

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

NOTICE SHEET EVENSONG

SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST 2016
14TH 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 13th Century and has been the place of worship for the village of Swettenham since then. A special welcome to Revd John Varty who will be officiating at this evening's service.

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.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 172 Glorious things of Thee are spoken
PSALM 81 vs 1-11
THE GRADUAL HYMN: 104 For the beauty of the Earth
OFFERTORY HYMN: 194 King of Glory King of Peace
RESCESIONAL HYMN: 15 Saviour again to thy dear name we raise

THE COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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): Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore, the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the

lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL Luke 14.1, 7–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.'

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

ADDRESS Revd John Varty

NEXT WEEK

Holy Communion 11.15 am

CLONTER FAIR
&
CAR BOOT SALE

In Collaboration with
Congleton Beartown Classic Car Club

In Aid of
Cancer Research UK
&
Clonter Farm Music Trust

Sunday 4th 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...**