

**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 3 March – Third Sunday of Lent, Purple**

**9am**                    **Online service**  
**10.30am**           **Holy Communion**  
**4pm**                    **Village Worship**

**on Zoom**  
**Bottisham**, welcoming Revd Keith Morrison  
**Quay Village Hall**

**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 **Margaret Lowe**, thinking of Colin; **Lynn Reed**; remembering family and friends
- All refugees who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, discrimination or environmental hardship
- All affected by extreme weather events, including farmers

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

**Sunday 10 March, Mothering Sunday/Fourth Sunday of Lent, Purple**

9am                    Online service, on Zoom  
                         Holy Communion, Quay – posies for ladies!  
10.30am           Family Worship, Swaffham Prior, with Beavers and posies

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

9am                    Online service, on Zoom  
                         Morning Prayer, Quay  
10.30am           Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck  
                         Morning Prayer, Bottisham

**Every Thursday**

10.30am    Holy Communion, Lode

**The Revd Malcolm Eric (Max) Osborne** will be installed on **Friday 19 April at Holy Trinity, Bottisham**, probably at 7pm. Refreshments will follow – all welcome.

Revd Max has been invited to welcome a part time Assistant Curate, **Rhona McEune**, an experienced LLM, who will join us after her ordination on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Advance Notice: **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  
Elections for Churchwardens will take place at  
Annual Vestry Meetings in advance of this

**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

**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 – **WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH**

**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)
- Thursdays at 7.30pm – an opportunity to pray for our new incumbent at Ivy Green, High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck. Liz Butler, [lizbutl@gmail.com](mailto:lizbutl@gmail.com)

**LENT GROUPS, LUNCHES, COMPLINE**

**The Mystery of Everything** - Explore ways in which the mysteries of life and the universe can reinvigorate our spiritual journey.

**Tuesdays (20 Feb - 19 Mar)** in Parish Room at Lode Church or

**Thursdays (22 Feb - 21 Mar)** on Zoom - both at 7:30 pm.

Please refer to the attached (revised) flyer for joining details.

**Lent Lunches** – Swaffham Prior, open to all, in support of projects in Mara: Baraka and family, Esther, Food Parcels.

**Spaces remain for: Wednesday 20 March**

Soup, roll and water provided for donations; booking essential

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

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

Wednesdays 13, 20 March (6 March – CbyC)

and Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week – Swaffham Bulbeck, 6pm

**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday**

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

**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

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

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**Quay:** [quy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:quy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01223 812652; **Swaffham Bulbeck:** [bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01223 812525; 01223 811501; **Swaffham Prior:** [prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01638 743937

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 3 March

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first  
he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament - Exodus 20 1-17

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

### Psalms 19

- 1 The heavens are telling the <sup>1</sup> glory of <sup>1</sup> God ♦ and the <sup>1</sup> firmament proclaims his <sup>1</sup> handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song <sup>1</sup> to an<sup>1</sup>other ♦ and one night unfolds <sup>1</sup> knowledge <sup>1</sup> to an<sup>1</sup>other.
- 3 They have neither <sup>1</sup> speech nor <sup>1</sup> language ♦ and their <sup>1</sup> voices <sup>1</sup> are not <sup>1</sup> heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into <sup>1</sup> all <sup>1</sup> lands ♦ and their <sup>1</sup> words • to the <sup>1</sup> ends of the <sup>1</sup> world.
- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle <sup>1</sup> for the <sup>1</sup> sun, ♦ that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a <sup>1</sup> champion to <sup>1</sup> run his <sup>1</sup> course.

- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very <sup>1</sup> end a<sup>1</sup>gain, ♦ and there is nothing <sup>1</sup> hidden <sup>1</sup> from its <sup>1</sup> heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, re<sup>1</sup>viving the <sup>1</sup> soul; ♦ the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives <sup>1</sup> wisdom <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup> simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and re<sup>1</sup>joice the <sup>1</sup> heart; ♦ the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives <sup>1</sup> light <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup> eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and en<sup>1</sup>dures for <sup>1</sup> ever; ♦ the judgements of the Lord are true and <sup>1</sup> righteous <sup>1</sup> alto<sup>1</sup>gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than <sup>1</sup> much fine <sup>1</sup> gold, ♦ sweeter also than honey, <sup>1</sup> dripping <sup>1</sup> from the <sup>1</sup> honeycomb.
- † 11 By them also is your <sup>1</sup> servant <sup>1</sup> taught ♦ and in keeping them <sup>1</sup> there is <sup>1</sup> great re<sup>1</sup>ward.
- 12 Who can tell how often <sup>1</sup> they of<sup>1</sup>fend? ♦ O cleanse me <sup>1</sup> from my <sup>1</sup> secret <sup>1</sup> faults!
- 13 Keep your servant also from pre<sup>1</sup>sumptuous <sup>1</sup> sins ♦ lest they get do<sup>1</sup>minion <sup>1</sup> over <sup>1</sup> me;
- 13a so shall I be <sup>1</sup> undefiled, ♦ and <sup>1</sup> innocent of <sup>1</sup> great of<sup>1</sup> fence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>1</sup> in your <sup>1</sup> sight, ♦ O Lord, my <sup>1</sup> strength and <sup>1</sup> my re<sup>1</sup>deemer.

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>

### New Testament - 1 Corinthians 1 18-25

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### Gospel - John 2 13-22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.