

# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

HOLY COMMUNION  
ROGATION SERVICE  
5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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. A very special welcome to Mrs Anne Smith, Licensed Reader who will be leading our service this morning.*

*This Sunday is an important day in the life of a rural community; it is a day for asking God through prayer for His blessing on the work of our farmers; for crops that have been sown and the livestock being tendered.*

*An induction loop system operates here. 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.*

***Please stand*** to sing THE ENTRANCE HYMN: 2 New every Morning

***Please remain standing*** for THE GREETING:

*Reader:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Please sit or kneel*** for the INTRODUCTION AND INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*The Reader introduces the service and invites us to ask for God's forgiveness.*

***(Please kneel or sit)***

Let us ask God to have mercy on us, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.  
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth, but, we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* Almighty God, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

*We all say together the following prayer for Rogation Day:*

**Almighty God, we the people of the seed come before you to absorb the energy of your love and creativity. We come patiently to be still in your presence. We come with hope to grow to new life. We come to be brought to the fullness and to be sown in your world. Amen.**

GRADUAL HYMN: 179 God of mercy, God of grace

*Please remain standing for the* GOSPEL READING: Luke 7:1-17

JESUS RAISES A WIDOW'S SON

Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don't cry.'

Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!' The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. 'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said. 'God has come to help his people.' This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

ADDRESS Mrs Anne Smith

*Please stand for* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Reader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All:** **We believe and trust in him.**

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

**All:** **We believe and trust in him.**

*Reader:* 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:** **We believe and trust in him.**

*Reader:* This is the faith of the Church.

**All:** **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit for the PRAYERS.*

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

**On this Rogation Day, we ask your blessing on the growth of all things.**

**For the fields sown in corn that surround us,**

**loving energy of God,**

**Nurture the seed**

**For the seeds that provide food,**

**for the growth of livestock for food,**

**Loving energy of God**

**Nurture the seed**

**For farmers that struggle to survive and all who are suffering the effects of drought.**

**For those in the food supply industry, loving energy of God,**

**Nurture the seed**

**For Governments who seek to allocate food and resources to starving peoples,**

**for agricultural scientists who try to feed a hungry world,**

**for aid agencies, especially remembering Christian Aid in their work to enable people to grow their way out of poverty,**

**energy of God,**

**Nurture the seed**

**Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially...**

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

**Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ.....**

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

**We ask you to hear us, good Lord,**

**for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

OFFERTORY HYMN:           290 We plough the Fields

*During this hymn 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.*

*Please kneel for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you

**All:**       **And also with you**

*Reader:* Lift up your hearts

**All:**       **We lift them to the Lord**

*Reader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord

**All:**       **It is meet and right so to do**

*Reader:* It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, Heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks for your ancient promise that while the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

*Reader:* 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*Reader:* Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen on earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with 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 be yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Reader:* As our Saviour 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**

*Reader:* 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.****

*Reader:* Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink this in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**COMMUNION:**

*If you receive communion in your own church (including if you have been admitted to communion as a child) you are welcome to do so here. Those who do not wish to receive communion or who do not normally receive it are invited to come for a blessing. Please carry this booklet with you to indicate to the priest that you are asking for a blessing.*

*Please sit or kneel for the POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING*

**All       **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.****

*Reader*    May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessings upon all things created, and

upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples:

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 105 All creatures of our God and King (*omit verses 5 & 6*)

*Reader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **NEXT WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

### **HOLY COMMUNION 6.30PM**



**Thank you to all those who have offered to read at our Services. If anyone else would like to add their name to the rota, please speak to Pamela for further details.**

## **WILDLIFE GARDEN OPEN DAY**

**THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN OF  
MR & MRS FODEN WILL BE OPEN ON  
MONDAY 30TH MAY  
AT ROWLEY HOUSE, FORTY ACRE LANE  
KERMINCHAM  
CAKE STALL IN AID OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH**



**THE STOREHOUSE  
FOODBANK  
CONGLETON**

We are still collecting items to give to The Storehouse Foodbank in Congleton for those in need. If you could supply any non perishable food items: tins, pasta, biscuits etc. toiletries and household items such as washing powder/fabric conditioner it would be very much appreciated.

The green box is in the front pew by the font for you to place your donations. It will be taken to the Storehouse on a regular basis depending upon amount received. Thank you for your support for families in need.

# Petertide Festival

**Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July**

**St. Peter's Church, Swettenham**

**Exhibition of**



**Christening Gowns  
through the years  
together with photos**

