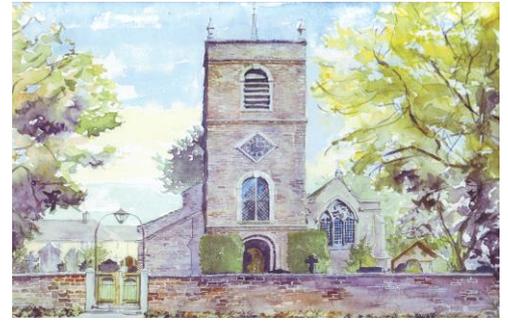


St. Peter's Church, Swettenham



NOTICE SHEET PLOUGH SUNDAY 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 25TH JANUARY 2015



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. An induction loop system operates here. 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:

HYMN:	290 We plough the fields & scatter
Psalm	65
HYMN:	104 For the beauty of the earth <i>v 1, 2 & 4</i>
HYMN:	99 O God our help in ages past <i>omit v 5</i>
RESCESIONAL HYMN:	105 A creatures of our God <i>omit v2 & 4</i>

THE COLLECT

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW BIBLE): Isaiah 55. 6 - 11

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my

thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 9. 6 - 14

Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

ADDRESS Revd Ian Godfrey

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Next Week at St. Peter's

Presentation of Christ (Candlemass)

11.15am Holy Communion

Items to be included on the notice sheet can be given to Ian or Audrey, you can also email goostreyvicarage@btinternet.com
Tel: 532109 or just a rough note is fine! Deadline for the notice sheet is Wednesday's.

Plough Supper



The Swettenham Club
7th February
at 7.30pm

Mr John Cluelow
with his Veterinary tales!



tickets available
from Alison
Gregory or the
Social Committee



Delicious supper of cheese, pate, pickles
followed by delicious hot fruit desserts!

All proceeds to St. Peter's Church



The Swettenham Club Lunch + Pancakes

Tuesday 17th February
12noon - 6.00pm

**Plougmans lunch,
soup & pancakes
available
All Welcome!**



St. Peter's

CHOIR
Swettenham



New

Choir Members
Welcome!

Please speak to Ian 01477 532109