

Prayer Requests - Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power throughout our parishes: Margaret, Gerard and the family, Julia and her son Dominic, Jon and Marilyn Chapman, Tony and his wife Sandy, Geoff, Brian, Mina and Jack
- The recently departed: Susan Harle, remembering family Nick, Susie and Caz; Derrick Sullivan, Tony and family
- Those in our congregation going on holiday, and those who are unable to get away
- All who work while others are on holiday, especially those in the emergency services
- For all affected by domestic violence or abuse of any kind

Regular Events – *nb: please check arrangements over the summer*
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- **Holy Communion** – Weekly on Thursdays, 10.30am, St James', Lode
- **Film Church** – Fortnightly on Fridays, 7.15pm, St James', Lode for Year 6+ (restarts in Sept)
- **Play & Praise** – weekly on Tuesdays, 9.30am, St James', Lode
- **On Zoom**
- **Play & Praise** – Weekly on Fridays, 9.30am - suethovic@btinternet.com for Zoom link
- **CbyC: Compline by Candlelight:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm; usual Sunday Zoom link
- **Bible Study/Prayer Groups**
- Bible Study, monthly on first Wednesday, 10.30am Mike Procter, mike@procter.com
- Bible Study, fortnightly on second/fourth Wednesday, 7.30pm Liz Butler, lizbutl@gmail.com
- Benefice Prayer Group, monthly on second Thursdays, 7.30pm suethovic@btinternet.com

Holy Communion
Each Thursday at 10.30am,
St James', Lode - All welcome

Churches Open for Private Prayer

- **Bottisham** - Daily 10am-4pm
- **Lode** - Daily 9am-5pm
- **Swaffham Bulbeck** – 10am-5pm Thursday and Sunday
- **Swaffham Prior** - Daily c10am-5pm

Plant Stall in Lode churchyard; open daily

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 1 August	9am – Online; Village Worship, Village Hall, Quay 10.30am - Holy Communion, Bottisham
Wed 4 August	8 pm - C by C (a short contemplative service), Online
Sunday 8 August	9am - Holy Communion, Quay 10.30am - Family Worship, Swaffham Prior – shown on Zoom, technology permitting
Sunday 15 August	9am - Online service on Zoom; Morning Prayer, Quay 10.30am - Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck; Morning Prayer, Bottisham
Sunday 22 August	9am - Online service on Zoom 10.30am - Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior
Sunday 29 August	9am - Online service on Zoom 10.30am - Holy Communion, Lode
Every Thursday	10.30am - Holy Communion, Lode

ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES

**Holy Trinity, Bottisham; St Mary's, Quay; St James', Lode;
St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck; St Mary's, Swaffham Prior**

Sunday 25 July – eighth Sunday after Trinity; Green

9am Online Service on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion Swaffham Prior

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever

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Old Testament - 2 Kings 4 42-44

⁴²A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' ⁴³But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦
and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, ♦
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦
as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears ♦
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦
will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Glory to the Father and ¹ to the ¹ Son ♦ and ¹ to the ¹ Holy ¹ Spirit;
as it was in the be¹ginning is ¹ now ♦ and shall be for ¹ ever. ¹ A'men

Following Government advice (and after a conversation with Gina) we have decided as a benefice that for services in churches from Sunday 25 July it will not be compulsory to wear face-coverings. However, singing of hymns will re-commence at this point and the advice is that face coverings should be worn for hymn singing for now. Social distancing will no longer be required but we will continue to have doors and windows open for good ventilation. Holy Communion may now take place at the altar (unless you wish it to be brought to you) and there will be directions about this at the first few services. For now we will not be returning to the common cup.

Anyone who wishes to wear a face-mask will be very welcome to do so, and if you are not sure about singing or wish to socially distance please sit towards the back or at the sides of church so that others will not be singing over you.

We realise that not everyone will feel comfortable with these arrangements. Please let us know if that is the case and we will do what we can to accommodate you; we all need to do our best to be aware of the concerns of each other. Online services will continue each Sunday – please see Noticesheet for timings.

New Testament – 2 Corinthians 4 7-15

⁷We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel – Matthew 20 20-28

²⁰The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²²But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' ²³He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Friday 30 and Saturday 31 July at 6:30pm
Mini Glyndebourne in the Swaffham
Bulbeck churchyard; bring your own picnic
to watch a one act farce "A Mad Breakfast"
Tickets £8

Swaffham Bulbeck Church Fete
Saturday 14 August
10am to 1pm in the churchyard