

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



Holy Baptism

21st August 2016

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. A special welcome to Tanya and Ashley as they bring baby Ernest for baptism today.

An induction loop system operates here. 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.

Please refrain from taking photographs until after the service is ended, thank you.

(please stand)

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: and also with you

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

Hymn - 467 New every Morning

Brothers and sisters as we prepare to celebrate let us call to mind our sins.

All: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on

us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and his peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

(please sit)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.' 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

(please stand) Hymn – 590 Seek ye first

(remain standing) THE GOSPEL Luke 13.10.-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward

and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.'

The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?' When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please sit)

ADDRESS by the Revd. John Varty

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

(please stand)

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE:

The minister addresses the whole congregation:

Today we thank God for Ernest Raymond who has come to be baptized. Christ welcomes him into his Church. Will you to promise to support him as he begins his journey of faith?

All: We will.

The president then says to the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, you have brought Ernest to baptism and speak for him/her today. As we trust God for his growth in faith, will you to promise to care for him, pray for him, and help him to follow Christ.

Answer: We will.

THE DECISION

*The president addresses the candidate through their **parents and godparents**:*

In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys and rise to live with him for ever. Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject evil?

All: I reject evil.

And all its many forms?

All: And all its many forms.

And all its empty promises?

All: And all its empty promises.

Do you turn to Christ?

All: I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?

All: And put my trust in him.

And promise to follow him for ever?

All: And promise to follow him for ever.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The president makes the sign of the cross on Ernest's forehead:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All: Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil, and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The president stands before the water of baptism and says

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. On him you poured your Spirit this baptism in the River Jordan. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your Spirit and know themselves loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The president addresses the congregation:

So together with Ernest who is being baptized, let us state, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM

The president pours water on the candidate, saying:

Ernest Raymond, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

COMMISSION

The president addresses the congregation, parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, it has been good to welcome you to St Peter's for the baptism of Ernest.

Today we have started him on his Christian journey. Baptism joins us to Christ and to his whole Church, in earth and in heaven. Here, we shall do all that we can to ensure that there is a welcoming place for you. We will play our part in helping you guide Ernest along the way of faith.

The story of Christ's birth, death and resurrection, the pattern of his loving life, and the teaching that he gave. We pray that Ernest will come closer to God as he grows in faith, and makes his baptismal promises for himself when he comes to confirmation.

Being a Christian means going to church, and more. Christians are called to stand up for truth and justice, and show compassion to those in need. They are to be faithful and loving. The example that you give by prayer and the life that you lead will profoundly affect Ernest in the whole of his future life. Remember to ask for God's help, and pray for him often, as we pray for you. Therefore, let us now pray for grace in guiding Ernest in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Ernest and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(please stand)

HYMN - Baptized in water

(tune – Morning has Broken)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king:
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

(please kneel or sit)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Father, we thank you that by baptism you have raised Ernest with Christ to new life in the Spirit. Guide and protect him with your grace, that he may follow you all their days and grow in knowledge and love of you. Father, by the victory of your Son,

All: Give light to the world.

May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all nations to unite the world in peace and love. By your healing power restore all that is broken and unite us with you, one God and Father. Father, by the victory of your Son.

All: Give light to the world.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with all the saints on glory. Merciful father

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(please stand) for THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Ernest Raymond Dingle, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Hymn - 565 Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

THE BLESSING

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith: and the blessing of God almighty, Father, son and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing for the giving of a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God



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The advertisement features illustrations of a teapot, a cup of tea, a cake, a harp, a gramophone, a classical instrument, and a priest.



Harvest Festival
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...

The advertisement features illustrations of a scarecrow, pumpkins, and a basket of fruit.