

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 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity, Green

9am **Online service**
10.30am **Holy Communion - said**
 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: Ruth, Andrew, Mike, Jean, 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, Aileen Dowsett, widow of Maurice, thinking of Steve and family; Rob Emmerson, thinking of his wife Barbara. All whose anniversaries we remember at this time of year
- Those of our congregation on holiday; praying for safe travel, rest and relaxation
- People who have lost their jobs, or who are facing employment uncertainty. Those struggling to find work, especially new graduates

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 2 August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 9 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 16 August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 23 August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

REGULAR EVENTS

Please Check Summer Arrangements

- **Lent Group follow up – Sacred Space** - St James', Lode, 8-9pm – for prayer, quiet singing and contemplation. First Tuesdays: 4 August – all welcome lizbutl@gmail.com
- **Play + Praise** – Fridays in term time, St James', Lode, 9.30am
- **Baby & Toddler Playgroup** – Tuesdays, Holy Trinity, Bottisham, 9am
- **Peaceful & Prayerful Art Group** for adults, - NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST - Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham, usually 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 5 August**

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, twice a month, 7.30pm contact Liz Butler for more information, lizbutl@gmail.com

EVENTS

25/26 July - Open Studios, St Cyriacs',
Swaffham Prior

Sunday 9 August – Strawberry Teas – 3-5pm,
Scout Hut, High Street, Swaffham Prior, Book: 07833
960678 janetwillmott@icloud.com £6/£3.50;
deliveries possible

Sunday 23 August – Cambridge Vocal Consort,
Music for a Summer's Day, 3pm St Mary's, Quay, £10 inc
refreshments bill.watts5@btinternet.com or on the door

Pew cushions - £5, in aid of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior
Oak and Walnut tree seedlings – donations to Mara
admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

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Readings for Sunday 26 July – Year A

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer After Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from
deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have
been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your
life; glory to you for ever.

Old Testament - 1 Kings 3 5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night;
and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said,
'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my
father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in
righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you
have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given
him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God,
you have made your servant king in place of my father David,
although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or
come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom
you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be
numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an
understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern
between good and evil; for who can govern this your great
people?' ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not
asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your
enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern
what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give
you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before
you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Psalm 119 129-136

129 Your testimonies ¹are ¹wonderful; ♦
there¹fore my ¹soul ¹keeps them.
130 The opening of your ¹word gives ¹light; ♦
it gives under¹standing ¹to the ¹simple.
131 I open my mouth and ¹draw in my ¹breath, ♦
as I ¹long for ¹your com¹mandments.
132 Turn to me and be ¹gracious ¹to me, ♦
as is your way with ¹those who ¹love your ¹name.
133 Order my steps ¹by your ¹word, ♦
and let no wickedness ¹have do¹minion ¹over me.
134 Redeem me from ¹earthly op¹pressors ♦
so that ¹I may ¹keep • your com¹mandments.
135 Show the light of your countenance up¹on your ¹
servant ♦

and ¹teach ¹me your ¹statutes.

136 My eyes run down with ¹streams of ¹water, ♦
because the wicked ¹do not ¹keep your ¹law.
Glory to the Father and ¹to the ¹Son ♦ and ¹to the ¹Holy ¹
Spirit; as it was in the be¹ginning is ¹now ♦ and shall be for ¹
ever. ¹A¹men

New Testament - Romans 8 26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how
to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs
too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows
what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for
the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things
work together for good for those who love God, who are called
according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order
that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those
whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called
he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.
³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us,
who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but
gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us
everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's
elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ
Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand
of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us
from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it
is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are
accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷No, in all these things
we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For
I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor
rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor
height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 13 31-33, 44-52

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in
his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has
grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that
the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He
told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast
that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all of it was leavened. ⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like
treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then
in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of
fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and
sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish
of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down,
and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will
be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate
the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace
of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
⁵¹Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he
said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for
the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who
brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'