

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET HOLY COMMUNION 10TH JANUARY 2016 1ST SUNDAY OF 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. 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.

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.

Our Hymns for today:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 48 Earth has many a noble city

GRADUAL HYMN 233 O thou who camest from above

OFFERTORY HYMN: 142 Hail to the Lord's anointed (*omit vrs 2 & 4*)

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 49 O worship the Lord (*repeat 1st verse at the end*)

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW BIBLE): Isaiah 43. 1 - 7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 8. 14 – 17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

THE GOSPEL Luke 3. 15 – 17, 21 - 22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your

Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Week at St. Peter's

11.15 am Family Service

Plough Supper



The Swettenham Club
29th January
at 7.30pm

Mr Philip Moss
with tales to tell!

tickets £10.00 each

available from

Phil Gregory

01260 224900



**Ploughmans supper of cheese,
pate & pickles & deserts:
fruit pies & cumbles**

All proceeds to St. Peter's Church

St. Peter's Annual Plough Service



Sunday 31st January
at 11.15 am

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