

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

EUCHARIST WITH MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING 5TH JULY 2015



A very warm welcome to St Peter's for our festival celebrations to mark Petertide: and on this occasion when we give thanks to God for the gift of marriage and to renew the vows undertaken on the day of our wedding. 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.

Please stand for Hymn Praise my soul the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All and also with you.

Minister God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. As we come together today to celebrate before God the state of marriage. We recognise that for some, marriage is or has been unhappy and even traumatic.

We recognise too that marriage may not be the goal of all people. However, Lord, we do give you thanks for the gift of love and marriage and all the benefits we and our community have received in our relationships through his mercy.

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

(please kneel or sit)

Minister Let us pray. Living God, you tell us that love is patient and kind, not envious or boastful, arrogant or rude. You say that love is not irritable or resentful, Insisting on its own way and rejoicing in wrongdoing, but instead it rejoices in the truth, bearing all things, believing all things, hoping all things, enduring all things.

All We confess that our love isn't always like that, often falling far short of your ideal. It is sometimes shaken, and, sometimes tested. We come today acknowledging our weakness, admitting our mistakes, our errors of judgement and lack of thought; the words we shouldn't have spoken and those we omitted to say. We ask your forgiveness for all these things and for another chance to love as you love us. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Minister May the living God, who makes all things new, constantly restoring and recreating. Renew our love and relationships open our hearts to one another and forgive all that we have been. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the Gloria

**All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,
we worship you we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Remain standing for the Collect

Minister God our Father, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the Law. Grant to your servants that, loving one another, they may continue in your love until their lives' end: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the Reading 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an

end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Please stand for Hymn One more step along the road

1 One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you.*

2 Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

Chorus

3 As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Chorus

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

5 You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

Please remain standing for the Gospel John 2.1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Address Revd Pamela Sault

Renewal of Vows (please stand)

Minister On your wedding day you made vows to one another; I now invite you to recall those vows.

**I, *Name* took you *Name*, to be my husband/wife;
to have and to hold from that day forward,
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish,
till death us do part, according to God's holy law,
and this is my solemn vow.**

**Today, in the presence of this congregation,
we affirm our commitment to this vow.**

**Heavenly Father, source of everlasting love,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ
and poured into our hearts through your Holy Spirit;
that love which many waters cannot quench,
neither the floods drown;
that love which is patient and kind,**

**enduring all things without end;
by your blessing, let our rings be to us a
symbol to remind us of the covenant made on our wedding day
through your grace in the love of your Son
and in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

We say together:

**Heavenly Father,
we offer you our souls and bodies,
our thoughts and words and deeds,
our love for one another. Unite us in your will,
that we may grow together in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Intercessions (please kneel or sit)

Minister God of wonder and joy we give you thanks for the gift of love and marriage. You alone are the source of life and love. Without you we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds. Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

Minister Almighty God, look graciously on the world which you have made and for which your Son gave his life. Bless all whom you make one flesh in marriage. May their life together be a sign of your love to this broken world, so that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt and joy overcome despair. Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

Minister Loving God, you are merciful and forgiving. Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past, of broken and troubled relationships, may experience your generous love. Heal their memories, comfort them, and send them all from here renewed and hopeful. Lord in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

Minister God of grace, console and care for those who, having committed their life to another in marriage have been parted from their loved one by death. Comfort them in the remembrance of their love and give them peace. Lord in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

The Peace (please stand)

Minister To crown all things there must be love. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

Remain standing for Hymn Give me joy in my heart during which a COLLECTION is taken. Please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes. This adds 25% to the value of your offering, thank you.

1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising 'till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me praying,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray,
Give me peace in my heart, keep me praying,
Keep me praying 'till the end of day. *Chorus*

3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising 'till the break of day. *Chorus*

4 Give my oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray,
Give my oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning 'till the end of day. *Chorus*

Preparation of the Table

Minister In your goodness, Lord accept the gift of our love, and with the Father's affection watch over these couples you have joined in the covenant of marriage; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister All glory, honour, thanks and praise be given to you, creator of heaven and earth. When you made us in your image, creating us male and female, you gave us the gift of marriage. When sin marred that image you healed our brokenness, giving your Son to die for us. Therefore we raise our voices, with all who have served you in every age, to proclaim the glory of your name:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.

Minister Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Peter, Luke and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done;
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Minister Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

Minister Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands
were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to
eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of
our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your
Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the
whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Communion

*Those wishing to receive Communion come forward, if you receive communion in your
own church you are welcome to do so here. Those who do not wish to receive
Communion are invited to come for a blessing. Please carry this booklet with you to
indicate to that you are asking for a blessing.*

Prayer after Communion

All **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still
far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and
living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of
glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; and we
who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights
bring light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your
children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

Amen.

The Lord lift the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace: **Amen.**

The Lord God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please stand for Hymn Love Divine all loves excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Dismissal

Minister Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ, Amen.**



Next Week at St. Peter's

Evensong 6.30pm

GARDEN OPEN

COURTESY OF MR & MRS FODEN

THIS AFTERNOON

2.00pm - 4.00pm

At ROWLEY HOUSE, KERMINCHAM

THE GARDEN at Rowley House is an informal garden with unusual specimen trees including maples. There are herbaceous borders, a pond, wild flowers and a woodland area with rhododendrons and shade-loving plants.

There are also naturalised areas including wildflower meadows and ponds, teeming with wildlife.

Directions (CW4 8DX): Take right turn (from Holmes Chapel direction to Swettenham of A535 at Twemlow, by Yellow Broom Restaurant. Rowley house is 1/4 mile on left.



CONCERT

Congleton 'Can't Sing' Choir

7pm Saturday July 11th

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

**Tickets £10 include wine,
canapes and prize draw**

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*The Social Committee invites you to
Afternoon Tea*

On Sunday 12th July 2015

4.00pm—6.00pm

*At The Fields Farm, Forty Acre Lane
Kermincham, CW4 8DY
(home of the Riddell family)*



Tickets: £10 each proceeds to Church Funds

*All are welcome to attend the evening
service at St. Peter's Church, 6.30pm*

*If you are able to join us for tea,
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