

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: 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 Michael Casey, for his wife and family; Karen, thinking of Pat and family; Brian Barnard, thinking of his family; 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. All remembered at this time of year
- Those in our villages suffering from financial hardship; for the local schemes to assist, including food bags for school holidays, village hardship funds etc
- For those involved in protests against repressive regimes
- All local, national and international charities and good causes supported by our churches

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, Fridays 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- **CbyC: a short contemplative service**: Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 4 February**

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

on Zoom

Quy

Swaffham Bulbeck

Bottisham

ALL IN THE ANGLESEY BENEFICE
WISH YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 25 January - Third Sunday of Epiphany, White

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

Sunday 1 February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Gold/White

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

Sunday 8 February - Second Sunday before Lent, Green

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

Sunday 15 February - Sunday next before Lent, Green

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

Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday, Purple

12 noon	Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
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Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS & INFORMATION

Devotional helps for 2026

Max and the LLMs have prepared a short list of suggested helps for your daily devotionals for 2026. Please take a look at the separate sheet with this week's mailing

Tuesday 17 February – Pancake Party,
Swaffham Prior Village Hall, 2-4pm. Pancakes to eat, decorate and toss; refreshments – all welcome

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Readings for Sunday 18 January – Year A

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 of glory,
you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Isaiah 49 1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' ⁴But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – ⁶he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Psalm 40 1-12

- 1 I waited patiently ¹ for the ¹ Lord; ♦
he inclined to ¹ me and ¹ heard my ¹ cry.
- 2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the ¹ mire and ¹ clay; ♦
he set my feet upon a rock and ¹ made my ¹ footing ¹ sure.
- 3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of ¹ praise • to our ¹ God; ♦
many shall see and fear and ¹ put their ¹ trust in the ¹ Lord.
- 4 Blessed is the one who ¹ trusts in the ¹ Lord, ♦
who does not turn to the ¹ proud that ¹ follow a ¹ lie.
- 5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your de'signs for ¹ us! ♦
There is none that ¹ can be com'pared with ¹ you.
- 6 If I were to proclaim ¹ them and ¹ tell of them ♦
they would be more than I am ¹ able ¹ to ex'press.
- 7 Sacrifice and offering you do ¹ not de'sire ♦
but my ¹ ears ¹ you have ¹ opened;
- 8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have ¹ not re'quired ♦

then ¹ said I: ¹ 'Lo, I ¹ come.

- 9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, ¹ O my ¹ God; ♦
I delight to do it: your ¹ law • is with ¹ in my ¹ heart.'
- 10 I have declared your righteousness in the great ¹ congre'gation; ♦
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and ¹ that, O ¹ Lord, you ¹ know.
- 11a Your righteousness I have not hidden ¹ in my ¹ heart; ♦
I have spoken of your ¹ faithfulness and ¹ your sal'vation;
- 11b I have not concealed your loving'kindness and ¹ truth ♦
from the ¹ great ¹ congre'gation.
- 12 Do not withhold your compassion from ¹ me, O ¹ Lord; ♦
let your love and your ¹ faithfulness ¹ always pre'serve me,

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 1 1-9

¹From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel - John 1 29-42

²⁹John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).