

**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 1 February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Gold/White

**9am**  
**10.30am**

**Online service**  
**Holy Communion**

**on Zoom**  
**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. All whose anniversaries we remember at this time of year
- People in troubled areas of the world, who no longer feel safe whether due to internal or external threat
- Our new diocesan Bishop Sarah Clark appointed this week and to be installed in the summer
- Those who struggle in the gloomy time of year

### Lent Course: 'The Desert Fathers and Mothers'

Our **Lent Course** looks at the world of these early Christian thinkers, whose example and wisdom resonates down the centuries and is still relevant today. We look forward to exploring this unusual and interesting topic in studies from Lectio 365. Tuesdays (in person), also available Thursdays (online), throughout Lent. Put it in your diary today!

More details on separate sheet.

### 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** – first three Fridays of each month, St James' Church, Lode, 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](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)

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday 8 February - Second Sunday before Lent, Green**

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

**Sunday 15 February - Sunday next before Lent, Green**

- 9am Online service, on Zoom  
Morning Prayer, Quay
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck  
Morning Prayer, Bottisham

**Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday, Purple**

- 12 noon Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

**Sunday 22 February - First Sunday of Lent, Purple**

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

**Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode**

### EVENTS & INFORMATION

**Wednesday 4 February - Coffee Morning**

10.30am Lode Church; a rep from East Cambs will explain new waste collection starting June 2026. All welcome.

Julie Sale 07968745233

**Friday 13 February – Friday Tidy**

Swaffham Prior – from 10am. All welcome.

**Tuesday 17 February – Pancake Party**

Swaffham Prior Village Hall, 2-4pm. Freshly made pancakes to eat, decorate and race! refreshments – all welcome - £3 each; £10/family; book: [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

Order **Simnel cakes for Easter** - £15 each – 07833 960678

**Lent Lunches** – 27 February in Lode; 16 March in Swaffham Prior. Please book [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk).

Soup and a roll. In aid of Mara Projects

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## Readings for Sunday 1 February – Year A

### Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### Old Testament - Malachi 3 1-5

Thus says the Lord God: <sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

### Psalms 24 (1-6) 7-10

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and <sup>1</sup>all that <sup>1</sup>fills it, ♦  
the compass of the world and <sup>1</sup>all who <sup>1</sup>dwell there<sup>1</sup>in.
- 2 For he has founded it up<sup>1</sup>on the <sup>1</sup>seas ♦  
and set it firm upon the <sup>1</sup>rivers <sup>1</sup>of the <sup>1</sup>deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the <sup>1</sup>hill of the <sup>1</sup>Lord, ♦  
or who can rise <sup>1</sup>up • in his <sup>1</sup>holy <sup>1</sup>place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a <sup>1</sup>pure <sup>1</sup>heart, ♦  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor <sup>1</sup>sworn an  
<sup>1</sup>oath • to a <sup>1</sup>lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing <sup>1</sup>from the <sup>1</sup>Lord, ♦  
a just reward from the <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>their sal<sup>1</sup>vation.'
- 6 Such is the company of <sup>1</sup>those who <sup>1</sup>seek him, ♦  
of those who seek your <sup>1</sup>face, O <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever<sup>1</sup>lasting <sup>1</sup>doors; ♦  
and the King of <sup>1</sup>glory <sup>1</sup>shall come <sup>1</sup>in.
- 8 'Who is the <sup>1</sup>King of <sup>1</sup>glory?' ♦  
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the <sup>1</sup>Lord • who is <sup>1</sup>mighty  
in <sup>1</sup>battle.'

- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever<sup>1</sup>lasting <sup>1</sup>doors; ♦  
and the King of <sup>1</sup>glory <sup>1</sup>shall come <sup>1</sup>in.

- 10 'Who is this <sup>1</sup>King of <sup>1</sup>glory?' ♦  
'The Lord of hosts, <sup>1</sup>he is the <sup>1</sup>King of <sup>1</sup>glory.'

Glory to the Father and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Son ♦ and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Holy <sup>1</sup>Spirit;  
as it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning is <sup>1</sup>now ♦ and shall be for <sup>1</sup>ever. <sup>1</sup>A<sup>1</sup>men

### New Testament - Hebrews 2 14-18

<sup>14</sup>Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Gospel - Luke 2 22-40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' <sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.