

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



**NOTICE SHEET
HOLY COMMUNION
5TH OCTOBER 2014
16TH 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. 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: 122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
GRADUAL HYMN: 135 Rock of ages
OFFERTORY HYMN: 201 Stand up and bless the Lord
RESCESIONAL HYMN: 240 Teach me, my God and King

THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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): Exodus 20. 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 - 20

And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it

holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 3. 4b – 14

Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 21.33 - end

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, they will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, this is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, did ye never read in the scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

ADDRESS: Mr Howard Lawton: Licensed Reader

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK

Today 1.00pm Luncheon Club at The Swettenham Club

Next Week at St. Peter's

6.30pm Evensong & Holy Communion



St. Peter's Church Race Night

on Saturday
October 18th
at The
Swettenham Club
Phil Gregory
01260 224900
Pea & Pie Supper

Quiet-Retreat Day

The Northwood Christian Centre
at High Legh



lead by Bishop Edward Holland retired Assistant Bishop of Europe and Bishop of Bradwell

9.30am	Tea/Coffee
10.00am	Introduction and Prayers
10.15am	First Talk: I chose you
11.30am	Second Talk: Come aside and rest
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Third Talk: Go and live
3.15pm	Eucharist
4.00pm	Depart

The Quiet Day reflects on being a called a Christian in the world today. This promises to be a really fulfilling day and is open to anyone wishing to attend. There will be a list at the back of the church for those that would like to participate. Transport will be available and arrangements nearer the time will be made for those who are unable to drive.

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

The Pilgrim Course is for Christians and those new to faith, it is designed to help people find out about Christian Faith and experience the life of a Christian Community. The first of these courses will run for 6 weeks and deals with the question of "what do Christians believe"?

This is a 6 week course with timings to suit those during the day and an evening schedule. The course will commence on Wednesday 22nd October 2.00pm at The Vicarage, Blackden Lane. The evening course commences Thursday 23rd October 7.30pm and will held in The Lovell Suite at The Swettenham Arms. Again there will be a list at the back of the Church for your preferred time.