

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 10 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter, White

9am Online service
Holy Communion

10.30am Rogation Service

on Zoom
Quay
Swaffham Prior, with sketch by Beavers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: 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 Opal, and Lewis, their families and godparents. Harry Shakeshaft who was confirmed recently
- Sian, our new curate, as she prepares to join us in July
- All whose livelihoods are or will be affected by the situation in the Middle East

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Thursday 14 May – Ascension Day Holy Communion
with Cambridge Voices, St Cyriac's, Swaffham Prior, 7pm

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

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

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) This decade-old annual wave of prayer, has spread to 172 countries and 85 denominations. The initiative asks people to "Pray for Five" contacts who are not yet following Christ.

www.thykingdomcome.global

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

Saturday 16 May – Village Feast

Village Hall, Swaffham Prior, 12.30-4pm. Bric-a-brac items may be donated to Dee Noyes in advance in aid of St Mary's
admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

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.

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 10 May – Year A

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Prayer After Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Old Testament - Genesis 8 20 – 9 17

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelt the pleasing odour, the LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. ²²As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.' ¹God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. ⁶Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.' ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Psalms 66 7-18

7 Bless our God, ¹O you ¹peoples; ♦
make the voice of his ¹praise ¹to be ¹heard,
8 Who holds our ¹souls in ¹life ♦
and suffers ¹not our ¹feet to ¹slip.
9 For you, O ¹God, have ¹proved us; ♦

you have ¹tried us as ¹silver is ¹tried.
10 You brought us ¹into the ¹snare; ♦
you laid heavy ¹burdens up ¹on our ¹backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through ¹fire
and ¹water; ♦ but you brought us out ¹into a ¹place of ¹liberty.
12 I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will ¹pay
you my ¹vows, ♦ which my lips uttered and my mouth
promised ¹when I ¹was in ¹trouble.
13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the ¹smoke of ¹rams;
♦ I will ¹sacrifice ¹oxen and ¹goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who ¹fear ¹God, ♦
and I will tell you what ¹he has ¹done for my ¹soul.
15 I called out to him ¹with my ¹mouth ♦
and his ¹praise was ¹on my ¹tongue.
16 If I had nursed evil ¹in my ¹heart, ♦
the ¹Lord would ¹not have ¹heard me,
17 But in truth ¹God has ¹heard me; ♦
he has ¹heeded the ¹voice • of my ¹prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not ¹rejected my ¹prayer, ♦
nor withheld his ¹loving ¹mercy ¹from me.
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. ¹Amen

New Testament - Acts 17 22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Gospel - John 14 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹⁵'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'