

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 3 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter, White

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

on Zoom
Bottisham

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
- Bishop Dagmar as she leads her final services in the diocese; wishing her well for her move to Edinburgh
- All undergoing exams, and those supporting them
- Couples getting married in our churches this summer, their families and friends

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

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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 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
 - **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

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 – 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

Readings for Sunday 3 May – Year A

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
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,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Old Testament – Genesis 8 1-19

¹But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ²the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; ⁴and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared. ⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. ¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶‘Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’ ¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Psalm 31 1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ¹ put to ¹ shame; ♦
de¹liver me ¹ in your ¹ righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ¹ ear to ¹ me; ♦
make ¹ haste ¹ to de¹liver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my ¹ rock and my ¹ stronghold; ♦
guide me, and ¹ lead me ¹ for your ¹ name’s sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, ♦
for ¹ you ¹ are my ¹ strength.
- 5 Into your hands I com¹mend my ¹ spirit, ♦
for you have redeemed me, O ¹ Lord ¹ God of ¹ truth.
- 15 ‘My times are ¹ in your ¹ hand; ♦
deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from ¹ those who ¹ persecute ¹ me.
- 16 ‘Make your face to shine up¹on your ¹ servant, ♦
and save me ¹ for your ¹ mercy’s ¹ sake.’

New Testament - Acts 7 55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, ⁵⁵Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

Gospel - John 14 1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ ⁵Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ ⁶Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ ⁸Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ⁹Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’