

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET HOLY COMMUNION

2nd October 2016

19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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: 209 Through all the changing scenes of life
GRADUAL HYMN: 113 Father hear the prayer we offer
OFFERTORY HYMN: 431 We have a Gospel
RECESSIONAL HYMN: 428 Thine be the Glory

THE COLLECT

O God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW BIBLE): Habakkuk 1.1–4; 2.1–4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 11:1-12

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and 'he was not found, because God had taken him.' For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God.' And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

GOSPEL Luke 7:1-10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore, I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

ADDRESS Revd Bernard Sword

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NEXT WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

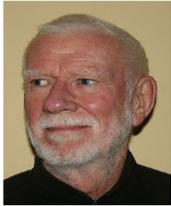
Holy Communion 6.30 pm

Revd John Varty



**St. Peter's Church
Race Night**

**Saturday November 12th
At The Swettenham Club
Tickets, Horses & Races
for sale:
Phil Gregory
01260 224900**



Wednesday 5 October, 2016
St Luke's Church - 10.00 a.m.
Tickets - £5

Goostrey Guild Lecture
"Fracking - Fact and Fiction".

Dr Pete Webb has worked as a Geologist in the international petroleum industry since 1974 and he still provides project management consultancy and training for the oil industry and public engagement lectures Dr on the topic of fracking for shale oil and gas. A graduate and postgraduate in Geology from London University, he worked briefly in academia before beginning an industrial career which took him to Africa, The Middle and Far East, S America, India and Kazakhstan to mention just a few.

He is a Member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and has previously acted as an Associate Editor for their bulletin. He is also a Chartered Geologist and Fellow of the Geological Society of London and a member of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain. In his spare time he is a keen wild life photographer and works as a National Trust volunteer in woodland and moorland conservation.

Fracking is a subject where many people are unclear of the immediate and long term implications for the environment and we are sure that this lecture will attract a large audience wanting to understand this process more fully.

Songs of Praise



Service

Sunday

30th October
at 6.30pm



Roberts Bakery Brass Band Concert
Sunday 9 October, 2016
St Luke's Church - 3.00 p.m
Tickets - £8.00



Locally based Robert's Bakery Band in its full concert formation will be providing an afternoon recital of brass band music at its best in the beautiful setting of St Luke's Church Goostrey. The Band was formed from the former Middlewich Town Band after securing sponsorship from Northwich -based Roberts Bakery in 1980. The Band has gone from strength to strength since then and with its busy concert schedule over the years, it has forged a well-deserved reputation as being one of the most entertaining concert bands in the UK. It has a well-balanced repertoire of classical, traditional and 'popular' music and has a considerable catalogue of CD recordings. It also works closely in collaboration with Foden's Brass Band.

Their Musical Director, Simon Stonehouse, is steeped in the tradition of brass band music. Simon graduated from Salford University with a BA in Band Musicianship before playing with the British Aerospace Wingates Band, the Williams Fairey Band (as Flugel Horn soloist) and has performed with Black Dyke, Grimethorpe and Foden's Bands. Simon made his name as a conductor working with the Mossley Band before his appointment as Professional Musical Director at the Fairey Band in 2005, conducting them to podium finishes at the British Open and the National Championships. Simon accepted the position of Musical Director with the Roberts Bakery Band in April 2013.

Organ Recital by
Christopher Cromar featuring
Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue
in D minor".



Sunday 16 October, 2016
St Luke's Church - 3.00 p.m.
Tickets - £7.00

The brilliant young organist Christopher Cromar will bring the excellent organ at Goostrey St Luke's Church to life in a dazzling virtuoso performance. The programme will open with Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, and will include a complete performance of Widor's Fifth Organ Symphony, which concludes with the famous, dazzling Toccata.

Christopher has given recitals in Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Cathedral, King's College Cambridge, and Notre Dame. He has performed in Germany, Holland, Greece and the USA. He was born in Scotland and educated at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Chetham's School of Music in Manchester and the Conservatoire Supérieur de Paris.

Christopher is a well-known conductor and a highly respected chorus master. His career has taken him to most of the UK conservatoires including Manchester's RNCM, Trinity Laban, and the City Literary Institute. He has been Music Director for Education at Clonter Opera where, as chorus-master, he has assisted a number of illustrious conductors in a wide repertoire. Christopher is Musical Director of Congleton Choral Society and Sandbach Voices and he works frequently with many top vocal ensembles including the BBC Singers, Manchester Chamber Choir, the RSNO Chorus and Keele Bach Choir.