

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2014



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. Please ensure that mobile phones, cellular phones and pagers are switched off.

If you make use of a hearing aid please switch to "T" for enhanced sound.

Please stand

Reader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble: Psalm 46.1

Please stand to sing the first 3 verses of the HYMN O God our help in ages past

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2 Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

All process to War Memorial

The Reader introduces the service using this BIDDING:

We have come to remember before God those who died for their country in the two world wars and the many conflicts of the years following them. Some we knew and loved: we treasure their memory still. Others remain unknown: to their remembrance too, we quietly give our time this morning. With thanksgiving we recall service offered and sacrifices made. Yet we also come with proper penitence for the destruction that war brings to individuals and nations. We pray for all those,

both civilian and military, who died or who continue to suffer the effects of combat. We thank God for the hard won liberty and freedom from strife that we now enjoy. For the future we pray to God that such sacrifice may never again be required. But we humbly ask that, if it should be, we will again find men and women who count their lives worthy only because they serve the greater cause of justice and concord. Trusting in God's grace, we dedicate ourselves anew this day to create a world in which healing, peace, and virtue flourish.

Prayers before the silence

Let us remember before God
And commend to his sure keeping
Those who have died for their country in war;
Those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure;
And all who have lived and died
in the service of mankind

Two minutes silence is kept

After the silence

In solemn gratitude we remember those named here on our village memorial, who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Maj. T.R.E.W. Warren Swettenham

2/Lt. E. Wareing Faulder

Cpl. T. W. Binnersley

Pte. A. Butters

Pte. H.E. Johnson

Pte H. Newton

Capt. W.M. Fletcher Shaw

The Laying of wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council Mr. Roy Andow and the Parish Church by Mr. Jeffery Lockett.

Reader They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.
We will remember them.

The Reader says THE KOHIMA EPITAPH:

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrows, we gave our today.

All: Almighty and eternal God, we thank and praise you for all that you have done for us in the past. We thank you for saving us from the assaults of our enemies, delivering us from many and great dangers, and raising up brave men and women to defend our country, many of whom gave to the last full measure of devotion. With proud thanksgiving we remember them. Amen

All process to the church. We shall sing the remaining verses of O God our help in ages past

4 A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Please kneel or sit for the PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Reader Let us acknowledge before God our failure to live as true disciples of the Prince of peace, as we offer ourselves anew to his service:

All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, may we sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; for your mercy and your truth's sake. Amen.

Loving God, we are reminded today of how easy it is to speak of peace, and how difficult it is to pursue it; how straightforward it sounds to talk of breaking down barriers, but how demanding it is to actually live as peacemakers. Yet we are reminded also that this is what you want from

us- to live in such a way that we heal wounds rather than create them, that we unite rather than divide, that we reconcile rather than separate. For our share in the world's continuing pain, Lord, forgive us. **Amen.**

Reader May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit for the READING Isaiah 2: 2-5 (read by Betty Riddle)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing HYMN I vow to thee my country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Please stand for READING St. John Chapter 15:9-17 (read by Hilary Andow)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Please sit for the ADDRESS by Howard Lawton Licensed Reader

The Choir will sing a piece selected for this special occasion

Please stand for the OFFERTORY HYMN All people that on earth do dwell during which a collection will be taken. The loose collection will be given in aid of The Earl Haig Fund.

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why! the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Please sit or kneel for the PRAYERS

Reader Sovereign God, We praise you today for the freedom we enjoy as a nation and as individuals.

We praise you for those who made such freedom possible. We praise you for all who have fought against tyranny, hatred and evil. We praise you for the peace we enjoy today- a peace which we need to treasure constantly, nurture a carefully and safeguard always recognising the price at which it was won.

Hear us now as we pray for the victims of war and for peace in our world.

We pray for those across the world who bear the scars of conflict-the injured the maimed and the mentally distressed, those who have lost their limbs, their reason or their loved ones through the horrors of war.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those left homeless or as refugees, those who have lost livelihoods and security and who live their daily life in fear. For children orphaned, parents bereaved, those who have lost their life partner and for the countless families whose lives have been torn apart.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the armed forces, charged as they are with keeping the peace in countries across the world- their work involving months away from family and friends, and often danger to themselves.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders and rulers, politicians and diplomats, those whose decisions and negotiations affect the lives of so many, and in whose hands peace ultimately lies.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord of all

Give wisdom to all who work for peace, give courage to those who strive for justice, give strength to those who seek to break down barriers.

Grant that wherever war, or the threat of war continues to haunt lives, a way of reconciliation may be found, and harmony established between people and nations.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Most holy God and Father; hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war; to work for a better tomorrow; and as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the ends, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All **Teach us good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to ask for any reward,
Save that of knowing that we do your will,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

PLEASE STAND TO SING THE FINAL HYMN *Eternal Father, strong to save*

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep

Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

3 Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

2 O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

4 O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Please remain standing for the CONCLUDING PRAYER AND THE GRACE

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the commonwealth and all people, unity peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

All remain standing to sing the NATIONAL ANTHEM:

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save The Queen

Not on this land alone,
But be God's mercies kown
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That we in unity
Should form one family
The wide world o'er.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NEXT WEEK

FAMILY SERVICE 11.15AM

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*



**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.



**St. Peter's
Christmas Fair**

Saturday

29th November

The Swettenham Club

12 noon - 2.00pm

Turkey Baps

REFRESHMENTS

Cake Stall

Raffle



There will be a
cake sale after
the Family Service
next week.



Thank you for your continued support!

St Peter's Church
Advent
Carol Service
with The Kingsfield Singers



Sunday
November
30th
6.30pm





The Crosses

I stood there before the crosses
glowing white in row on row
Everyone a young life cut short
as the names upon them show.

The dates they died below the names
tell of wars now passed and gone
Passchendaele, the Somme, and Mons
of battles fought, and lost or won.

History remembers, as it should
these men who fought and died
Whilst for their families left behind
a dull sorrow tinged with pride.

The faces of boys held now in Sepia
who died in days long gone
yet living on in memories
and hearts, still holding on.

Yet despite the hurt and grief here
what with horror makes me fill
Is that when I look behind me
there are more new crosses growing still.

Bill Mitton

