

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 17 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter, White

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Brenda, Jean, 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
- Those baptised in our churches this month: including Mia in Swaffham Bulbeck today, Opal, and Lewis, their families and godparents. Harry Shakeshaft who was confirmed recently
- All previous incumbents at our churches
- People in our villages who need help but do not know where to turn

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

Sunday 7 June - First Sunday after Trinity, Green

- 9am Online service, on Zoom
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham

Sunday 14 June - Second Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Play + Praise** – Weekly in term time in church; Fridays in Lode, 9.30am; Baby + Toddler Playgroup on Tuesdays in Bottisham, 9am
 - **Peaceful & Prayerful Art Group** for Adults will meet at Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham on the first three Fridays of the month 1.30-3.30pm, rutheblundell@gmail.com
 - **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 3 June**
- 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

EVENTS

Please see **Newsletter from Heather Johnstone** in Mara – attached to email circulation

14 – 24 May - Thy Kingdom Come (Ascension Day to Pentecost)
The initiative asks people to “Pray for Five” contacts who are not yet following Christ. www.thykingdomcome.global

Lent Group follow up – Sacred Space - New from Tuesday 12 May - join us each month at Lode Church 8-9pm for silent prayer, quiet singing and contemplation. Subsequent meetings will be held on: 2 June, 7 July, 4 August – all welcome lizbutl@gmail.com

Sunday 21 June - Installation of 70th Bishop of Ely, The Rt Revd Sarah Clark – 3pm, Ely Cathedral, admission by free ticket only, details to follow. The service will also be livestreamed.

Saturday 27 June - Psalms, Spirituals & Sonnets

Ely Consort with The Quintessential Ensemble
7.30pm St Mary's Church Burwell £20 (u18s free)

Purchase your own pew cushion - £5,
in aid of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior – order from admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

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Readings for Sunday 17 May – Year A

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where
our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament – Ezekiel 36 24-28

Thus says the Lord GOD: ²⁴I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm 68 1-10, 32-35

- 1 Let God arise and let his ¹ enemies be ¹ scattered; ♦
let those that ¹ hate him ¹ flee be¹fore him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they ¹ vanish a¹way; ♦
as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked ¹ perish • at the ¹
presence of ¹ God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re¹joice before ¹ God; ♦
let ¹ them make ¹ merry with ¹ gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who ¹ rides
on the ¹ clouds. ♦
The Lord is his ¹ name; re¹joice be¹fore him.
- 5 Father of the fatherless, de¹fender of ¹ widows, ♦
God in his ¹ holy ¹ habi¹tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to
¹ songs of ¹ welcome, ♦
but the rebellious in¹habit a ¹ burning ¹ desert.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be¹fore your ¹ people, ♦
when you ¹ marched ¹ through the ¹ wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at
the presence of God, the ¹ Lord of ¹ Sinai, ♦
at the presence of ¹ God, the ¹ God of ¹ Israel.
- 9 You sent down a gracious ¹ rain, O ¹ God; ♦
you refreshed your in¹heritance when ¹ it was ¹ weary.
- 10 Your people ¹ came to ¹ dwell there; ♦
in your goodness, O God, ¹ you pro¹vide • for the ¹ poor.

- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms ¹ of the ¹ earth; ♦
make music in ¹ praise ¹ of the ¹ Lord;
- 33 He rides on the ancient ¹ heaven of ¹ heavens ♦
and sends forth his ¹ voice, a ¹ mighty ¹ voice.
- 34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is ¹ over ¹ Israel, ♦
whose power ¹ is a¹bove the ¹ clouds.
- 35 How terrible is God in his ¹ holy ¹ sanctuary, ♦
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his ¹
people! ¹ Blessed be ¹ God.
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

New Testament - Acts 1 6-14

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'
⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel - John 17 1-11

¹Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'