

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 27 July – Sixth after Trinity, Green

9am	Online service	on Zoom
	Holy Communion (BCP)	Swaffham Bulbeck
10.30am	Holy Communion	Swaffham Prior

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: 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 departed including Dr Alan Stewart, former partner, Bottisham surgery, funeral - Tuesday 29 July, 2pm Cam Valley crematorium; anyone who would like to come and pay their respects would be most welcome – thinking of Caroline and family
- Emergency services who work even harder during the holiday season
- Staff and pupils at our local schools, that all will have a relaxing and restorative holiday
- For peacemakers, aid workers and peacekeepers in all areas of conflict

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 6 August**

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 3 August - Seventh Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 10 August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 17 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 24 August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

- 9am Online service, on Zoom
Holy Communion (BCP) Swaffham Bulbeck
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

Every Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS

3-31 August - Knitted Bible Exhibition

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

RIP - Dr Anthony Russell, former Bishop of Ely

Bishop Anthony's funeral service will take place on Thursday, 14 August, at 2pm, at All Saints, Cuddesdon, OX44 9HF, led by Bishop John Inge (Bishop of Huntingdon 2003 – 2007). All are welcome to attend. Please let the Funeral Director know if you intend to join the service belou@lockeandson.co.uk We pray for God's blessing, that in all sadness the funeral may be a day of comfort for the family, of thanksgiving to God for Bishop Anthony's life and ministry, and of renewed hope in the resurrection of our Lord. +Dagmar

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Readings for Sunday 27 July – Year C

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Genesis 18 20-32

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre ²⁰and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' ²²So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' ²⁶And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' ²⁷Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' ²⁹Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' ³⁰Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' ³¹Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' ³²Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my ¹ whole ¹ heart; ♦
before the gods will ¹ I sing ¹ praise to ¹ you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your ¹ love and ¹ faithfulness; ♦
for you have glorified your name ¹ and your ¹ word above ¹ all
things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you ¹ answered ¹ me; ♦
you ¹ put new ¹ strength in my ¹ soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall ¹ praise you, O ¹ Lord, ♦
for they have ¹ heard the ¹ words of your ¹ mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ¹ ways of the ¹ Lord, ♦
that great is the ¹ glory ¹ of the ¹ Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches ¹ over the ¹ lowly; ♦
as for the proud, he re'gards them ¹ from a'far.

- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, ¹ you • will pre'serve
me; ♦
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; ¹ your right ¹ hand will ¹ save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his ¹ purpose ¹ for me; ♦
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; for'sake • not
the ¹ work of your ¹ hands.

New Testament - Colossians 2 6-19

Brothers and sisters, ⁶as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel - Luke 11 1-13

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' ⁵And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'