

St. Peter's Church, Swettenham

NOTICE SHEET 28TH SEPTEMBER 2014 EVENSONG 15TH 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:	101 O Worship the King
PSALM	78 1-4, 12-16
OFFICE HYMN:	343 Be thou my vision
OFFERTORY HYMN:	248 O my Saviour lifted
RESCESIONAL HYMN:	16 The day thou gavest

THE COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with

Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

NEW TESTAMENT READING: SECOND READING: Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21.23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

ADDRESS Revd Pamela Soult

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This week

Wednesday 1st 7.30pm Swettenham W. I. Meeting at The Swettenham Club

Next Week at St. Peter's
HOLY COMMUNION 11.15AM





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.