

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET EVENSONG & HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2014 17TH 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.

Our Hymns for today:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 195 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him
PSALM: Psalm 23
GRADUAL HYMN: 160 We love the place of God
OFFERTORY HYMN: 391 Lord Jesus Christ
RECESSIONAL HYMN: 12 God that madest earth and heaven

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 32. 1-14

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten

calf: and they said, these be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, tomorrow is a feast to the Lord. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. And the Lord said unto Moses, go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, these be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, for mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

NEW TESTAMENT **Philippians 4.1-9**

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let

your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, tell them which are bidden, behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us

this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. Amen.

Next Week at St. Peter's

11.15am Family Communion Service



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

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| 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.