

ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES
Holy Trinity, Bottisham; St Mary's, Quy; St James', Lode;
St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck; St Mary's, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 8 March – Third Sunday of Lent, Purple

9am

Online service

on Zoom

Holy Communion

Quy

10.30am

Family Worship & Baptism

Swaffham Prior

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
- The escalating violence in Iran and the middle east and all those caught up in danger
- Those supporting loved ones with long-term illnesses or incapacities; that we may all see how to lighten their load where possible

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.
(Quy – Thursday 9 April, 7.30pm in the Hut)

Annual Vestry Meetings to elect churchwardens:
Bottisham – 15 March; Lode - Thursday 12 March; Quy – 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 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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

- 9am Online service, on Zoom
Mothering Sunday Service, Quy
- 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

Thursday 2 April - Maundy Thursday, White

- 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

Friday 3 April - Good Friday

- 10am Good Friday Service, Quy

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

Easter Lilies – please see information with email

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;

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Readings for Sunday 8 March – Year A

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Exodus 17 1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Psalms 95

- 1 O come, let us ¹ sing to the ¹ Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the ¹ rock of ¹ our sal¹vation.
- 2 Let us come into his ¹ presence with ¹ thanksgiving ♦
and be ¹ glad in ¹ him with ¹ psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a ¹ great ¹ God ♦
and a great ¹ king a¹bove all ¹ gods.
- 4 In his hand are the ¹ depths of the ¹ earth ♦
and the heights of the ¹ mountains are ¹ his ¹ also.
- † 5 The sea is his, ¹ for he ¹ made it, ♦
and his hands have ¹ moulded the ¹ dry ¹ land.
- 6 Come, let us worship ¹ and bow ¹ down ♦
and kneel be¹fore the ¹ Lord our ¹ Maker.
- 7 For ¹ he is our ¹ God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture ¹ and the ¹ sheep of his ¹ hand.
- 8 O that today you would listen ¹ to his ¹ voice: ♦
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at ¹ Massah ¹ in the ¹ wilderness,

9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me ¹ to the ¹ proof, ♦
though ¹ they had ¹ seen my ¹ works.

10 'Forty years long I detested that gene¹ration and ¹ said, ♦
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they ¹ do not ¹ know my ¹ ways."

11 'So I ¹ swore in my ¹ wrath, ♦
"They shall not ¹ enter ¹ into my ¹ rest."

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

New Testament - Romans 5 1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel - John 4 5-14 (shortened from John 4 5-42)

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'