

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

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

6.30pm **Holy Communion**
11.30pm **Holy Communion**

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 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

**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, Quy
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, Quy
10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Prior

Sunday 18 January - Second Sunday of Epiphany, White

9am Online service, on Zoom
Morning Prayer, Quy
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.

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

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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

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but 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. ³He 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,

⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For 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'? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' ⁷Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' ⁸But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' ¹⁰And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; ¹²like 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

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'