

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 11 January – Baptism of Christ, Gold/White

9am	Online service	on Zoom
	Holy Communion	Quay
10.30am	Holy Communion BCP	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 Karen, thinking of Pat and family; 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. All remembered at this time of year
- Volunteers, staff and clients of Open Door, Jimmy's Night Shelter and other organisations supporting the homeless, especially in such wintry weather conditions
- Pupils, staff and parents at our local schools at the start of the new term, and those returning to college or university

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 16, 23 January 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

ALL IN THE ANGLESEY BENEFICE
WISH YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

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, Quay
10.30am	Holy Communion BCP, Swaffham Prior

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS & INFORMATION

Thursday 15 January - Anglesey Group Mothers Union
Holy Communion at Lode at 10.30am. A soup lunch will be served at 12 noon after the service; please book with Julie Sale 01223 811222. Donations for the lunch will go to AFIA, the MU charity that sponsors families to have a holiday in Hunstanton

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

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Readings for Sunday 11 January – Year A

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Isaiah 42 1-9

Thus says the Lord: ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit
upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He
will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the
street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly
burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring
forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until
he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands
wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who
created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread
out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath
to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I
am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness I have
taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a
covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open
the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am
the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor
my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to
pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring
forth, I tell you of them.

Psalms 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you ¹ powers of ¹ heaven, ♦
ascribe to the ¹ Lord ¹ glory and ¹ strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour ¹ due to his ¹ name; ♦
worship the ¹ Lord • in the ¹ beauty of ¹ holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of
¹ glory ¹ thunders; ♦
the Lord is up¹on the ¹ mighty ¹ waters.

- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in ¹ oper¹ation; ♦
the voice of the Lord ¹ is a ¹ glorious ¹ voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord ¹ breaks the ¹ cedar trees; ♦
the Lord ¹ breaks the ¹ cedars of ¹ Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon ¹ skip like a ¹ calf ♦
and Sirion ¹ like a ¹ young wild ¹ ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the
voice of the Lord ¹ shakes the ¹ wilderness; ♦
the Lord ¹ shakes the ¹ wilderness of ¹ Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and
strips the ¹ forests ¹ bare; ♦
in his ¹ temple ¹ all cry, ¹ 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned a¹bove the ¹ water flood; ♦
the Lord sits enthroned as ¹ king for ¹ ever¹more.
- 10 The Lord shall give ¹ strength to his ¹ people; ♦
the Lord shall give his ¹ people the ¹ blessing of ¹
peace.

New Testament – Acts 10 34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of
Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and
does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the
message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace
by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he
went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are
witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God
raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God
as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he
rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the
people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God
as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets
testify about him that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel - Matthew 3 13-17

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be
baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him,
saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to
me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is
proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then
he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just
as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were
opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from
heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am
well pleased.'