

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET 27TH JULY 2014 EVENSONG 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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.

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:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	205 Now thank we
PSALM	119 v 129 – 136
OFFICE HYMN:	246 Just as I am
OFFERTORY HYMN:	156 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost
RESCESIONAL HYMN:	12 God that madest

THE COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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): 1 Kings 3.5-12

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou

hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8.26 - 39

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or

persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

ADDRESS Revd Pamela Soult

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th 2.00pm Funeral Wilf Gallimore
8.00 pm PCC meeting in St Peter's Church
Friday 1st August 1.00 pm Marriage of Anthony Campbell & Cara Hacking
Saturday 2nd 2.00pm Marriage of Andrew Hyde & Janet Bond

Next Week at St. Peter's

11.15 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH NANTWICH

**AFTERNOON CONCERT
14TH AUGUST 12.30PM**

**Featuring The Nantwich Singers
(conducted by Tony Metcalfe)**

This, one of a series of concerts which will be on every Thursday lunchtime during the summer months, will feature Imogen Garner (mezzo-soprano) and Fenella Haworth (piano). St Mary's Parish Church is in the centre of the lovely historic town of Nantwich. The concert starts at 12.30pm and ends around 1.15pm. **Admission is free.**



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

World War I Commemorations

**There will be a service held at Chester
Cathedral on**

**Sunday 7th September 2014
at 11.00 am**

This will commemorate the centenary of the start of the War, and will be combined with the annual Mons Day Service which has been held for the Cheshire Regimental Association. This year there will also be a partial re-enactment that day of the journey of 700 men from Port Sunlight (mainly employees of Lever Brothers) to Chester, to form a new Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. The service will be followed by a march past by all service personnel who are present.

No strings attached puppets at St. Luke's Church - Goostrey



**Back to School Sunday
on
7th September
at 9.45 am**

**All Age Worship
A wonderful service for
children of all ages & adults!
The Puppets are back in town!**



For details of monthly
Services at St. Peter's,
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[www.stpeter
swettenham.org.uk](http://www.stpeterswettenham.org.uk)