

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 12 April – Second Sunday of Easter, White

9am **Online service**
Holy Communion

10.30am **Holy Communion BCP**

on Zoom
Quay
Swaffham Prior

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Ralph, Mike, Grahame, 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
- Our Annual Meeting taking place this week, for all standing for office, and all in our congregations supporting them
- For all suffering the consequences of conflict in the Middle East; that the ceasefire will become a just and lasting peace

ALL IN THE ANGLESEY BENEFICE
WISH YOU A BLESSED EASTER!

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** – is pausing over the Easter holiday. The **next group** will be on **Friday 17 April** St James' Church, Lode, 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- **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 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

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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 19 April - Third Sunday of Easter, White

9am Online service, on Zoom
Morning Prayer, Quay

10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
Morning Prayer, Bottisham

Sunday 26 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter, White

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

10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

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

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS & INFORMATION

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

Spuds in Buckets Competition – £5 for a bucket and a spud. Grow the heaviest yield in your bucket by 5 September; St Mary's Swaffham Prior – 07796 091855, mandy@kingsmills.uk

Saturday 18 April - Jumble Sale, St James' Lode, 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 18 April – Quiz Night - Village Hall, Swaffham Prior, 7.30pm; jacket potato supper; £7pp 01638 742161/741960

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

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

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Readings for Sunday 12 April – Year A

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Old Testament – Exodus 14 10-20

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' ¹³But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' ¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' ¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Psalm 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I ¹ taken ¹ refuge; ♦
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my ¹ good de¹pends on ¹ you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are ¹ in the ¹ land, ♦
upon ¹ those • who are ¹ noble in ¹ heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that ¹ many run ¹ after, ♦
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their ¹ names up¹on my ¹ lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion ¹ and my ¹ cup; ♦
in your hands a¹lone ¹ is my ¹ fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a ¹ fair ¹ land; ♦
indeed, I ¹ have a ¹ goodly ¹ heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has ¹ given me ¹ counsel, ♦
and in the night watches ¹ he ¹ instructs my ¹ heart.

- 7 I have set the Lord ¹ always be¹fore me; ♦
he is at my right ¹ hand; I ¹ shall not ¹ fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my ¹ spirit re¹joices; ♦
my flesh ¹ also shall ¹ rest se¹cure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my ¹ soul to ¹ Death, ♦
nor suffer your ¹ faithful one to ¹ see the ¹ Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the ¹ fullness of ¹ joy ♦
and in your right hand are ¹ pleasures for ¹ ever¹more.

New Testament - Acts 2 14a, 22-32

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ²²'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." ²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

Gospel - John 20 19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.