

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 25 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany, White

9am **Online service**
10.30am **Holy Communion BCP**
 Holy Communion

on Zoom
Swaffham Bulbeck
Swaffham Prior

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
- All facing a new chapter in their life, a move or major upheaval
- Families in our congregations and in the wider reach of the benefice, that they may feel welcome at our services
- Any thinking about offering help in any capacity in 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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

Sunday 15 February - Sunday next before Lent, Green

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

Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday, Purple

12 noon Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

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. Pancakes to eat, decorate and race! refreshments – all welcome - £3 each; £10/family
Book: admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

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

Lent Lunches – 27 February in Lode; 16 March in Swaffham Prior. One more venue needed.

Please book admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk.
Soup and a roll. In aid of Mara Projects

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Readings for Sunday 25 January – Year A

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Old Testament - Isaiah 9 1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he
will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the
Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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.

Psalms 27 1, 4-12

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹
shall I ¹ fear? ♦
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then ¹
shall I ¹ be a¹fraid?
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that a¹lone I ¹
seek: ♦
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord¹ all the ¹ days
of my ¹ life,
- 5 To behold the fair ¹ beauty • of the Lord ♦
and to ¹ seek his ¹ will • in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me ¹ in his ♦
shelter; ♦
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and
set me ¹ high up¹ on a ¹ rock.
- 7 And now shall he ¹ lift up my ¹ head ♦
above my ¹ enemies ¹ round a¹bout me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with ¹
great ¹ gladness; ♦
I will sing and make ¹ music ¹ to the ¹ Lord.

- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, ¹ when I ¹ call; ♦
have mercy up¹on me and ¹ answer ¹ me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, ¹ 'Seek my ¹ face.' ♦
Your ¹ face, Lord, ¹ will I ¹ seek.
- 11 Hide not your ¹ face ¹ from me, ♦
nor cast your ¹ servant a¹way • in dis¹pleasure.
- 12 You have ¹ been my ¹ helper; ♦
leave me not, neither forsake me, O ¹ God of ¹ my
sal¹vation.

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 1 10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that
there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in
the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been
reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels
among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that
each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,'
or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ
been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you
baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized
none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can
say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶I did baptize also
the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know
whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me
to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent
wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of
its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness
to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it
is the power of God.

Gospel - Matthew 4 12-23

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he
withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home
in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and
Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the
prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵'Land of Zebulun, land of
Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee
of the Gentiles – ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen
a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow
of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to
proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come
near.' ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two
brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his
brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were
fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make
you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and
followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other
brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the
boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he
called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their
father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news
of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness
among the people.