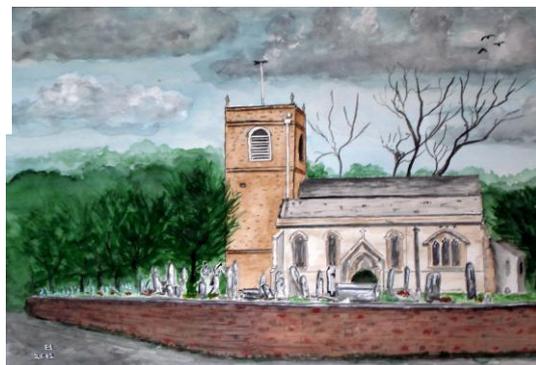


# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

## NOTICE SHEET EVENSONG & HOLY COMMUNION 16TH MARCH 2014 SECOND 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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: 19 All my hope on God is founded  
GRADUAL HYMN: 161 Father hear the prayer we offer  
OFFERTORY HYMN: 684 Thou whose almighty word  
RESCESIONAL HYMN: 409 Lord for the years

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 12.1-4a

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the

earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

**GOSPEL** John 3.1-17

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not

tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**ADDRESS**      Revd Ian Godfrey

### **POST COMMUNION**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>      8.00pm      PCC Meeting – Dragons Cave, Swettenham  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>      2.30pm      Lent Group at The Vicarage  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>      7.30pm      Lent Group at The Vicarage

### **Next Week at St. Peter's**

Evensong 6.30pm

St. Peter's website is now live [www.stpeterswettenham.org.uk](http://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 Google to add the 'home page' web browser.



## St. Georges Chapel Windsor Day Trip Saturday 3rd May

I am arranging a day trip to by coach to St. Georges Chapel, Windsor for St. Luke's & St. Peter's on Saturday 3rd May.

The cost of the trip is approx £22.00 each time leaving Goostrey 8.00am and depart Windsor 6.30pm (timings to be confirmed).

The Queens Chaplin, The Reverend Canon Martin Poll & his wife Diana have invited us to picnic in their garden in the grounds of Windsor Great Park so a packed lunch will be needed. If raining then head off to the café! We hope to attend Evensong at 5.15pm.

Please let me know if you would like to go on this trip asap so I can book numbers required for transport.

Ian

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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2014

10.00am until 12 noon

Old School Hall

Goostrey

All children aged

4-11 years are welcome!

Easter Craft Activities

Egg Rolling

Easter Card Making



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



The lunches will take place on:  
Saturday 29th March  
Saturday 5th April  
Saturday 12th April  
at 12noon—1.00pm  
The Methodist Church—Goostrey

## ELECTROAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is being revised starting 16.03.14 and closing on 06.04.14. If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll, please collect a form from Sheila Bennett (Tel: 01477 571401) and return to her before the closing date.