

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 August – Tenth after Trinity, Green

9am **Online service**
10.30am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
 Holy Communion

on Zoom
Swaffham Bulbeck
Swaffham Prior

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Andrew, Roger, Eileen, Enid, Jutta, David, Linda, Lydia, Iris, Derek, Lesley, John, Alun, Janet, Margaret, 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 Dr Alan Stewart - thinking of Caroline and family; Dr Anthony Russell, former Bishop of Ely; those whose passing we remember at this time of year
- Charity workers, community volunteers and all who work tirelessly in support of good causes
- All suffering with mental health issues including those who hide their distress
- Ongoing efforts for peace in Ukraine, Gaza and other areas of conflict
- Couples getting married in the benefice in the next month

REGULAR EVENTS

PLEASE CHECK ARRANGEMENTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

- **Play + Praise** – Weekly in term time in church; Fridays in Lode, 9.30am; Baby and Toddler Playgroup on Tuesdays in Bottisham, 9am
- **Peaceful and Prayerful Art Group** – Next meetings: Thursdays 4, 11, 18 September 10:30am – 12:30pm Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham
- **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 3 September**

Bible Study/Prayer Groups

- Home Study Group, monthly on first Monday, 10.30am Mike Procter, mike@procter.com new members welcome
- Home Study Group, twice a month on Wednesdays, 10.30am, contact Maggie Field 01223 604019 for information
- Bible Study, meet twice a month, 7.30pm contact Liz Butler for more information, lizbutl@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 31 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 7 September – twelfth after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham
4pm Village Service, Quay Village Hall

Sunday 14 September – thirteenth after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom
 Holy Communion, Quay
10.30am Harvest Festival Family Worship, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 21 September – fourteenth after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
 Harvest Festival, Bottisham

Every Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode - NB not 28 August

EVENTS

3-31 August - Knitted Bible Exhibition

St James', Lode 9am-5pm
Bible stories depicted in knitting – all welcome

Saturday 6 September – Fun Dog Show

Swaffham Prior Village Hall, 1.45pm; range of classes - £1/entry; rosettes and prizes; in conjunction with Swaffham Prior Harvest Show and Spuds in Buckets weigh-in

Saturday 6 September – Cream Teas

Old Rectory, Swaffham Bulbeck; £5 please book 07531 021733

Saturday 13 September - Ride & Stride - get sponsored to visit beautiful churches by bike, foot, horse etc. To participate or sponsor: www.camhct.uk

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Readings for Sunday 24 August – Year C

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Isaiah 58 9b-14

⁹You shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalms 103 1-8

- 1 Bless the Lord, ¹ O my ¹ soul, ♦
and all that is within me ¹ bless his ¹ holy ¹ name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, ¹ O my ¹ soul, ♦
and for¹get not ¹ all his ¹ benefits;
- 3 Who forgives ¹ all your ¹ sins ♦
and ¹ heals ¹ all your in¹firmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life ¹ from the ¹ Pit ♦
and crowns you with ¹ faithful ¹ love • and
com¹passion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with ¹ good ¹ things, ♦
so that your ¹ youth is re¹newed • like an ¹ eagle's.
- 6 The Lord ¹ executes ¹ righteousness ♦
and judgement for ¹ all who ¹ are op¹pressed.
- 7 He made his ways ¹ known to ¹ Moses ♦
and his works ¹ to the ¹ children of ¹ Israel.

- 8 The Lord is full of com¹passion and ¹ mercy, ♦
slow to anger ¹ and of ¹ great ¹ kindness.

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 A¹men

New Testament - Hebrews 12 18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, ¹⁹and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.') ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.' ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel - Luke 13 10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.