

**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 17 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent, Purple**

<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b>	<b>on Zoom</b>
	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Quay</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Swaffham Bulbeck, welcoming Revd Julie Gawthrop</b>
	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Bottisham</b>

**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
- King Charles and all his family at this difficult time
- All those visiting our churches over the Easter period

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday**

9am Online service, on Zoom  
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

**Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 March**

6pm Compline, Swaffham Bulbeck

**Thursday 28 March – Maundy Thursday**

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

**Friday 29 March - Good Friday**

10.30am Open Air Service, Quay Churchyard

**Easter Sunday**

9am Online service, on Zoom  
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham  
6pm Choral Evensong, Swaffham Prior

**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 on benefice matters, followed by Part 2 on parish matters  
(Quay – Wednesday 17 April 7.30pm, the 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](mailto:mike@procter.com)
- Bible Study, meet twice a month, 7.30pm contact Liz Butler for more information, [lizbutl@gmail.com](mailto:lizbutl@gmail.com)

**LENT GROUPS, LUNCHESS, COMPLINE**

**The Mystery of Everything** - We'll be rounding off our Lent Course with a **Bring and Share fellowship meal** this Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm. It will incorporate the last session of our Lent Course, but is open to everyone, whether or not you attended the other sessions. Please book by Tuesday, by email to [juliesale0@gmail.com](mailto:juliesale0@gmail.com), copied to [lizbult@gmail.com](mailto:lizbult@gmail.com)

**Lent Lunch** – in support of projects in Mara:

**Wednesday 20 March**

booking essential [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

**Compline during Lent** - 7pm on Zoom, using Sunday link:  
Wednesday 20 March

Thursday 21 March – **Mothers' Union**, Passage Hall, Lode, 2.30pm  
Spring Social with a bring-and-buy sale

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

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For general enquiries: [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); [churchwardens@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:churchwardens@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

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

## Readings for Sunday 17 March

### Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### Old Testament - Jeremiah 31 31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### Psalms 119 9-16

- 9 How shall young people <sup>1</sup> cleanse their <sup>1</sup> way ♦  
to keep themselves ac<sup>1</sup>cording <sup>1</sup> to your <sup>1</sup> word?
- 10 With my whole heart <sup>1</sup> have I <sup>1</sup> sought you; ♦  
O let me not go a<sup>1</sup>stray from <sup>1</sup> your com<sup>1</sup>mandments.
- 11 Your words have I hidden with<sup>1</sup>in my <sup>1</sup> heart, ♦  
that I <sup>1</sup> should not <sup>1</sup> sin a<sup>1</sup>gainst you.
- 12 Blessed are <sup>1</sup> you, O <sup>1</sup> Lord; ♦  
O <sup>1</sup> teach <sup>1</sup> me your <sup>1</sup> statutes.
- 13 With my lips have <sup>1</sup> I been <sup>1</sup> telling ♦  
of all the <sup>1</sup> judgements <sup>1</sup> of your <sup>1</sup> mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the <sup>1</sup> way of your <sup>1</sup>  
testimonies ♦  
than in <sup>1</sup> all <sup>1</sup> manner of <sup>1</sup> riches.

- 15 I will meditate on <sup>1</sup> your com<sup>1</sup>mandments ♦  
and <sup>1</sup> contem<sup>1</sup>plate your <sup>1</sup> ways.

- 16 My delight shall be <sup>1</sup> in your <sup>1</sup> statutes ♦  
and I will <sup>1</sup> not for<sup>1</sup>get your <sup>1</sup> word.

Glory to the Father and <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup> Son ♦ and <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup>  
Holy <sup>1</sup> Spirit; as it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning is <sup>1</sup> now ♦ and  
shall be for <sup>1</sup> ever. <sup>1</sup> A<sup>1</sup>men

### New Testament - Hebrews 5 5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest,  
but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are  
my Son, today I have begotten you'; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in  
another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the  
order of Melchizedek.'

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and  
supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who  
was able to save him from death, and he was heard  
because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a  
Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;  
<sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of  
eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been  
designated by God a high priest according to the order of  
Melchizedek.

### Gospel - John 12 20-33

<sup>20</sup>Among those who went up to worship at the festival  
were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from  
Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see  
Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and  
Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The  
hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very  
truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth  
and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it  
bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and  
those who hate their life in this world will keep it for  
eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and  
where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever  
serves me, the Father will honour. <sup>27</sup>Now my soul is  
troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from  
this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to  
this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice  
came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it  
again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that  
it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to  
him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your  
sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world;  
now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I,  
when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people  
to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he  
was to die.