

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

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.



Mothering Sunday

Family Service

15th March 2015

All stand to sing our first hymn: 649 The King of Love my shepherd is

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION by The Revd Ian Godfrey

Please kneel or sit for the OPENING PRAYER

Minister Let us thank God for mothers and those who have been mothers to us in all ages who have loved and served the Lord.

All We thank you Lord.

Minister For our mothers who continue to love and care for us.

All We thank you Lord.

Minister For our Mother Church of Chester Cathedral.

All We thank you Lord.

Minister For the example of motherhood, obedience and humility shown by Mary, the mother of Jesus.

All We thank you Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Remain seated or kneeling for the Introduction and Invitation to Confession

Minister Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

All Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We are especially sorry for the many times when we have taken our homes for granted and made our mother's work more difficult by our selfishness and thoughtlessness. Have mercy upon us, cleanse us from our sins and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Minister May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that

in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.**

Please stand to sing the song 786 Clap your hands and sing this song

Please sit for the READING John 19. 25

Some of Jesus' disciples, mostly the women, were there too. "Look after my mother" Jesus whispered to his close friend John. John nodded. "He'll be a son to you now," Jesus told his mother, who stood crying bitterly.

Minister This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please sit for The St. Peter's Bake Off

St Peter's Choir will sing Ave Maria

All stand for AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister 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.

Minister 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.

Minister 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.

Minister 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

We thank God for giving us others to share in our lives:
For parents, and the love which bought us to birth.
We praise you! O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For mothers who have cherished and nurtured us:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For fathers who have loved and supported us:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For brothers and sisters with whom we have shared our home:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For children and their parents:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For relatives and friends, who have been with us in our hopes and joys and
times of sadness: We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

For all who first spoke to us of Jesus, and have drawn us into the family of
our Father in heaven:
We praise you, O Lord;

**And bring you thanks today. Help us to live as those who belong to one
another; and to you, our Father, now and always. Amen**

POEM 'A MOTHER'S LOVE'

Her love is like
an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter

From the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the West,
By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.
Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And thro' the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.

Dear Lord,

We thank you that you love us and always welcome us with open arms. We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere and for all they do to care for their children. We pray that mums would feel really special today that they would know how much we love them and how much God loves them too.

Amen.

Please stand for the hymn: Fathers & Mothers, sisters & brothers during which a COLLECTION is taken. Please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes. This adds 25% to the value of your offering, thank you.

Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers,
all those who love us, for whom we care:
help and befriend them, keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour, this is our prayer.

And for those others, fathers and mothers,
children who hunger, they must be fed:
we would be caring, readily sharing
one with another our daily bread.

Sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers,
we who together offer our praise,
hear our thanksgiving, God ever-living,
may we walk with you all of our days.

All kneel for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you

All ***And also with you***

President Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord

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

President Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels raising 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.**

President 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. Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

President Lord of all life help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Peter, Luke and 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 are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

All remain kneeling for THE LORD'S PRAYER

President 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.

President 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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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 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.

BLESSING OF THE FLOWERS

Minister Almighty God, as we see in the beauty of your creation a sign of your great love for us, so may these flowers, which we bless in your name, be signs of the love between mothers and children; we ask this through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing hymn 411 Lord Jesus Christ during which there will be the distribution of flowers.

Minister Heavenly Father, we bring to you in our prayers all whom we love in our family circle, and especially our mothers, knowing that your love for them is so much greater than ours and that your will for them is all that is for their good.

So have them in your keeping, O Lord, and give them now and always the fullness of your blessing: for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Minister Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will, 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 our final hymn Our Father God in heaven

1. Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.

2. What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.

3. How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping
yet King of realms above
to find in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love

4 Our Father God in heaven,
To you we lift our prayer,
That every child be given
Such tenderness and care,
Where life is all for others,
Where love your love displays:
For God's good gift of mothers
Let earth unite in praise!

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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



THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th 8.00pm PCC Meeting – Dragons Cave Swettenham

Next Week at St. Peter's
HOLY COMMUNION 11.15AM



There will be a cake sale
after the service
this morning aid of our
Choir. Thank you for your
continued support.



*Donations towards the
Easter Lilies would be
appreciated and
can be given to
Mrs Dorothy Smith
Thank you*



The Lent Lunches will be held at
Goostrey Methodist Hall on Saturday
March 21st & Saturday March 28th
both at 12noon- 1pm.

Donations raised will be given to Save
the Children Ebola Campaign.

St. Peter's

CHOIR
Swettenham


Choir Practice

The next choir practice at The Vicarage will be on Friday 20th March

New

Choir Members
Welcome!

Please speak to Ian 01477 532109



**THE STOREHOUSE
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.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is being revised next month. If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll, please collect a form from Sheila Bennett (Tel: 01477 571401) and return to her.



Palm Sunday – March 29th
6.30pm Evensong

Good Friday – April 3rd
11.30am Devotional Service

Easter Day – April 5th
11.15am Family Communion