

# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



FAMILY COMMUNION  
ROGATION SUNDAY

18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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.*

*This Sunday is an important day in the life of a rural community; it is a day for asking God through prayer for His blessing on the work of our farmers; for crops that have been sown and the livestock being tendered.*

**All stand to sing THE ENTRANCE HYMN: 719 We plough the fields and scatter**

**All remain standing for THE GREETING:**

**Minister:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Please sit or kneel for the Introduction and Invitation to Confession**

*The Minister introduces the service and invites us to ask for God's forgiveness.*

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,  
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency  
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but, we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Minister* Almighty God, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*We all say together the following prayer for Rogation Day:*

**Almighty God, we the people of the seed come before you to absorb the energy of your love and creativity. We come patiently to be still in your presence. We come with hope to grow to new life. We come to be brought to the fullness and to be sown in your world. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn: 236 God, whose form is all creation*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading: John 14.1-14*

“Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them. “Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. You know the way that leads to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?” Jesus answered him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. Now that you have known me,” he said to them, “you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need.”

Jesus answered, “For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you,” Jesus said to his disciples, “do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me,

does his own work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do. I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do—yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

*Please sit* The children of the choir will sing *All things bright and beautiful*

ADDRESS – The Revd Pamela Soult

*All stand for THE 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. The Minister says:*

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

On this Rogation Day, we ask your blessing on the growth of all things.

For the fields sown in corn that surround us,

Loving energy of God

**Nurture the seed**

For the seeds that provide food,  
Loving energy of God  
**Nurture the seed**

For the growth of livestock for food  
Loving energy of God  
**Nurture the seed**

For farmers that struggle to survive and all who are suffering the affects of drought,  
Loving energy of God  
**Nurture the seed**

For those in the food supply industry,  
Loving energy of God  
**Nurture the seed**

For Governments who seek to allocate food and resources to starving peoples,  
Loving energy of God  
**Nurture the seed**

For agricultural scientists who try to feed a hungry world,  
Loving energy of God  
**Nurture the seed**

Aid agencies, especially remembering Christian Aid in their work to enable people to grow their way out of poverty,  
Loving energy of God  
**Nurture the seed**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially...  
**Lord in your mercy**  
**Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ.....  
**Lord in your mercy**  
**Hear our prayer**

**We ask you to hear us, good Lord,  
For the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Please stand for THE OFFERTORY HYMN 819 He's got the whole world in his hands during which a COLLECTION is taken. Please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes as this adds 25% to the value of your offering, thank you.*

*All kneel for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord

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

*Minister:* It is indeed right, It is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, Heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks for your ancient promise that while the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising 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.**

*Minister continues:*

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All      Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
            You are the Saviour of the world.**

*Minister:*

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen on earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with 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 be yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All remain kneeling for THE LORD'S PRAYER*

*Minister:* 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.

*Minister:* 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.

*Minister:* 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 this 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.*

*Please sit or kneel for the Post Communion prayer and Blessing*

**All** Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

*All remain standing the Minister gives the Blessing*

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessings upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples: 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 recessional Hymn: 6 All creatures of our God and King  
(omit verses 5 & 6)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. PETER'S EVENSONG 6.30PM



Swettenham W.I.  
invite you to  
**Afternoon Tea**  
at The Vicarage  
Blackden Lane, Goostrey  
on  
Saturday 14th June  
2 - 4pm  
Extra parking on the grass  
Sorry no dogs



**Summer**  
**CONCERT**  
THE KINGSFIELD SINGERS  
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH  
SATURDAY JULY 12TH  
further details to follow

### VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY

on Sunday 13th July, 2013  
from 2.00 pm at  
The Vicarage, Blackden Lane



**RAFFLE**  
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12th JULY 2014



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