

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 10 August – Eighth after Trinity, Green

9am	Online service	on Zoom
	Holy Communion	Quay
10.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Swaffham Prior

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: 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
- Those waiting for medical test results or treatment, or who have received recent life-changing diagnoses
- All affected by extremes of weather throughout the world
- Those subject to domestic violence or abuse, including coercive control
- Those working in neo-natal care; families who have very premature babies

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 17 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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| 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

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

Sunday 31 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

RIP - Dr Anthony Russell, former Bishop of Ely

Bishop Anthony's funeral service will take place on 14 August, at 2pm, at All Saints, Cuddesdon, OX44 9HF, led by Bishop John Inge (Bishop of Huntingdon 2003 – 2007). All are welcome. Please contact: belou@rlockeandson.co.uk if you intend to join the service. We pray for God's blessing on the funeral service, that in all sadness it 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

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

Vicar: Rev'd Max Osborne: max9@btinternet.com 01223 481187 (Rest day - Tuesday);

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Readings for Sunday 10 August – Year C

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Old Testament - Genesis 15 1-6

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'
²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'
⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'
⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'
⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm - 33 12-22

- 12 Happy the nation whose ¹ God is the ¹ Lord ♦
and the people he has ¹ chosen ¹ for his ¹ own.
- 13 The Lord looks ¹ down from ¹ heaven ♦
and beholds ¹ all the ¹ children of ¹ earth.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he ¹ turns his ¹ gaze ♦
on ¹ all who ¹ dwell on the ¹ earth. ♦
- 15 He fashions ¹ all the ¹ hearts of them ♦
and under¹stands ¹ all their ¹ works.
- 16 No king is saved by the ¹ might of his ¹ host; ♦
no warrior delivered ¹ by his ¹ great ¹ strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope ¹ for de¹liverance; ♦
for all its ¹ strength it ¹ cannot ¹ save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon ¹ those who ¹ fear
him, ♦
on those who wait in ¹ hope • for his ¹ steadfast ¹ love,
- 19 To deliver their ¹ soul from ¹ death ♦
and to ¹ feed them in ¹ time of ¹ famine.

- 20 Our soul waits longingly ¹ for the ¹ Lord; ♦
he is our ¹ help ¹ and our ¹ shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart re¹joices ¹ in him; ♦
in his holy name ¹ have we ¹ put our ¹ trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, ¹ be up¹on us, ♦
as we have ¹ set our ¹ hope on ¹ you.

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 11 1-3, 8-16

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'
¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel - Luke 12 32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'