

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET HOLY COMMUNION 7TH DECEMBER 2014 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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. 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.

After the Advent candle is lit, we sing the candle lighting song (A&M 163 tune)

1 Advent candles tell the story
As we watch and pray,
Longing for the day of glory,
"Come, Lord, soon" we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness,
on that day.

2 Prophet voices loudly crying,
Making pathways clear.
Glimpsing glory, self-denying,
Calling all to hear.
Through their message –
challenged, shaken
Hearts awaken: God is near!

Our Hymns for today:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 26 O come, O come, Emmanuel
GRADUAL HYMN: 25 The advent of our King
OFFERTORY HYMN: 27 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry
RESCESIONAL HYMN: 28 Lo, He comes with clouds descending

THE COLLECT

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the

satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40: 1 – 11

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, what shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 13.8-14

Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in

the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

GOSPEL Matthew 21.1-13

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, the Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, tell ye the daughter of Sion, behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David:


Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, who is this? And the multitude said, this is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, it is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son to redeem the world and wilt send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he shall come again, we may be found ready to greet him with joyful love and steadfast faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Week at St. Peter's

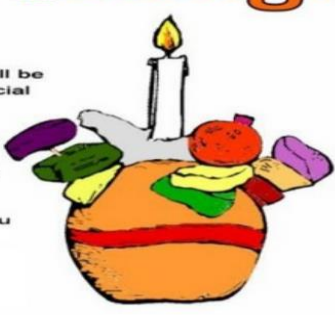
6.30pm Evensong & Holy Communion




**Festival
of
Lessons
& Carols**
6.30pm
Sunday
21st
December

Chringle

Our church will be holding a special Chringle celebration for vulnerable children helped by The Children's Society. We really hope you will join us



All proceeds go to The Children's Society 

**St. Peter's Church, Swettenham
Christmas Eve at 6.00pm**



**Our Services this
Christmas are:**

Sunday 21st December
Festival of Lessons & Carols 6.30pm

Christmas Eve
Chringle Service 6.00pm

Christmas Morning
Family Communion 11.15am

Sunday 28th December
Morning Prayer with Carols 11.15am

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