

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 20 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

9am

Online service
Morning Prayer

10.30am

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer

on Zoom

Quay

Swaffham Bulbeck
Bottisham

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, funeral on Friday 25 September at 12 noon in Lode; 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 all keeping our churches open and active for our communities, including those maintaining the fabric of our historic buildings
- Those welcoming new family members; children, grandchildren, spouses etc; families experiencing breakdown or difficulty - that we remember we are all members of God's family

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 27 September - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

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 Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
Harvest Festival, Bottisham
- 3pm Harvest Festival, Quay

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS

Friday 25 September – MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End, Swaffham Prior
10.30-12 noon

Saturday 26 September - Jumble Sale,

St James' Church Lode, 2pm – 4pm; deliver jumble
Friday 25 Sept 2pm – 4pm/Saturday 26 Sept 9am – 11am

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

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 rutheblundell@gmail.com

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

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Readings for Sunday 20 September – Year A

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Jonah 3 10-4 11

¹⁰When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' ⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Psalms 145 1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O ¹ God my ¹ King, ♦
and bless your ¹ name for ¹ ever and ¹ ever.
- 2 Every day ¹ will I ¹ bless you ♦
and praise your ¹ name for ¹ ever and ¹ ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly ¹ to be ¹ praised; ♦
his greatness is be¹yond all ¹ searching ¹ out.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works ¹ to an¹other ♦
and de¹clare your ¹ mighty ¹ acts.
- 5 They shall speak of the majesty ¹ of your ¹ glory, ♦
and I will tell of ¹ all your ¹ wonderful ¹ deeds.

- 6 They shall speak of the might of your ¹ marvellous ¹ acts, ♦
and I will ¹ also ¹ tell of your ¹ greatness.
 - 7 They shall pour forth the story of your a¹bundant ¹
kindness ♦
and joyfully ¹ sing ¹ of your ¹ righteousness.
 - 8 The Lord is ¹ gracious and ¹ merciful, ♦
long-suffering ¹ and of ¹ great ¹ goodness.
- 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 1 21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel - Matthew 20 1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'