

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET 15TH NOVEMBER 2015 FAMILY SERVICE 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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.

Our Hymns for today:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 221 God is working his purpose out

GRADUAL HYMN: 350 Jesus, good above all other

OFFERTORY HYMN: 70 Be thou my vision

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 419 Lord the light

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW): Daniel 12: 1 - 3

The angel wearing linen clothes said, "At that time the great angel Michael, who guards your people, will appear. Then there will be a time of troubles, the worst since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, all the people of your nation whose names are written in God's book will be saved. Many of those who have already died will live again: some will enjoy eternal life, and some will suffer eternal disgrace. The wise leaders will shine

with all the brightness of the sky. And those who have taught many people to do what is right will shine like the stars forever.”

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Every Jewish priest performs his services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever, and then he sat down at the right side of God. There he now waits until God puts his enemies as a footstool under his feet. With one sacrifice, then, he has made perfect forever those who are purified from sin. And the Holy Spirit also gives us his witness. First he says, “This is the covenant that I will make with them in the days to come, says the Lord: will put my laws in their hearts and write them on their minds.” And then he says, “I will not remember their sins and evil deeds any longer.” So when these have been forgiven, an offering to take away sins is no longer needed. We have, then, my friends, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way, through the curtain—that is, through his own body.

We have a great priest in charge of the house of God. So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.

GOSPEL Mark 13: 1 - 8

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of his disciples said, “Look, Teacher! What wonderful stones and buildings!” Jesus answered, “You see these great buildings? Not a single stone here will be left in its place; every one of them will be thrown down.” Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, across from the Temple, when Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him in private. “Tell us when this will be,” they said, “and tell us what will happen to show that the time has come for all these things to take place.”

Jesus said to them, "Watch out, and don't let anyone fool you. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and they will fool many people. And don't be troubled when you hear the noise of battles close by and news of battles far away. Such things must happen, but they do not mean that the end has come. Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be earthquakes everywhere, and there will be famines. These things are like the first pains of childbirth.

ADDRESS – Revd Ian Godfrey

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK AT ST. PETER'S EVENSONG 6.30pm



All ladies from the Parish
are welcome to join at
The Swettenham Arms on
Wednesday 2nd December
at 12.30pm.
For more details contact
Alison Gregory (01260) 224270.

HOW BRITAIN WON THE SPACE RACE:
THE STORY OF BERNARD LOVELL AND JODRELL BANK
Monday 16th November | 9pm | BBC Four



The BBC came to St. Peter's Church to film inside to incorporate Sir Bernard's connection with the Church for their programme Timeshift. A brief outline of the programme:

Timeshift: *How Britain Won The Space Race: the Story of Bernard Lovell and Jodrell Bank* explores the unlikely story of how one man with some ex-WWII army equipment eventually turned a muddy field in Cheshire into a key site in the Space Race. That man was Bernard Lovell and his telescope at Jodrell Bank would be used at the height of the Cold War by both the Americans and the Russians to track their competing spacecraft. Lovell also put Britain at the forefront of the new science of radio astronomy: a revolutionary new way of studying space.

A festive Christmas fair poster for St. Peter's. The background is white with a scalloped edge, framed by green pine branches and orange and yellow ribbons. A large yellow and red striped bow is on the left, and a candy cane is also visible. The text is in various colors and fonts.

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