

# St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



## FAMILY COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016

*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 13<sup>th</sup> Century and has been the place of worship for the village of Swettenham since then. A special welcome to Daniel & Lucie together with their family and friends, as they bring their son Rowan for baptism.*

*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.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 450 Morning has broken*

*All remain standing for THE GREETING:*

*Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*Minister: The Lord be with you.*

***All: And also with you.***

*All remain standing as the minister says THE COLLECTS:*

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. Here is the door of faith, through which we enter the kingdom of heaven. As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters, and called to proclaim the wonders of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light:

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve

you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*GRADUAL HYMN: 67 Be still for the presence of the Lord (printed on sheet)*

1 Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

2 Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of Light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

3 Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

*All remain standing for THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 13.31-35*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third

day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*ADDRESS:* Revd Ian Godfrey

*Please remain seated for THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM beginning with THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE:*

*The Minister addresses the whole congregation:*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Rowan and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*The Minister then says to the parents and godparents:*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Rowan with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

**Answer: With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism he begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**Answer: With the help of God, we will.**

*All remain seated for THE DECISION*

*The Minister addresses the candidate through her parents and godparents:*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*Answer:*   **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*Answer:*   **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

*Answer:*   **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*Answer:*   **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*Answer:*   **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*Answer:*   **I come to Christ.**

*All remain seated for THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS:*

*The Minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

*The Minister invites parents and godparents to sign the candidate with the cross. When the candidate has been signed, the president continues:*

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All:   Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

*Minister:* May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*Please stand as the Minister leads the Baptism party to the font and we sing the first two verses of the hymn 161 Father hear the prayer we offer.*

*The Minister stands before the water of baptism and says:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All:   who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith, and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Minister invites the congregation to make THE PROFESSION OF FAITH:*

Let us affirm, together with those who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*All remain standing for THE BAPTISM: The Minister pours water on the candidate, saying:*

Rowan Phoenix Daniel I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Minister continues:*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

*The Baptism party returns to the front during which we sing the remaining verses of hymn 161.*

*Please sit for the Choir to sing You lead us through the wilderness*

*Please remain seated or kneel for THE INTERCESSIONS:*

*Minister:* God of glory, whose radiance shines from the face of Christ, give your children such assurance of your mercy and such knowledge of your grace, that, believing all you promise, and receiving all you give, they may be transformed ever more closely by your Spirit into the image of Jesus, your Son.

**All: make known your glory.**

*Minister:* God of light, whose life shines beyond all things, give us and all your Church the will to follow Christ and to bear his peace, that the light of Christ may bring confidence to the world, and faithfulness to all who look to you in hope. Especially those in our community who are unwell, or housebound or in any need ... Father of life,

**All: make known your glory.**

*Minister:* God of power, whose word gives life to heaven and earth, pour your abundant gifts on all your creation, that the blind may see, the fallen may be raised, and your people find tongues to confess your promises of a broken world made new. Especially to those who have died ... Father of life,

**All: make known your glory.**

*All stand for THE WELCOME:*

*Minister:* Rowan Phoenix Daniel Wakefield by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*All remain standing. Following the WELCOME, and during THE OFFERTORY HYMN 332 I the Lord of sea and sky, a COLLECTION is taken.*

*Please kneel or sit immediately following the hymn:*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is meet and right so to do**

*Minister:* It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. You celebrated your new gift of baptism in signs and wonders at the Jordan. Your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of your Word made flesh. Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant, and anointing him with the oil of gladness to preach the good news to the poor. Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven, we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven for ever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Minister:* We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*Minister:* Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*Minister:* Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Peter, Luke and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel for THE LORD'S PRAYER:*

*Minister:* Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*All remain kneeling for THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:*

*Minister:* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

*All remain kneeling for THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

*Minister:* Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION:

*If you receive communion in your own church (including if you have been admitted to communion as a child) you are welcome to do so here. Those who do not wish to receive communion or who do not normally receive it are invited to come for a blessing. Please carry this booklet with you to indicate to the priest that you are asking for a blessing. During Communion the Choir will sing Christ be our light.*

*After COMMUNION all kneel or sit for THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:*

*Presider:* Let us pray

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Minister:* Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All stand for the POST-COMMUNION HYMN: 252 Guide me O thou great redeemer*

*All remain standing for, THE GIVING OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE, BIBLE AND DISMISSAL*

*The Minister gives a lighted candle saying:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

Minister: Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**NEXT WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

**Evensong 6.30 pm**



**Mother's Day**

**Family Service**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
**March 6th**  
**11.15am**



**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday March 20th** 



**11.15 am Family Service**



**Easter Day at St. Peter's**

**11.15 am**

**Family Communion with**  
**Holy Baptism**

**Sunday March 27th**



**There will be a cake sale  
after the service  
this morning aid of our  
Choir. Thank you for your  
continued support.**

## **St Peter's Choir**

**Our young choir would love to have  
some new children to join them at  
St. Peter's. They meet twice a  
month to rehearse on Friday's at  
4.45 pm at The Vicarage in Goostrey  
accompanied on the piano by Kate  
Valentine a music teacher. The  
rehearsals are fun and always end  
with drinks and cake!**

**The children sing at the Family  
Service once a month at 11.15 am so  
if you would like to join them, please  
call Ian at The Vicarage 01477  
532109 for more information.**

**Help support farmers here and  
abroad**

# **Big Brew Cuppa and Bacon Butties**

**Saturday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10-12 The Rectory**

**Brereton Park CW11 1RY**

**In aid of Traidcraft Exchange and  
Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy**

**Sit down for breakfast, stand up for  
farmers!**

**Fairtrade food and crafts stall**

**£5 adults, £2.50 children**

# Petertide Festival

**Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July**

**St. Peter's Church, Swettenham**  
**Exhibition of**



**Christening Gowns**  
**through the years**



**together with photos**

**Saturday 2nd July**



**7.30pm**



**Concert with**

**The Kingsfield Singers**

