

**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 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent, Purple**

**9am**

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

**on Zoom**  
**Swaffham Bulbeck**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion**

**Swaffham Prior, followed by Annual Vestry Meeting**

**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 Sarah Odell, thinking of Steve and family; Liz Raby, funeral Thursday 2 April at 1.30pm, Swaffham Bulbeck, thinking of Peter and family; Chris Hall, 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
- Revd Max, as he returns from retreat, ready for a busy Easter, and all supporting our services during Holy Week, including Revd Roger Bowen and Revd Keith Morrison
- Archbishop Sarah on her pilgrimage to Canterbury

**Annual Meeting** – in two parts - Swaffham Prior Primary School,  
Wednesday 15 April, 7.10pm for 7.30pm start.  
All meet together, then break into parish groups.  
(Quay – Thursday 9 April, 7.30pm in the Hut)

**REGULAR EVENTS**

*Please check dates during school holidays*

- **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)

**Lent Lunches** – In aid of Mara Projects – thank you to all who supported the lunches. Still time to donate:  
[admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

~ **HOLY WEEK** ~

**Sunday 29 March - Palm Sunday, Red**

9am Online service, on Zoom  
10.30am Holy Communion, Lode  
6pm Evensong, Swaffham Prior

**Monday 30 March & Tuesday 31 March**

6pm Compline, Swaffham Bulbeck

**Wednesday 1 April**

8pm CbyC, online

**Thursday 2 April - Maundy Thursday, White**

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode – Revd Roger Bowen

**Friday 3 April - Good Friday**

10am Good Friday Service, Quay

**Sunday 5 April - Easter Day, Gold/White**

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

**Sunday 12 April – Second Sunday of Easter, White**

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

**Thursdays** 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode (not 26 March)

**EVENTS & INFORMATION**

**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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Swaffham Prior: [prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01638 743937. General enquiries: [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk);

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

## Readings for Sunday 22 March – Year A

### Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### Old Testament - Ezekiel 37 1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD. <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

### Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, <sup>1</sup>hear my <sup>1</sup>voice; ♦  
let your ears consider well the <sup>1</sup>voice of my <sup>1</sup>supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is <sup>1</sup>done a<sup>1</sup>miss, ♦  
O <sup>1</sup>Lord, <sup>1</sup>who could <sup>1</sup>stand?
- 3 But there is for<sup>1</sup>givenness with <sup>1</sup>you, ♦  
so <sup>1</sup>that you <sup>1</sup>shall be <sup>1</sup>feared.

- 4 I wait for the Lord; my <sup>1</sup>soul <sup>1</sup>waits for him; ♦  
in his <sup>1</sup>word <sup>1</sup>is my <sup>1</sup>hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch <sup>1</sup>for the <sup>1</sup>morning, ♦  
more than the <sup>1</sup>night watch <sup>1</sup>for the <sup>1</sup>morning.
- 6 O Israel, <sup>1</sup>wait for the <sup>1</sup>Lord, ♦  
for with the <sup>1</sup>Lord <sup>1</sup>there is <sup>1</sup>mercy;
- 7 With him is <sup>1</sup>plenteous re<sup>1</sup>demption ♦  
and he shall redeem <sup>1</sup>Israel from <sup>1</sup>all their <sup>1</sup>sins.  
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 - Romans 8 6-11

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### Gospel - John 11 1-26 (shortened from 1-45)

<sup>1</sup>A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die