

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET EVENSONG & HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2015 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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: 27 On Jordan's bank

PSALM: 29

HYMN: 233 O thou who camest

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 343 Be thou my vision

THE COLLECT

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. Here is the door of faith, through which we enter the kingdom of heaven. As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters, and called to proclaim the wonders of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light:

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**
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW BIBLE): Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 19.1-7

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And he said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

GOSPEL Mark 1.4-11

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom 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 and the gifts you give us to sustain us in our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Next Week at St. Peter's

11.15am Family Communion

Service



There will be a cake sale after the family service next week in aid of our Choir. Thank you for your continued support.



st. Peter's Church



Plough Service on
Sunday 25th January 2015
Evensong 6.30pm

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