

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



**THE 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
ALL SAINTS DAY
1ST NOVEMBER 2015**

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. 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.

PASTORAL INTRODUCTION

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives. In the last months Anna, Matthew, Jenny, Raymond, Barbara, Lucy, Pollyanna and Jessica have been exploring the meaning of baptism and confirmation in Jesus Christ. They have looked together at the call to discipleship in the world and in the Church. They have sought to understand the responsibilities of discipleship in today's world. We celebrate with them their confirmation by Bishop Peter and will seek to learn with them the Way of Christ.

THE WELCOME

Please stand for Hymn - 304 For all the Saints

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God. Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside

every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. (*Hebrews 12.1*)

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all creation:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you, with all the saints to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**All Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wisdom tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

Only Son of God the Father.

Lamb who takes our sin away,

now with God in triumph seated

for your mercy Lord we pray:

Jesus Christ most high and holy,

Saviour you are God alone

in the glory of the Father

With the Spirit: Three-in-One!

THE COLLECT

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints. God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age; as we rejoice in

the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please sit

THE FIRST READING Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN – 184 Jerusalem the Golden

Remain standing for the GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light. (*1 Peter 2.9*)

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11:32-44

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days." When Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Please sit

THE ADDRESS

Please stand

THE CREED

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scripture,
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness. Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

We pray for Anna, Matthew, Jenny, Raymond, Lucy, Pollyanna, Barbara and Jessica, that they may continue to grow in the grace of Christ, take their place among the company of your people, and reflect your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Bless Peter, Keith and Libby our Bishops and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. We bring before God this morning.....

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, especially this morning we remember those recently confirmed, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

**All Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Welcome and the Peace

I present to you *Jessica, Lucy, Pollyanna, Matthew, Anna, Raymond, Jenny and Barbara* who have recently been confirmed. Will you welcome them and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Jessica, Lucy, Pollyanna, Matthew, Anna, Raymond, Jenny and Barbara, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. (*Ephesians 2.19,17*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 249 Take my life and let it be during which a collection will be taken.

Please kneel or sit

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; He put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling which you have given us in your saints; that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Peter, Luke and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.' The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

COMMUNION:

The president and people receive 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 kneel or sit

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE SENDING OUT

Acclamation

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

All there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

All and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord,

All and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom

All and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

All let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever.

The Dismissal Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'I have made your name known to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.' John 17.6-9

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE BLESSING

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN 239 Forth in Thy Name

THE DISMISSAL

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 4th 7.30 pm W.I. Meeting at The Swettenham Club

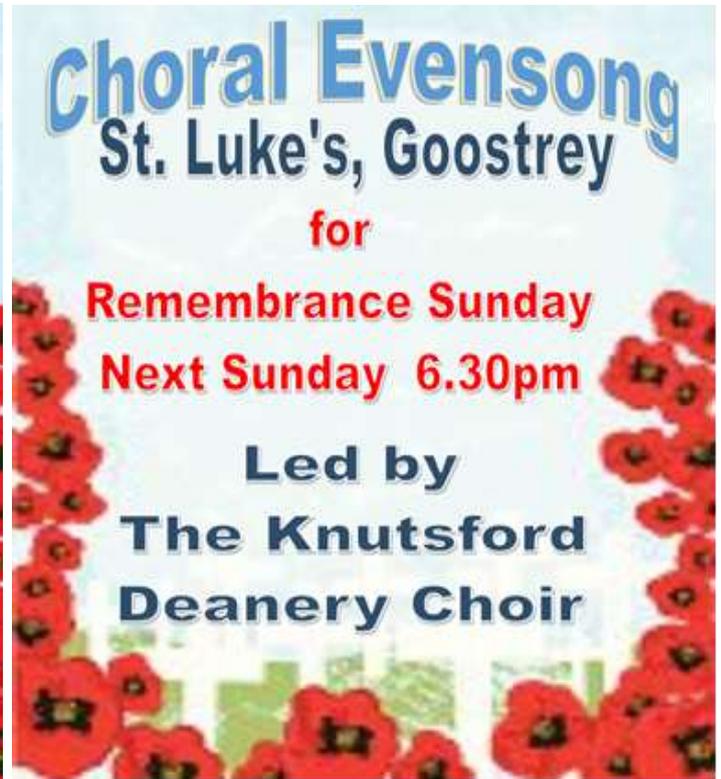
NEXT WEEK

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.50 am



Remembrance Day
Service
at
St. Peter's Church on
**Sunday 8th
November
at 10.50am**

The poster features a light blue background with a white picket fence and a border of red poppies.



Choral Evensong
St. Luke's, Goostrey
for
Remembrance Sunday
Next Sunday 6.30pm
Led by
The Knutsford
Deanery Choir

The poster features a light blue background with a white picket fence and a border of red poppies.



**St. Peter's
Christmas Fair**
Saturday
28th November
The Swettenham Club
12 noon - 2.00pm
REFRESHMENTS
Cake Stall
Raffle

The poster features a festive design with green pine branches, orange and yellow ribbons, and candy canes.