

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

**Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve**

**6.30pm**  
**11.30pm**

**Holy Communion**  
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**Bottisham**  
**Swaffham Bulbeck**

**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)

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

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

**Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day**, Gold or White

8am Holy Communion, Quay

10am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

**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.

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## Readings for Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:  
keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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 98

### New Testament - Hebrews 1 1-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

<sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' <sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' <sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' <sup>10</sup>And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; <sup>12</sup>like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

### 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!'