

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS) 2ND FEBRUARY 2014

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.

Please ensure that mobile phones, cellular phones and pagers are switched off.

Our Hymns for today:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 117 Praise to the holiest in the height

THE GRADUAL HYMN: 199 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

OFFERTORY HYMN: 170 The Church's one foundation

RESCESIONAL HYMN: 180 Thou, whose almighty word

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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): Malachi 3.1-5

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness

against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 2: 14 - 18

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

GOSPEL Luke 2. 22 - 40

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign

which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

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This week

Sunday 2nd 12.30pm Lunch at The Swettenham Club
Wednesday 5th 12.00noon W.I Meeting
Saturday 8th 7.30pm Plough Supper at The Swettenham Club

Next Week at St. Peter's

6.30pm Evensong & Holy Communion

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.

Items to be included on the notice sheet can be given to Ian or Audrey, you can also email goostreyvicarage@btinternet.com
Tel: 532109 or just a rough note is fine! Deadline for the notice sheet is Thursday's.

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Plough Supper



8th February 7.30pm
The Swettenham Club

GUEST SPEAKER
MR PETER SLACK

(Hilariously Witty Derbyshire Dairy Farmer)



Tickets: £10.00
available from
Phil & Alison Gregory
or the Social Committee



Delicious supper of cheese, pate, pickles
followed by delicious hot fruit desserts!

All proceeds to St. Peter's Church

New leadership role for the Bishop of Stockport

The next Bishop of Exeter is the Rt Revd Robert Atwell, currently Bishop of Stockport. His appointment was announced this morning (Tuesday 21 January) by the Prime Minister's office. Bishop Robert will become the 71st bishop of the Diocese of Exeter which comprises more than 500 parishes across the county of Devon.



Bishop Robert said today (21st January) : "I feel honoured and excited by the call to be the next Bishop of Exeter. I shall be succeeding Michael Langrish who was, of course, previously Bishop of Birkenhead. So there is a well-beaten path between our two dioceses.

"My five and a half years as Bishop of Stockport have been immensely happy and it will be a real wrench to leave the Diocese of Chester, not least because of the wonderful friendships and support I have enjoyed. I am particularly grateful for the leadership of the Bishop of Chester, Peter Forster, and for the support of colleagues and friends across Cheshire. I shall miss the rich variety of our diocese, but will be exchanging one beautiful county for another.

"Please pray for me as I prepare to move to Exeter after Easter that I may be a worthy successor to St Boniface and those who first brought the Christian faith to the people of Devon centuries ago. And please pray for the clergy and people of Exeter Diocese that together, by God's grace, we may be faithful in our witness to Christ."

Bishop Robert will be installed in Exeter Cathedral in July and will live in Exeter.



The Swettenham Club

Lunch + Pancakes

Tuesday 4th March
12noon till 6.00pm

*A light lunch will be served today at The Vicarage from
approx 12.30pm which you are all welcome.*

Extra parking on the grass.

You are welcome to take your notice sheet home with you