

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 24 March – Palm Sunday, Red

9am
10.30am

Online service
Holy Communion

on Zoom
Swaffham Prior, welcoming Revd Roger Bowen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Morag Lake, Derek, Rosemary, Lesley, John, Alun, Janet, Margaret, Gerard, Corinne, and others known to us personally. Giving thanks for those who have been on this list, have recovered and are grateful for our prayers and God's grace
- In thanksgiving for the lives of the recently departed, including **Mary Hart**, thinking of Peter; **Mike Bradley**, remembering his son and daughter; **Margaret Lowe**, funeral - St Mary's, Quay, Monday 25 March, 11am; thinking of Colin; **Jennifer Howard-Tripp**, funeral - Holy Trinity Bottisham, Thursday 21 March, 11am, followed by burial in the Cemetery; remembering family and friends
- The people of Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Haiti and other areas of violence, famine or instability; praying for peace and aid
- Those who do not understand the meaning of Easter; that it should be fully significant in our lives

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

HOLY WEEK

Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 March
6pm Compline, Swaffham Bulbeck

Thursday 28 March – Maundy Thursday
10.30am Holy Communion, Lode, Revd Liz Caswell
The service will end with the silent stripping of the altar; the congregation leave quietly afterwards. No refreshments.

Friday 29 March - Good Friday
10.30am Open Air Service, Quay Churchyard

Sunday 31 March - Easter Sunday
9am Online service, on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham
6pm Choral Evensong, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 7 April - Second Sunday of Easter, White
9am Online service, on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham
4pm Village Worship, Quay Village Hall

Every Thursday
10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

Donations for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones may be sent to:

Bottisham: Carolyn Bangs 01223 811159
Lode: Ann Langran 01223 812797
Swaffham Prior: Ruth Scovil The Oaks, Manor Farm Court

The Acting Bishop of Ely is pleased to announce that The Revd Malcolm Eric (Max) Osborne is to be Incumbent (Vicar) of the Anglesey Group. Max will be licensed in the forthcoming months and will move to the new Vicarage in Bottisham in the Summer ready to take up his new position. We look forward to your support during the continued vacancy and as we work to welcome Revd Max and his family to the benefice

Annual Meeting for all Parishes

Thursday 18 April, Swaffham Prior Primary School
at 7.15pm for refreshments, 7.30pm start
Part 1 - benefice matters, followed by Part 2 - parish matters
(Quay: Wednesday 17 April 7.30pm, Hut behind Village Hall)
Elections for Churchwardens will take place at
Annual Vestry Meetings in advance of this

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Play + Praise** – Weekly in term time in church; Fridays in Lode; Baby and Toddler Playgroup on Tuesdays in Bottisham, 9.30am
 - **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom
- Bible Study/Prayer Groups**
- Home Study Group, monthly on first Monday, 10.30am Mike Procter, mike@procter.com
 - Bible Study, meet twice a month, 7.30pm contact Liz Butler for more information, lizbutl@gmail.com

Friday 12/Saturday 13 April – '**Gosforth's Fete**' and '**The Thought**' - 2 one act plays at St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck, 7.30 pm. Bring a picnic for the interval.
Tickets £7 01223 812395 or datson@btconnect.com

Saturday 13 April - **Quiz Night** – Swaffham Prior Village Hall, 7.30pm; £7 per person, teams of up to six; jacket potato supper. To book: 01638 742161/741960

Sunday 14 April – "**Why We Sing**", **Serenata** – St Mary's, Swaffham Prior, 4pm. Tickets: £15/children £5/family £32 01223 892001, or on the door

Thank you to hosts of and participants in this year's **Lent Lunches** which have together raised over £550 for projects suggested by Heather Johnstone in Tanzania

While the Benefice is in vacancy, please contact your churchwarden as follows:

Bottisham: bottisham@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 604019; **Lode:** lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 811222
Quay: quy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812652; **Swaffham Bulbeck:** bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812525; 01223 811501; **Swaffham Prior:** prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01638 743937

For general enquiries: admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; churchwardens@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/angleseychurches; A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice>

Readings for Sunday 24 March

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Old Testament - Isaiah 50 4-9a

The servant of the LORD said: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalm 118 1-2, 19-24

New Testament - Philippians 2 5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel - Mark 15 1-39 (40-47)

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' ¹³They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁸Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!' ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. ⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.