

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 August – Ninth after Trinity, Green

9am

Online service

on Zoom

Morning Prayer

Quay

10.30am

Holy Communion

Swaffham Bulbeck

Morning Prayer

Bottisham

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
- All overwhelmed by pressure at work, especially when providing cover for colleagues on holiday. Those experiencing job insecurity
- Displaced persons in this country and across the world
- Those involved in the war in the Far East commemorated at the recent VJ anniversary. For peace throughout the world

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 24 August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

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

Every Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode
(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 17 August – Year C

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy 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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace, gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Jeremiah 23 23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?
²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?
says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.
²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy
lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!'
²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back -
those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of
their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their
ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who
has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word
speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with
wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the
LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalms 82

1 God has taken his stand in the ¹ council of ¹ heaven; ♦
in the midst of the ¹ gods ¹ he gives ¹ judgement:
2 'How long will you ¹ judge un¹justly ♦
and show such ¹ favour ¹ to the ¹ wicked?
3 'You were to judge the weak ¹ and the ¹ orphan; ♦
defend the ¹ right • of the ¹ humble and ¹ needy;
4 'Rescue the weak ¹ and the ¹ poor; ♦
deliver them ¹ from the ¹ hand of the ¹ wicked.
5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on ¹
still in ¹ darkness: ♦
all the foun¹dations • of the ¹ earth are ¹ shaken.
6 'Therefore I say that though ¹ you are ¹ gods ♦
and all of you ¹ children • of the ¹ Most ¹ High,
7 'Nevertheless, you shall ¹ die like ¹ mortals♦
and ¹ fall like ¹ one of their ¹ princes.'
8 Arise, O God and ¹ judge the ¹ earth, ♦
for it is you that shall take all ¹ nations ¹ for your
pos¹session.

New Testament - Hebrews 11 29-12 2

²⁹By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as
if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do
so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell
after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith
Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were
disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.
³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell
of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel
and the prophets – ³³who through faith conquered
kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the
mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of
the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in
war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their
dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to
accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.
³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and
imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn
in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in
skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented –
³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in
deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.
³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had
provided something better so that they would not, apart
from us, be made perfect. ¹Therefore, since we are
surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay
aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let
us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who
for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the
cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the
right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel - Luke 12 49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹'I came to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism
with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until
it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring
peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From
now on, five in one household will be divided, three against
two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father
against son and son against father, mother against daughter
and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her
daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'
⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in
the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it
happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you
say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You
hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of
earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the
present time?