for the village of Swettenham since then. If you make use of a hearing aid please switch to "T" for enhanced sound. Please ensure that mobile phones, cellular phones and pagers are switched off.

There will be a collection taken during the Offertory Hymn for the Ministry, Mission and upkeep of this beautiful Church building that costs £2,417 month to maintain. Please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the pews as this adds 25% to the value of your offering, thank you.

Our Hymns for today:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 83 Love's redeeming work is done
GRADUAL HYMN: 157 Breathe on me breath of God
OFFERTORY HYMN: 78 The strife is o'er
RECESSIONAL HYMN: 263 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor

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Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW): Acts 5.27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And

we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are

written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

This Week

Wednesday 7.30 pm W.I. Meeting – Hearing Dogs for the deaf at
The Swettenham Club

NEXT WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Holy Communion 6.30 pm

EASTER VESTRY & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016 in St Peter's Church. Everyone welcome to attend but only those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. Nominations for Churchwarden, & PCC are on the notice board in the porch. We look forward to seeing you there!

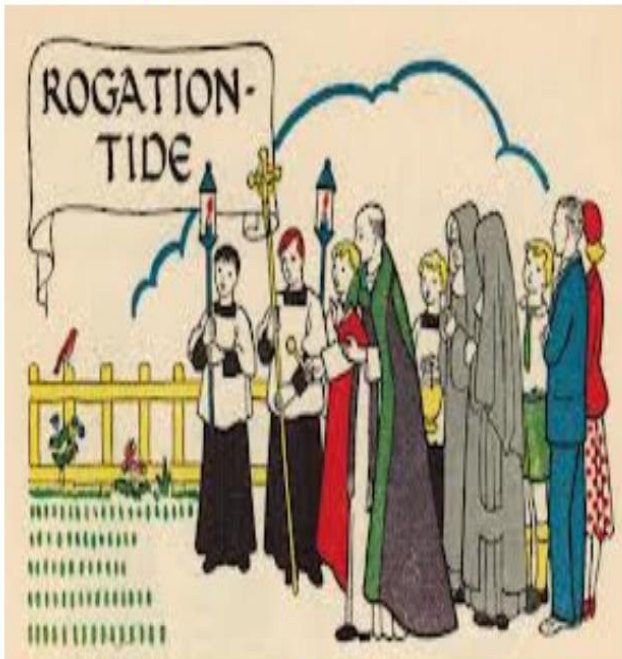
For more information on St. Peter's Church, please visit the website: www.stpeterswettenham.org.uk



NOMINATION FORMS FOR CHURCH
WARDEN & PCC MEMBERS ARE ON THE
NOTICEBOARD IN THE PORCH OF THE
CHURCH.

Rogation Service

Sunday 5th June at 11.15 am



Followed by lunch at
The Fields Farm, Kermincham
Further details to follow

Petertide Festival

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July

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Exhibition of



Christening Gowns
through the years

together with photos



Saturday 2nd July



7.30pm

Concert with



The Kingsfield Singers