

**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 1 March – Second Sunday of Lent, Purple

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

**on Zoom**  
**Bottisham**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: 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, 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
- Mike and Liz who are leading the Lent Course; that we all benefit from their insight and guidance
- Local businesses that they may succeed despite difficult conditions

**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'**. Learn about these early Christian thinkers, whose example and wisdom are still relevant today. Tuesdays (in person in Lode), Thursdays (online). 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](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 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 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** – 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 7 March – **Coffee Morning**, 93 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck, 10am-12 noon; £4 - Bring + buy stall, raffle, cakes, etc  
Refreshments - coffee/tea and cake

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

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

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## Readings for Sunday 1 March – Year A

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer After Communion

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves  
to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault  
and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament - Genesis 12 1-4a

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

### Psalms 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup> hills; ♦  
from <sup>1</sup> where is my <sup>1</sup> help to <sup>1</sup> come?
- 2 My help comes <sup>1</sup> from the <sup>1</sup> Lord, ♦  
the <sup>1</sup> maker of <sup>1</sup> heaven and <sup>1</sup> earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your <sup>1</sup> foot to <sup>1</sup> stumble; ♦  
he who watches <sup>1</sup> over you <sup>1</sup> will not <sup>1</sup> sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch <sup>1</sup> over <sup>1</sup> Israel ♦  
shall <sup>1</sup> neither <sup>1</sup> slumber nor <sup>1</sup> sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself <sup>1</sup> watches <sup>1</sup> over you; ♦  
the Lord is your shade <sup>1</sup> at your <sup>1</sup> right <sup>1</sup> hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not <sup>1</sup> strike you by <sup>1</sup> day, ♦  
neither the <sup>1</sup> moon by <sup>1</sup> night.
- 7 The Lord shall keep you <sup>1</sup> from all <sup>1</sup> evil; ♦  
it is <sup>1</sup> he who shall <sup>1</sup> keep your <sup>1</sup> soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and  
your <sup>1</sup> coming <sup>1</sup> in, ♦  
from this time <sup>1</sup> forth for <sup>1</sup> ever<sup>1</sup>more.

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 4 1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### Gospel - John 3 1-17

<sup>1</sup>There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him