

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 8 February – Second Sunday before Lent, Green

9am	Online service
	Holy Communion
10.30am	Holy Communion BCP

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
- That we may truly value the glories of creation and do all we can to protect the environment for future generations
- All in the emergency services: police, fire, ambulance, health professionals, lifeboat crews, mountain rescue and others

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 March**

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 Prior

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 15 February - Sunday next before Lent, Green

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

Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday, Purple

12 noon	Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
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Sunday 22 February - First Sunday of Lent, Purple

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

Sunday 1 March – Second Sunday of Lent, Purple

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

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS & INFORMATION

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

Order home-made **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.
Soup and a roll. In aid of Mara Projects

Purchase your own pew cushion – padded cushion with carry handle and name tag for use in all churches - £5, in aid of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior – order from admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

Vicar: Rev'd Max Osborne: max9@btinternet.com 01223 481187 (Rest Day - Tuesday)

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Quy: quy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812652; **Swaffham Bulbeck:** bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812525; 811501;
Swaffham Prior: prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01638 743937. **General enquiries:** admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk;
Facebook: www.facebook.com/angleseychurches; **A Church Near You:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice>

Readings for Sunday 8 February – Year A

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Prayer After Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Genesis 1 1-2 3

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God

said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136

New Testament - Romans 8 18-25

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, ²¹in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel - Matthew 6 25-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ²⁵'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'