

# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

**NOTICE SHEET  
8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016  
HOLY COMMUNION  
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**



*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. 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.*

**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: 139 Rejoice the Lord is King  
GRADUAL: 148 At the name of Jesus  
OFFERTORY HYMN: 431 We have a gospel to proclaim  
RECESSIONAL HYMN: 143 Jesus shall reign

## **THE COLLECT**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING (HEBREWS) Ezekiel 36:24-28**

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and

be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 16: 16 - 34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**GOSPEL: John 17: 20 – end**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

**ADDRESS            Revd Pamela Soult**

**POST COMMUNION**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Next Week at St. Peter's**  
**11.15am Family Service**



**Thank you to all those who have offered to read at our Services. If anyone else would like to add their name to the rota, please speak to Pamela for further details.**





**THE STORE-  
HOUSE  
FOODBANK  
CONGLETON**

We are still 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 continued support for families in need.

**Rogation Service**

**Sunday 5th June at 11.15 am**



**Followed by lunch at  
The Fields Farm, Kermincham  
Further details to follow**

**Songs of Praise**



**Service**

**Sunday  
29th May  
6.30pm**

**A list is on the  
noticeboard for  
you to write  
your hymn choice.**

**WILDLIFE GARDEN  
OPEN DAY**

**THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN OF  
MR & MRS FODEN WILL BE OPEN ON  
MONDAY 30TH MAY  
AT ROWLEY HOUSE, FORTY ACRE LANE  
KERMINCHAM  
CAKE STALL IN AID OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH**



**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**