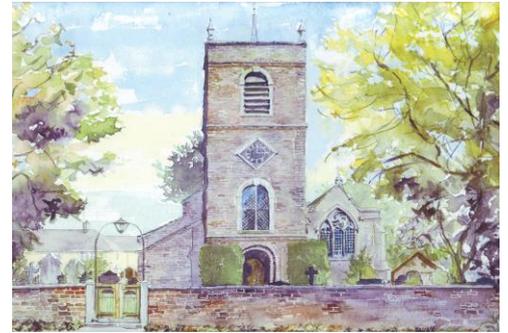


St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET 17TH APRIL 2016 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER FAMILY SERVICE

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.

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: 156 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

THE GRADUAL HYMN: 652 The Lord's my shepherd

OFFERTORY HYMN: 74 Blessed assurance

RESCENSIONAL HYMN: 649 The King of love my shepherd is

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a woman named Tabitha, who was a believer. (Her name in Greek is Dorcas, meaning "a deer.") She spent all her time doing good and helping the poor. At that time she got sick and died. Her body was washed and laid in a room upstairs. Joppa was not very far from Lydda, and when the believers in Joppa heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him with the message, "Please hurry and come to us." So Peter got ready and went with them. When he arrived, he was taken to the room upstairs, where all the widows crowded around him, crying and showing

him all the shirts and coats that Dorcas had made while she was alive. Peter put them all out of the room, and knelt down and prayed; then he turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. Peter reached over and helped her get up. Then he called all the believers, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news about this spread all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed on in Joppa for many days with a tanner of leather named Simon.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!"

All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. Then they threw themselves face downward in front of the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!" One of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?" "I don't know, sir. You do," I answered. He said to me, "These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb. That is why they stand before God's throne and serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will protect them with his presence. Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, because the Lamb, who is in the center of the throne, will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GOSPEL: John 10.22-30

It was winter, and the Festival of the Dedication of the Temple was being celebrated in Jerusalem. Jesus was walking in Solomon's Porch in the Temple, when the people gathered around him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? Tell us the plain truth: are you the

Messiah?" Jesus answered, "I have already told you, but you would not believe me. The deeds I do by my Father's authority speak on my behalf; but you will not believe, for you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me. What my Father has given me is greater than everything, and no one can snatch them away from the Father's care. The Father and I are one."

ADDRESS – Revd Pamela Soult

The Choir will sing Anthem I watch the sunrise

During the Communion the choir will sing Take our bread

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Monday 18th 12.30 pm Funeral – John Ward

Next Week at St. Peter's

6.30pm Evensong



**We would like to organise a rota for people who would be willing to read at our Services. Please speak to Ian or Pamela for further details.
Thank you**

Rogation Service

Sunday 5th June at 11.15 am



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

Songs of Praise



Service

Sunday
29th May
6.30pm

A list is on the
noticeboard for
you to write
your hymn choice.


scouts
be prepared . . .



Cars - £5.00
4x4 & Vans - £10.00
At The Crown, Goostrey

23rd April

(10am – 3pm)

Petertide Festival

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

Exhibition of



Christening Gowns
through the years
together with photos



Saturday 2nd July



7.30pm

Concert with

The Kingsfield Singers

