

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET 17TH JULY 2016 8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FAMILY SERVICE

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. 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.

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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:	54 At the name of Jesus
THE GRADUAL HYMN:	374 Just as I am
OFFERTORY HYMN:	67 Be still for the presence of the Lord
RECESSIONAL HYMN:	474 Now thank we all our God

THE COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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): Genesis 18.1–10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find

favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 1.15–28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of

the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10.38–42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

ADDRESS – Revd Pamela Soult

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

This Week

Saturday 12.00 noon Wedding Adam Richardson & Amy Prentice

Next Week at St. Peter's

6.30pm Evensong – Revd John Varty





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9.45-10.45 Little Voices 5-7 year olds
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NORTHERN SAINTS PILGRIMAGE

Our benefice pilgrimage will take place from 7th - 10th September 2016. Accommodation will be at the Durham Marriott Royal County Hotel at a cost of £189 per person based on two sharing or £279 with the single supplement. This covers bed, breakfast and evening meal, use of leisure facilities and VAT at the current rate.

We will be spending time in Durham Cathedral - both a guided tour and free time spent in their newly opened Open Treasure Exhibition, and also attending Evensong. On other days we will be going to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, the church of St Aidan in Bamburgh, Hexham Abbey and Escombe Church in order to explore in some depth the lives of the early saints who brought Christianity to Britain.

As our numbers have now increased sufficiently travel throughout will be by coach. The price of this will depend on the final number on the pilgrimage but should not more than just over £100, possibly somewhat less. If you would like more information about joining the group please contact Mary Hibbert on 01260 278850 or mary.hibbert@btinternet.com. All the churches in our benefice are represented by those who have indicated their intention to attend already so this should prove to be a companionable as well as an enlightening few days. You would be very welcome.

Revd Ian Arch