

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 13 September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

on Zoom
Quay
Swaffham Prior

PRAYER REQUESTS

- All in need of God's healing power including: 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 Keith Pratt, thinking of his daughter and family, funeral on Friday 25 September at 12 noon in Lode; Monica Thompson, thinking of Walter and family, funeral Thursday 17 September, 10am at Swaffham Prior; Roger Jenyns, thinking of Jill, George, Frances and families; Dr David Hanke, thinking of Veronica and family, memorial service Saturday 19 September, 2.30pm, Swaffham Bulbeck. All whose anniversaries we remember at this time of year
- For all affected by racism, intolerance, antisemitism etc; that we may have the courage to challenge perpetrators and those using hateful messaging in politics and daily life
- Children around the world, that they may be cherished and their interests prioritised, especially in violent situations

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 20 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, Green

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

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

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; order forms available admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

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Readings for Sunday 13 September – Year A

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Genesis 50 15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103 8-13

8 The Lord is full of com¹passion and ¹mercy, ♦
slow to anger ¹and of ¹great ¹kindness.
9 He will not ¹always ac¹cuse us, ♦
neither will he ¹keep his ¹anger for ¹ever.
‡ 10 He has not dealt with us according ¹to our ¹sins, ♦
nor rewarded us ac¹cording ¹to our ¹wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high a¹bove the ¹earth, ♦
so great is his ¹mercy • upon ¹those who ¹fear him.
12 As far as the east is ¹from the ¹west, ♦
so far has he ¹set our ¹sins ¹from us.
13 As a father has compassion ¹on his ¹children, ♦
so is the Lord merciful towards ¹those who ¹fear ¹him.
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. ¹A¹men

New Testament - Romans 14 1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel - Matthew 18 21-35

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'