

**ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES**  
**Holy Trinity, Bottisham; St Mary's, Quay; St James', Lode;**  
**St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck; St Mary's, Swaffham Prior**

**Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day**

**8am**  
**10am**

**Holy Communion**  
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**Quay**  
**Swaffham Prior**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Adrian, Chris, Rob, Fred, Pat, 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 Brian Barnard, thinking of his family – funeral 12 January, Swaffham Prior; Canon Jim Garrard, holding close his wife and children; Martin, recently on the prayer list, for all his family; John Morley, thinking of his three sons; Margaret Chadwick, thinking of Gerard and family, Rowena Altham, thinking of Robert, Louisa and family. All remembered at this time of year
- All in the emergency services, in hospitality or other jobs, working over the festive period
- Areas of conflict; praying for peace, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land
- All visitors to our churches over the festive period

**REGULAR EVENTS**

*Please check arrangements over the Christmas period*

- **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, Fridays 9, 16, 23 January 1.30pm - 3.30pm
  - **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 7 January**
- 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
  - Bible Study, meet twice a month, 7.30pm contact Liz Butler for more information, [lizbutl@gmail.com](mailto:lizbutl@gmail.com)

If you would like to join the mailing list for weekly noticesheets and information from the Anglesey Benefice, please contact: [admin@angleseygroup.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroup.co.uk)

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

**Sunday 28 December – First Sunday of Christmas, White**

9am Online service, on Zoom  
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

**Sunday 4 January - Second Sunday of Christmas, Gold/White**

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

**Sunday 11 January - Baptism of Christ, Gold/White**

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

**Sunday 18 January - Second Sunday of Epiphany, White**

9am Online service, on Zoom  
Morning Prayer, Quay  
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck  
Morning Prayer, Bottisham

**Sunday 25 January - Third Sunday of Epiphany, White**

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

**Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode**  
Nb not 1 January 2026; recommence 8 January 2026

From Bishop Dagmar: Canon Precentor at Ely Cathedral, Canon Jim Garrard, died unexpectedly on 8 December. We give thanks for Jim's life and ministry: he has been the longest serving member of the Ely Chapter, having served since 2008; many of us will have worked with him in preparation of services or enjoyed the fruits of his work in worship at Ely Cathedral. He was 59 and leaves a wife and two children.

**ALL IN THE ANGLESEY BENEFICE**  
**WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS**  
**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## Readings for Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
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

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.

### Old Testament - Isaiah 9 2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

### Psalm 96

### New Testament - Titus 2 11-14

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

### Gospel – Luke 2:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'