

# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



## NOTICE SHEET HOLY COMMUNION 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016

### 11<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. A special welcome to Revd Colin Crumpton who will be officiating at this morning's service.*

*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:	95 Holy, Holy, Holy
GRADUAL HYMN:	100 All people that on earth do dwell
OFFERTORY HYMN:	184 Jerusalem the Golden
RECESSIONAL HYMN:	207 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

### **THE COLLECT**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

### **OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW BIBLE):                    Genesis 15.1-6**

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the

word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, 'Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

**Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 12.32–40**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there

your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

**ADDRESS** Revd John Varty

### POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Next Week at St. Peter's**

6.30pm Holy Communion

**CLONTER FAIR  
&  
CAR BOOT SALE**

In Collaboration with  
Congleton Beartown Classic Car Club

In Aid of  
Cancer Research UK  
&  
Clonter Farm Music Trust

**4<sup>th</sup> September**



**at St. Peter's**

**Presiding**

**The Bishop of Stockport The Rt Revd Libby Lane**

**Evensong**

**Sunday 18th September 6.30pm**

**followed by refreshments in the Lovell Suite by kind invitation  
of Jim & Frances Cunningham**



**Come ye thankful  
People come...**