

# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

**NOTICE SHEET  
HOLY COMMUNION  
3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2014  
7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



*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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Our Hymns for today:**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 494 O God, our help in ages past

GRADUAL HYMN: O valiant hearts

OFFERTORY HYMN: 691 Thy kingdom come, O God

COMMUNION HYMN: 437 Make me a channel of your peace

RESCESIONAL HYMN: 409 Lord, for the years

**Penitential Kyrie (*After the Law*)**

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence and faith.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

**Heavenly Father, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to bring trust where there is fear, understanding where there is prejudice, and hope where there is despair, that the world may know the power of your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## COLLECT

Lord of the nations, Saviour and judge of all: remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate, grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

## GRADUAL HYMN : O valiant hearts

O valiant hearts who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,  
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,  
While in the frailty of our human clay,  
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this,  
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;  
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes  
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,  
Following through death the martyred Son of God:  
Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise  
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,  
Whose cross has bought them and Whose staff has led,  
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land  
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

**GOSPEL**            Matthew 14:13 - 21

When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, they need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, we have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

**A responsorial prayer of commemoration** (*after the Creed*)

Remember, Lord, those whose stories were unspoken and untold.

*All*     **Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom.**

Remember, Lord, those whose minds were darkened and disturbed by memories of war.

*All*     **Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom**

Remember, Lord, those who suffered in silence, and those whose bodies were disfigured by injury and pain.

*All*     **Jesus, remember them when you come into your kingdom.**

Father of all, remember your mercy, and look with your healing love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the First World War, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared, you have spoken your word of life and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood; bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war, to know the joys of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died and was raised to newness of life, to whom be glory in every age and for eternity. **Amen.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

**All**            **And weeping o'er the grave we make our song:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*(from the Russian Kontakion of the Dead)*

### **THIS WEEK**

Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm    Swettenham W.I. – The Swettenham Club  
Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>        2.00pm    Marriage of Josh Felton & Maria Bentley

**Next Week at St. Peter's**  
**6.30pm Evensong & Holy Communion (BCP)**