

# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

BAPTISM THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2016



*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 13<sup>th</sup> Century and has been the place of worship for the village of Swettenham since then.*

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## THE WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace mercy and peace be with you

**All and also with you.**

*Please stand for HYMN – 2 New every morning*

Brothers and sisters as we prepare to celebrate let us call to mind our sins.

**All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and his peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

## COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full

stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the READING - Matthew 3:1-6 & 11-17*

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."' John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

*Please stand for the HYMN – 1 Abba Father*

*Remain standing for the READING – Matthew 19:13-15*

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

*Please sit for the ADDRESS Revd Pamela Soult*

## *THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All who keeps his promise for ever.**

We thank you almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

**All Lord of life renew your creation.**

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

**All Lord of life renew your creation.**

We thank you that you have claimed for yourself those who have been washed in the waters of baptism. Uphold them/us in this life, that we may ever remain steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and rooted in love.

Pour your blessing on all your people. May our hearts ever praise you, and find their perfect rest in you. Grant us the freedom of your service and peace in doing your will.

**All Lord of life renew your creation. Amen.**

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Do you believe in God the Father; source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Please kneel or sit*

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those who love Him. So come to this table, all of you come, it is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

As we come let us bring our prayers to God. We bring those seeking baptism and their families. We bring to God anyone we know for whom we want to pray...

We bring before God anyone we know who is hurting and needs our prayers....

We bring to God the troubled situation of this world today..

We bring to God someone we find hard to forgive or trust..

We bring those who are sick in particular...

And those who have died and their families....

We bring ourselves to God, that we may grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

Lord God, bless those for whom we have prayed, and bless our praying. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the HYMN Baptised in water During which a collection will be taken.  
Please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes as this adds 25% to the value of your offering.  
Thank you.*

1 Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,    2 Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:    Dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,    One with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.    Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

3 Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

*Please kneel or sit*

The Lord is here

**All His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

**All we lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give you thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said; Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

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.**

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.**

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 DISTRIBUTION OF 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.*

### *POST COMMUNION*

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; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give 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 BLESSING*

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the HYMN – 428 Love Divine*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

# NEXT WEEK AT ST PETER'S

Holy Communion 6.30 pm

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