

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 22 February – First Sunday of Lent, Purple

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

on Zoom
Swaffham Bulbeck
Swaffham Prior, welcoming Mike Procter

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Andrew, Chris, 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 Michael Casey, for his wife and family; Karen, thinking of Pat and family; Brian Barnard, thinking of his family. All whose anniversaries we remember at this time of year
- The Mara women supported by our Lent Lunches; that we may give generously
- People in our villages who support our churches, but do not attend services – that we can reach out to them, perhaps through our Lent events

Not too late to join! 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. Tuesdays (in person), also available Thursdays (online), throughout Lent. 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

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)

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 1 March – Second Sunday of Lent, Purple

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

Sunday 8 March - Third Sunday of Lent, Purple

9am Online service, on Zoom
 Holy Communion, Quay
10.30am Family Worship & Baptism & Beavers, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 15 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday, Purple

9am Online service, on Zoom
 Mothering Sunday Service, Quay
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
 Morning Prayer for Mothering Sunday, Bottisham

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

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS & INFORMATION

Lent Lunches – 4 places remain at each: 27 February in Lode; 16 March in Swaffham Prior. admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk.
Soup and a roll. In aid of Mara Projects

Saturday 7 March – **Coffee Morning**, 93 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck, 10am-12 noon; £4 - Bring + buy stall, raffle, cakes, etc
Refreshments - coffee/tea and cake

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

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

Readings for Sunday 22 February – Year A

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Genesis 2 15-17; 3 1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalms 32

- 1 Happy the one whose transgression¹ is for¹given, ♦
and¹ whose¹ sin is¹ covered.
- 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord im¹putes no¹ guilt, ♦
and in whose¹ spirit there¹ is no¹ guile.
- 3 For I¹ held my¹ tongue; ♦
my bones wasted away through my¹ groaning¹ all the day¹
long.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and¹ night; ♦
my moisture was dried up¹ like the¹ drought in¹ summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my¹ sin to¹ you ♦
and my in¹iquity I¹ did not¹ hide.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions¹ to the¹ Lord,' ♦
and you for¹gave the¹ guilt of my¹ sin.

- 7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in¹
time of¹ trouble; ♦
in the great¹ water flood, it¹ shall not¹ reach them.
- 8 You are a place for me to hide in; you pre¹serve me from¹
trouble; ♦
you sur¹round me with¹ songs of de¹liverance.
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you
should¹ go; ♦
I will¹ guide you¹ with my¹ eye.
- 10 'Be not like horse and mule which have¹ no ♦
under¹standing; ♦
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they
¹ will not¹ stay¹ near you.'
- 11 Great tribulations re¹main for the¹ wicked, ♦
but mercy embraces¹ those who¹ trust in the¹ Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and re¹joice in the¹ Lord; ♦
shout for joy, ¹ all who are¹ true of¹ heart.

Glory to the Father and¹ to the¹ Son ♦ and¹ to the¹ Holy¹ Spirit;
as it was in the be¹ginning is¹ now ♦ and shall be for¹ ever. A¹men

New Testament - Romans 5 12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel - Matthew 4 1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.