

**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 15 March – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Purple**  
**Mothering Sunday**

<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b>	<b>on Zoom</b>
	<b>Mothering Sunday Service</b>	<b>Quay</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Swaffham Bulbeck, welcoming Revd Su Shaw</b>
	<b>Morning Prayer for Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>Bottisham</b>

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Mike, Grahame, Rob, 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 Chris Hall, funeral 19 March, St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck at 2pm, please see information in email; thinking of Lucy, and all the family; Michael Casey, for his wife and family; Karen, thinking of Pat and family. All whose anniversaries we remember at this time of year
- All working for peace in the Middle East and all supporting victims of war
- All Mothering Sunday means to us – blessing our mothers, those taking the role of mothers, those missing mothers, those wishing to be mothers

**Annual Meeting** – in two parts - Swaffham Prior Primary School, Wednesday 15 April, 7pm for 7.30pm start.  
All meet together, then break into parish groups.  
(Quay – Thursday 9 April, 7.30pm in the Hut)

**Annual Vestry Meetings** to elect churchwardens:  
Bottisham – 15 March; Lode - Thursday 12 March; Quay – 8 March;  
Swaffham Bulbeck – 15 March; Swaffham Prior – 22 March

Not too late to join! **Lent Course: 'The Desert Fathers and Mothers'**.  
Tuesdays (in person in Lode), Thursdays (online).

**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 1 April**

**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 22 March - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Purple**  
9am Online service, on Zoom  
Holy Communion BCP, Swaffham Bulbeck  
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

**Sunday 29 March - Palm Sunday, Red**  
9am Online service, on Zoom  
10.30am Holy Communion, Lode  
6pm Evensong, Swaffham Prior

**Thursday 2 April - Maundy Thursday, White**  
10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

**Friday 3 April - Good Friday**  
10am Good Friday Service, Quay

**Sunday 5 April - Easter Day, Gold/White**  
9am Online service, on Zoom  
Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck  
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham  
Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

**Thursdays** 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

**EVENTS & INFORMATION**

**Lent Lunches** – In aid of Mara Projects – fully booked.

Please be in touch if you would like to donate:  
[admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

Saturday 21 March – **Spring Clean**, St Mary's Swaffham Prior – all welcome 10am-12noon

Home-made **Simmel cakes for Easter** - £15 each; 07833 960678

**Easter Lilies** – donations, please to

- Bottisham – Penny Durrant - [pennystrawberry@icloud.com](mailto:pennystrawberry@icloud.com)
- Lode – Coral Hatley
- Quay - Jean Watts 01223 811063 before 24 March
- Swaffham Prior – Sue Rust, 23 Greenhead Road/Hilary Grant, 42 High Street, by 29 March

**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](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

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

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/angleseychurches](https://www.facebook.com/angleseychurches); A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice>

## Readings for Sunday 15 March – Year A

### Collect

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer After Communion

Lord God,  
whose blessed Son our Saviour  
gave his back to the smiters  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings  
of this present time  
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament - 1 Samuel 1 20-28

<sup>20</sup>Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' <sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' <sup>23</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

### Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord<sup>1</sup> is my<sup>1</sup> shepherd; ♦  
therefore<sup>1</sup> can I<sup>1</sup> lack<sup>1</sup> nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in<sup>1</sup> green<sup>1</sup> pastures ♦  
and<sup>1</sup> leads me be<sup>1</sup>side still<sup>1</sup> waters.
- 3 He shall re<sup>1</sup>fresh my<sup>1</sup> soul ♦  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness<sup>1</sup> for his<sup>1</sup>  
name's<sup>1</sup> sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will<sup>1</sup> fear no<sup>1</sup> evil; ♦  
for you are with me; your<sup>1</sup> rod and your<sup>1</sup> staff, they<sup>1</sup>  
comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of<sup>1</sup>  
those who<sup>1</sup> trouble me; ♦  
you have anointed my head with oil<sup>1</sup> and my<sup>1</sup> cup  
shall be<sup>1</sup> full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all  
the<sup>1</sup> days of my<sup>1</sup> life, ♦  
and I will dwell in the<sup>1</sup> house of the<sup>1</sup> Lord for<sup>1</sup> ever.  
Glory to the Father and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Son ♦ and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning is<sup>1</sup> now ♦ and shall be  
for<sup>1</sup> ever. A<sup>1</sup>men

### New Testament - Colossians 3 12-17

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Gospel - John 19:25-27

<sup>25</sup>Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*Mothering Sunday Greetings!*

