

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET EVENSONG & HOLY COMMUNION 9TH MARCH 2014 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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:	138 We sing the praise
PSALM	32
GRADUAL HYMN:	56 Forty days and forty nights
OFFERTORY HYMN:	217 Be thou my guardian
RESCESIONAL HYMN:	235 O Jesus I have promised

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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): Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the

woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 5.12-19

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

GOSPEL Matthew 4.1-11

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward

an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th 8.00pm Lent Group at The Vicarage
Wednesday 12th 2.30pm Lent Group at The Vicarage

Next Week at St. Peter's

11.15am Family Service

St. Peter's website is now live www.stpeterswettenham.org.uk This will take you to 'A church near you' & the Church of England website, click on the link 'our website' as we are waiting for the site to be verified & once this has taken place the normal web browser will appear.

Lent study course: 'A heart for mission'



'A heart for mission': A five-week study guide looking at faith in action.

For many Christians, mission is why the church is here. For others, the word 'mission' has become tainted with ideas of colonialism or heavy-handed evangelism.

It seems mission means different things to different people, and its meaning keeps changing through the years.

The aim of this study course is to give us an opportunity to take a fresh look at mission and what it could mean in the twenty-first century.

Course starts this Wednesday 2.30pm or Thursday evenings 7.30pm at The Vicarage, please speak to Ian if you would like to attend one of these days.

The poster features a leprechaun in a green suit and hat, holding a large green shamrock. A vibrant rainbow arches over a field of green shamrocks. The text is in a mix of green and black fonts.

St. Patrick's Evening
at The Swettenham Club
Saturday March 15th
Beef & Guinness Caserole
& mashed potatoe
Traditional Irish music
Contact Dianne
at the Club
01477 571376

The coat of arms of the Bishop of Chester, featuring a red shield with a gold crown on top and a gold cross in the center.

From the Bishop of Chester,
The Rt. Revd Dr Peter Forster
The Consecration of Women to the Episcopate

Following the decision by General Synod to refer the legislation to the Dioceses for a shortened period of consultation, with a response required by 22 May, we are arranging for a special meeting of Diocesan Synod on the evening of 21 May. We have also arranged three open meetings around the Diocese when folk of all persuasions might meet together with me and Libby, and some of our General Synod representatives, to discuss the legislation and its potential operation. These will be as follows, in each case at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7pm (please car share if possible):

Wednesday 30th April	Foxhill
Thursday 1 May	Parish Centre, St Peter's, Heswall
Tuesday 6 May	St Andrew's, Cheadle Hulme

All are welcome to attend one of these meetings.

Bishop Robert's farewell service is to be held at St George's, Stockport on Saturday 12 April at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to attend and tickets are not required.

Could you please let Ian know if you would like to attend this Service so that an idea on numbers can be submitted.

Good Friday Workshop

Friday 18th April 2014
10.00am until 12 noon
Old School Hall
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All children aged
4-11 years are welcome!

Easter Craft Activities Egg Rolling Easter Card Making

Three small circular icons: a decorated Easter egg, a white rabbit, and another decorated Easter egg.