

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

FESTIVAL EVENSONG

Sunday 28th June 2015



A very warm welcome to Revd Canon Anne Samuels (Chaplain to Foxhill Spiritual retreat and conference centre), The Kingsfield Singers and 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. An induction loop system operates here. If you make use of a hearing aid please switch to "T" for enhanced sound.

Please stand to sing Hymn: 305 For all the saints who from their labours rest

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Opening sentence

Please remain standing for the responses

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips;

All And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us;

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

**All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.**

Priest: Praise ye the Lord;

All The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit to sing the Psalm

PSALM 125

**Those who rely on the Lord are unshakeable
firm as Mount Zion, supremely assured;
just as the mountains encircle Jerusalem,
round us for ever is standing the Lord.**

**Evil shall not always trample on righteousness:
God's time will come when oppression shall cease.
Lord, bless the righteous, restrain the impenitent,
grant to your people the gift of your peace.**

Christopher Idle tune Was Lebet

Please remain seated for the FIRST LESSON Acts 12:1-11

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Please stand to sing the Magnificat

Margaret Rizza b.1929

Magnificat, magnificat

Anima mea Dominum (*Repeat*)

Please sit for the SECOND LESSON Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, some say that thou art

John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Please stand to sing the Nunc dimittis

**Lord, now let your servant
go his way in peace
your great love has brought me
joy that will not cease:**

**For my eyes have seen him
promised from of old
saviour of all people,
shepherd of one fold:**

**Light of revelation
to the gentiles shown,
light of Israel's glory
To the world made known**

Written by: James Seddon

We say the Apostles' Creed,

**All I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried,
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead,**

**He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God
The Father Almighty; From thence he shall come
To judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you;
All And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.
Please kneel or sit

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.
All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon 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. Amen.

Priest: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
All And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;
All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest: O Lord, save thy people;

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

COLLECT FOR ST. PETER'S FESTIVAL

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

All **Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please sit the choir will sing the ANTHEM For the beauty of the earth

(John Rutter b. 1945)

All stand to sing Hymn: 317 Thou art the Christ, O Lord

ADDRESS by Revd Canon Anne Samuels

All stand to sing Hymn: 506 The church's one foundation during which a COLLECTION is taken for the mission and ministry of the Church. Please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes. This adds 25% to the value of your offering: Thank you.

Please kneel or sit for the PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand to sing Hymn: 241 Lift up your hearts

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ

All Thank be to God

NEXT WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

11.15am Marriage Thanksgiving Service & Holy Communion

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm	Swettenham W.I.
Friday 3 rd	1.00pm	Wedding Frocks Exhibition in Church
Saturday 4 th	10.00am	“ “ “ “



**ST PETER'S,
FESTIVAL
Swettenham**

SUMMER CONCERT

7pm Saturday July 11th

Congleton 'Can't Sing' Choir

Tickets £10 include wine, canapes and prize draw.

St. Peter, Swettenham Wedding Frocks & Flowers



Exhibition

Commencing
Friday July 3rd from 1.00pm
Saturday July 4th 10.00am
& Sunday July 5th 12.30pm
Church closes approximately 5.00pm each day
On display will be wedding frocks & flowers with
wedding dresses through the decades.
Flower arrangements by the students of
Dorothy Monks.

FOODBANK CONGLETON

We will be 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.

GARDEN OPEN

COURTESY OF MR & MRS FODEN

SUNDAY JULY 5TH
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 ½ mile on left.

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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,
please phone:

Hilary Andow 01477 571268

Karen Robertson 01477 571292

Bettie Riddell 01477 571 224





St. Peter's Swettenham
will be holding a

**Marriage Thanksgiving
Service**

**Sunday 5th July 2015
at 11.15am**

This is an opportunity for
those wishing to renew
their wedding vows at this
Service

All welcome