

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 11 January – Baptism of Christ, Gold/White

9am	Online service
	Holy Communion
10.30am	Holy Communion BCP

on Zoom
Quy
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, 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

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

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.

Psalm 29

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

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

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.'