

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

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

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 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

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

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
- 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

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

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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 15 March – Year A

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament – Exodus 2 1-10

¹A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'



Psalm 34 11-20

- 11 Come, my children, and ¹listen to ¹me; ♦
I will teach you the ¹fear • of the ¹Lord.
- 12 Who is there who de¹lights in ¹life ♦
and longs for ¹days to en¹joy good ¹things?
- 13 Keep your ¹tongue from ¹evil ♦
and your ¹lips from ¹lying ¹words.
- 14 Turn from evil ¹and do ¹good; ♦
seek ¹peace ¹and pur¹sue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are up¹on the ¹righteous ♦
and his ears are ¹open ¹to their ¹cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against ¹those who do ¹evil, ♦
to root out the re¹membrance • of them ¹from the ¹earth.
- 17 The righteous cry and the ¹Lord ¹hears them ♦
and delivers them ¹out of ¹all their ¹troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the ¹broken¹hearted ♦
and will save ¹those • who are ¹crushed in ¹spirit.
- 19 Many are the ¹troubles • of the ¹righteous; ♦
from them ¹all • will the ¹Lord de¹liver them.
- 20 He keeps ¹all their ¹bones, ♦
so that not ¹one of ¹them is ¹broken.

Glory to the Father and ¹to the ¹Son ♦ and ¹to the ¹Holy
¹Spirit; as it was in the be¹ginning is ¹now ♦ and shall be
for ¹ever. ¹A¹men

New Testament – 2 Corinthians 1 3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel - Luke 2 33-35

³³The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Mothers Sunday Greetings!