

**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 23 November – Christ the King, Red or White

**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: 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.
- Harry Shakeshaft and Monty Mears from this benefice being confirmed at Ely Cathedral on 29 November.
- Lay-led Bible study, home groups and other fellowship groups which promote worship and understanding.
- Recent deliberations on selecting the new Bishop of Ely; that the chosen candidate will be a blessing to us all

### 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** – 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](mailto: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](mailto:lizbutl@gmail.com)

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday 30 November - First Sunday of Advent, Purple YEAR A**

- 9am Online service, on Zoom
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode
- 4pm Advent by Candlelight, Swaffham Prior

**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

**Every Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode**  
11 December – with Heather Johnstone & Rehema craftwork

### EVENTS

**Friday 28 November - Life Size Christmas Angel**

St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck 1.30pm erect Angel in Church

**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

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## Readings for Sunday 23 November – Year C

### Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer After Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good  
works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament - Jeremiah 23 1-6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### Psalms 46

- 1 God is our <sup>1</sup> refuge and <sup>1</sup> strength, ♦  
a very <sup>1</sup> present <sup>1</sup> help in <sup>1</sup> trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the <sup>1</sup> earth be <sup>1</sup> moved, ♦  
and though the mountains tremble <sup>1</sup> in the <sup>1</sup> heart of the <sup>1</sup> sea;
- 3 Though the waters <sup>1</sup> rage and <sup>1</sup> swell, ♦  
and though the mountains <sup>1</sup> quake • at the <sup>1</sup> towering <sup>1</sup> seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the <sup>1</sup> city of <sup>1</sup> God, ♦  
the holy place of the <sup>1</sup> dwelling • of the <sup>1</sup> Most <sup>1</sup> High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she <sup>1</sup> not be re<sup>1</sup>moved; ♦  
God shall <sup>1</sup> help her • at the <sup>1</sup> break of <sup>1</sup> day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the <sup>1</sup> kingdoms are <sup>1</sup> shaken, ♦  
but God utters his voice and the <sup>1</sup> earth shall <sup>1</sup> melt a<sup>1</sup>way.

- 7 The Lord of <sup>1</sup> hosts is <sup>1</sup> with us; ♦  
the God of <sup>1</sup> Jacob <sup>1</sup> is our <sup>1</sup> stronghold.
- 8 Come and behold the <sup>1</sup> works of the <sup>1</sup> Lord, ♦  
what destruction he has <sup>1</sup> wrought up<sup>1</sup>on the <sup>1</sup> earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in <sup>1</sup> all the <sup>1</sup> world; ♦  
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the <sup>1</sup> chariots <sup>1</sup> in the <sup>1</sup> fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that <sup>1</sup> I am <sup>1</sup> God; ♦  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be ex<sup>1</sup>alted <sup>1</sup> in the <sup>1</sup> earth.'
- 11 The Lord of <sup>1</sup> hosts is <sup>1</sup> with us; ♦  
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### New Testament Colossians 1 11-20

Brothers and sisters: <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, <sup>12</sup>while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### Gospel - Luke 23 33-43

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup>Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup>Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'