

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET EVENSONG SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)

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. 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.

Our Hymns for today:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 137 There is a green hill

PSALM: 126

OFFICE HYMN: 67 When I survey the wondrous cross

OFFERTORY HYMN: 261 Once, only once, and once for all (*omit v 7*)

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 141 The head that once was crowned with thorns

THE COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 forever. **Amen.**

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

SECOND LESSON: John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary

took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 16TH 2.00 pm Lent Group at The Vicarage
 7.30pm “ “ “

Next Week at St. Peter's

11.15 am Family Service for Palm Sunday with distribution of Palms and dramatic reading of the Passion

Palm Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY

11.15 am Family Service

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday March 20th
 11.15 am Family Communion
 (to include dramatic reading of the Passion)

Good Friday March 25th
 11.30 am Devotional Service

Easter Day Sunday March 27th
 11.15 am Family Communion
 6.30 pm Evensong

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You are welcome to take your notice sheet home with you



Easter Day at St. Peter's
11.15 am
Family Communion with
Holy Baptism
Sunday March 27th

St. Luke's Children's
Easter Workshop



Goostrey Junior School Hall
10.00 am - 12 noon

Good Friday 25th March

All children Age 4-11 welcome
(Younger children welcome if
accompanied by an adult)



An Evening of Jazz
In aid of new
Goostrey Youth Centre



Friday 18th March
7.30pm
Goostrey Village Hall

The Amazing Cheshire Youth
Big Band

Ticket Prices
Adults: £5 in advance, £6
on the door
Under 16s: £4 in advance,
£5 on the door



Tickets available from:
Mrs Kettle's Shop, Goostrey
Goostrey Scouts
Or ring Catherine
01477 544066

Petertide Festival

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July
St. Peter's Church, Swettenham
Exhibition of



Christening Gowns
through the years



together with photos

Saturday 2nd July



7.30pm



Concert with

The Kingsfield Singers