

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 31 August – eleventh after Trinity, Green

9am **Online service**
10.30am **Holy Communion**
6pm **Evensong**

on Zoom
Lode
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
- Couples getting married in the benefice in the next month
- For teachers, staff and pupils as they return for the new term; that they are refreshed and ready to work and learn
- Revd Max and Revd Rhona that they will be refreshed by their holidays

REGULAR EVENTS

- **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 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

Sunday 28 September - fifteenth after Trinity

9am Online service, on Zoom
 Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Bulbeck
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior
3pm Harvest Festival, Quay

Every Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS

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

28 September – Revd Rhona's last day – please come along to services to wish her well for her move to Norfolk

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Readings for Sunday 31 August – Year C

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that
one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Ecclesiasticus 10 12-18

¹²The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. ¹³For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore, the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities and destroys them completely. ¹⁴The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. ¹⁵The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. ¹⁶The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. ¹⁷He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁸Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Psalm 112

- 1 Alleluia. Blessed are those who ¹ fear the ¹ Lord ♦ and have great de¹light in ¹ his com¹mandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the ¹ land, ♦ a generation of the ¹ faithful that ¹ will be ¹ blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their ¹ house, ♦ and their ¹ righteousness en¹dures for ¹ ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the ¹ upright; ♦. gracious and full of com¹passion ¹ are the ¹ righteous.
- 5 It goes well with those who are ¹ generous in ¹ lending ♦ and order ¹ their af¹airs with ¹ justice,
- 6 For they will ¹ never be ¹ shaken; ♦ the righteous will be held in ¹ ever¹lasting re¹membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil ¹ tidings; ♦ their heart is steadfast, ¹ trusting ¹ in the ¹ Lord.
- 8 Their heart is sustained and ¹ will not ¹ fear, ♦ until they see the ¹ downfall ¹ of their ¹ foes.

- 9 They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands ¹ fast for ¹ ever; ♦ their head will ¹ be ex¹alted with ¹ honour.
- 10 The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth ¹ in des¹pair; ♦ the de¹sire • of the ¹ wicked shall ¹ perish.

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 13 1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel - Luke 14 1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'