

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET HOLY COMMUNION 4TH JANUARY 2015 EPIPHANY



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.

Our Hymns for today:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 51 As with gladness men of old
GRADUAL HYMN: 48 Earth has many a noble city
OFFERTORY HYMN: 47 Brightest and best
RESCESIONAL HYMN: 49 O worship the Lord

THE COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 READING: Isaiah 60. 1-6

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 3.1-12

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2.1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that

I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light and discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

Next Week at St. Peter's

6.30 pm Evensong & Holy Communion Service

Monthly Services held at St. Peter's

1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)	6.30pm Evensong & Holy Communion (BCP)	11.15am Family Service	6.30pm Evensong (BCP)	*11.15am Holy Communion (BCP) or *6.30pm Songs of Praise

* Please contact the Vicar via the Contact Us page for confirmation of the Service for the 5th Sunday of the month as this service changes in time and liturgy according to seasons.

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**Plough Service on
Sunday 25th January 2015
Evensong 6.30pm**