

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 27 September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

9am **Online service**
Holy Communion BCP

10.30am **Holy Communion**

on Zoom
Swaffham Bulbeck
Swaffham Prior

PRAYER REQUESTS

- All in need of God's healing power including: Rod, Kate, Robin, Amanda and Vincent, Jonathan, Mike, 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. Ruth would like to thank people for praying for her; she is well on the road to recovery thanks to all the prayers, love and support from everyone
- In thanksgiving for the lives of the recently departed, including Edward Webb, thinking of his family, funeral on Tuesday 6 October 12 noon in Lode; Keith Pratt, thinking of Sue and family; Monica Thompson, thinking of Walter and family; Roger Jenyns, thinking of Jill, George, Frances and families; Dr David Hanke, thinking of Veronica and family. All whose anniversaries we remember at this time of year
- For local care homes – all residents, staff, managers and volunteers, including those from our churches who minister there
- For family members exhausted from caring for aging, sick or mentally challenged loved ones
- Licensing of Licensed Lay Ministers on Saturday 3 October, 2:30pm, Ely Cathedral; please pray for the individuals who will be licensed, their families and the parishes in which they will serve

REGULAR EVENTS – open to all in the Benefice

- **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 - first three Fridays of the month, St James' Church, Lode 1.30-3.30pm. All welcome - drawing/painting materials supplied or bring your own craft project; refreshments, 077792 656223
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Bible Study/Prayer Groups

- **Lent Group follow-up – Sacred Space** - St James', Lode, 8-9pm – for prayer, quiet singing and contemplation. First Tuesdays, all welcome lizbutl@gmail.com
- **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 7 October**
- **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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 4 October - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

Sunday 11 October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

9am Online service, on Zoom
 Holy Communion, Quay
10.30am Harvest Family Worship, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 18 October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, Green

9am Online service, on Zoom
10.30am Harvest Festival, Swaffham Bulbeck
 Harvest Festival, Bottisham
3pm Harvest Festival, Quay

Sunday 25 Oct – Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday, Green

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

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS

Thursday 1 October - Harvest Festival service, St James', Lode, 11am. **Harvest Lunch**, 12.30pm, £12 for 2-course lunch & soft drinks, 01223 811457/811222

1-4 October - Flower and Produce Display - St James', Lode, 10am – 5pm, donations of produce welcome for Open Door

Saturday 3 October – Harvest Supper, Swaffham Prior Village Hall, 6.30pm: salad & quiche supper with scrumptious puddings; entertainment from Jude Simpson Jude Simpson – Poet, Wordsmith, Writer, Performer; in aid of Mara and St Mary's.

Booking essential **BY 27 SEPTEMBER**; order forms available admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

Thursday 15 October - Anglesey Group MU meeting
Passage Hall, Lode, 2.30pm. Speaker from Angli-Ear Audiology on tinnitus and hearing loss; guests welcome. 01223 811222

Saturday 17 October – Autumn Clean, St Mary's, Swaffham Prior, 10am-12 noon; spruce up the church ready for Remembrance, Advent and Christmas – all welcome

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Readings for Sunday 27 September – Year A

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Ezekiel 18 1-4, 25-32

²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Psalms 25 1-8

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in ¹ you I ¹ trust; ♦
let me not be put to shame; let not my ¹ enemies ¹ triumph ¹ over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be ¹ put to ¹ shame, ♦
but let the ¹ treacherous be ¹ shamed • and frus¹trated.
- 3 Make me to know your ¹ ways, O ¹ Lord, ♦
and ¹ teach me ¹ your ¹ paths.
- 4 Lead me in your ¹ truth and ¹ teach me, ♦
for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I ¹ hoped ¹ all the day ¹ long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your com¹passion and ¹ love, ♦
for they ¹ are from ¹ ever¹lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth or ¹
my trans¹gressions, ♦

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according ¹ to your ¹ steadfast ¹ love.

- 7 Gracious and upright ¹ is the ¹ Lord; ♦
therefore shall he teach ¹ sinners ¹ in the ¹ way.

- 8 He will guide the humble in ¹ doing ¹ right ♦
and ¹ teach his ¹ way to the ¹ lowly.

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 A¹men

New Testament - Philippians 2 1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel - Matthew 21 23-32

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'