

**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 26 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter, White**

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

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

**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, 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, thinking of Brenda Doe and family; Corinne Green, thinking of Rosamund and family; Sarah Odell, thinking of Steve and family; Liz Raby, thinking of Peter and family; Chris Hall, thinking of Lucy, and all the family. All whose anniversaries we remember at this time of year
- Bellringers, organists, hymn selectors, occasional choir members and directors, and all enhancing our worship through music
- Those experiencing mental health issues, especially if awaiting specialist care and support

**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 & Prayerful Art Group** for Adults will restart at **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BOTTISHAM** on **1st May** and will continue throughout the summer on the **first three Fridays** of the month 1.30-3.30pm, [rutheblundell@gmail.com](mailto:rutheblundell@gmail.com)
- **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 6 May**

**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 3 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter, White**  
9am            Online service, on Zoom  
10.30am    Holy Communion, Bottisham

**Sunday 10 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter, White**

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

**Thursday 14 May – Ascension Day Holy Communion with Cambridge Voices, St Cyriac's, Swaffham Prior, 7.30pm**

**Sunday 17 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter, White**

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

**Sunday 24 May – Pentecost, Red**

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

**Sunday 31 May - Trinity Sunday, Gold/White**

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

**Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode**

**EVENTS**

**Saturday 2 May - Coffee & Cake Concert** – Holy Trinity, Bottisham, 10.30am; refreshments and concert by Cambridge Vocal Consort, suggested donation £5, children free

**Saturday 16 May - Mini Fete** - 2 Station Road, Swaffham Bulbeck, 10am to 12 noon, Food stall Books + jigsaws, Plants, Raffle, refreshments; in aid of St Mary's church and the Children's Society

**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 26 April – Year A

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer After Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament – Genesis 7

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; <sup>3</sup>and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>6</sup>Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. <sup>7</sup>And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. <sup>8</sup>Of the clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, <sup>9</sup>two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. <sup>10</sup>And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth. <sup>11</sup>In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup>The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, <sup>14</sup>they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind – every bird, every winged creature. <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. <sup>17</sup>The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. <sup>19</sup>The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; <sup>20</sup>the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. <sup>21</sup>And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; <sup>22</sup>everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. <sup>23</sup>He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. <sup>24</sup>And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

### Psalms 23

- 1 The Lord <sup>1</sup> is my <sup>1</sup> shepherd; ♦  
therefore <sup>1</sup> can I <sup>1</sup> lack <sup>1</sup> nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in <sup>1</sup> green <sup>1</sup> pastures ♦  
and <sup>1</sup> leads me be'side still <sup>1</sup> waters.

- 3 He shall re<sup>1</sup>fresh my <sup>1</sup> soul ♦  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness <sup>1</sup> for his <sup>1</sup> name's <sup>1</sup> sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will <sup>1</sup> fear no <sup>1</sup> evil; ♦  
for you are with me; your <sup>1</sup> rod and your <sup>1</sup> staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of <sup>1</sup> those who <sup>1</sup> trouble me; ♦  
you have anointed my head with oil <sup>1</sup> and my <sup>1</sup> cup shall be <sup>1</sup> full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the <sup>1</sup> days of my <sup>1</sup> life, ♦  
and I will dwell in the <sup>1</sup> house of the <sup>1</sup> Lord for <sup>1</sup> ever.

### New Testament - Acts 2 42-47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### Gospel - Luke 24 13-35

<sup>13</sup>On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.