

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 30 November – First Sunday of Advent, Purple

9am
10.30am

Online service
Holy Communion

on Zoom
Lode

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Chris, Rob, Fred, Pat, Martin, Roger, Enid, Jutta, David, Linda, Lydia, Derek, Lesley, John, Alun, Janet, 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 Margaret Chadwick, thinking of Gerard and family, Rowena Altham, thinking of Robert, Louisa and family; remembering Raymond King; Iris Stannett, thinking of her family and friends.
- The real meaning of Advent, that we can prepare ourselves for Christ's coming
- Foodbanks: all donors, volunteers and recipients at a time of rising need

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 7 December – Second Sunday of Advent, Purple

9am Online service, on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham

Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday of Advent, Purple

9am Online service, on Zoom
Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Bulbeck
10.30am Christingle Family Worship, Swaffham Prior
3pm Carol & Crib Service, Quay

Thursday 18 December

3pm Carol Service, Lode

Friday 19 December

10am Nativity and Crib Service, Lode

Sunday 21 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Purple

9am Online service, on Zoom
Holy Communion, Quay
4.30pm Carol Service, Swaffham Prior
6.30pm Carol Service, Bottisham
Carol Service, Swaffham Bulbeck

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve, Gold or White

6.30pm Holy Communion, Bottisham
11 30pm Midnight Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day, Gold or White

8am Holy Communion, Quay
10am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode
Nb – not 4, 18 & 25 December and 1 January 2026

EVENTS

Sunday 30 November - Advent by Candlelight,
Cambridge Voices concert for Emmaus, 4pm - two churches of
Swaffham Prior, £10

Saturday 6 December – Christmas Fair – St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck 10am – 12.30pm – £1 entry for Mara and St Mary's

Saturday 6 December – Coffee & Cake Concert: History of Christmas Carols – Holy Trinity, Bottisham, 10.30am, £5

Thursday 11 December - Holy Communion, with Heather Johnstone & Rehema craftwork - St James' Lode, 10.30am

Sunday 14 December - Christingle Service
St Mary's, Swaffham Prior 10.30am with nativity sketch by Beavers, make a Christingle; in aid of Children's Society

- **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** – St James' Church Lode, Friday 5, 12 December 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 3 December 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
 - Bible Study, meet twice a month, 7.30pm contact Liz Butler for more information, lizbutl@gmail.com

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Readings for Sunday 30 November – Year A

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer After Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Isaiah 2 1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalm – 122

- 1 I was glad when they ¹said to ¹me, ♦
'Let us ¹go • to the ¹house of the ¹Lord.'
- 2 And now our ¹feet are ¹standing ♦
within your ¹gates, ¹O Je¹rusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem, ¹built • as a ¹city ♦
that is at ¹unity ¹in it¹self.

- 4 Thither the tribes go up, the ¹tribes of the ¹Lord, ♦
as is decreed for Israel, to give ¹thanks • to the ¹
name of the ¹Lord.
 - 5 For there are set the ¹thrones of ¹judgement, ♦
the ¹thrones of the ¹house of ¹David.
 - 6 O pray for the ¹peace of Je¹rusalem: ♦
'May they ¹prosper who ¹love ¹you.
 - 7 'Peace be with¹in your ¹walls ♦
and tran¹quillity with¹in your ¹palaces.'
 - 8 For my kindred and com¹panions' ¹sake, ♦
I will ¹pray that ¹peace be ¹with you.
 - 9 For the sake of the house of the ¹Lord our ¹God, ♦
I will ¹seek to ¹do you ¹good.
- Glory to the Father and ¹to the ¹Son ♦ and ¹to the ¹Holy
¹Spirit; as it was in the be¹ginning is ¹now ♦ and shall be
for ¹ever. ¹A¹men

New Testament - Romans 13 11-14

¹¹Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel - Matthew 24 36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ³⁶'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'