



## Sunday 17th November 2024 — 2 Before Advent

### WORSHIP TODAY

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion  
 10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Morning Worship  
 6:30pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Choral Evensong

### TODAY'S READINGS – 2 Before Advent

*Morning:* Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16;  
 Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13.1-8  
*Evening:* Psalm 95; Daniel 3 (or 3.13-30);  
 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

### COLLECT FOR 2 BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Father,  
 whose blessed Son was revealed  
 to destroy the works of the devil  
 and to make us the children of God  
 and heirs of eternal life:  
 grant that we, having this hope,  
 may purify ourselves even as He is pure;  
 that when He shall appear in power and great glory  
 we may be made like Him  
 in His eternal and glorious kingdom;  
 where He is alive and reigns with You,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

### REFLECTION FOR 2 BEFORE ADVENT

I often hear people say, 'I am a Christian but I don't go to church.' And I wonder how they can live out a faith in isolation. My understanding from the Bible is that Christianity is a communal faith. It is a faith that lived out within a community of believers.

Luke tells us that the early believers:

*devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.*

This was against a backdrop of persecution. For those early believers, the risk of persecution was outweighed by the desire to meet together, to worship together, to learn more about their faith.

Sadly, as the Christian faith spread, some started to lose this desire, this need to meet together regularly. The writer of Hebrews has to say to his readers:

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...*

Today there are pressures on our time. There are some who do have to work on a Sunday, for some it is a need to spend time with the family.

As a church we need to create opportunities for people to meet together, to pray together, to worship together, to learn together.

I love the Message translation of that verse from Hebrews:

*Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, Hebrews 10:24-25 (MSG)*

And for ourselves, we need to ask, 'Does my desire to meet with God, to worship Him, to be in fellowship with fellow believers outweigh all other considerations?'

We are blessed that there is worship every Sunday of the year across our Benefice. Let's hear those words from Hebrews, and make meeting together our priority, wherever, whenever, and however.

*Rev Phil*

**Wednesday 20th November 2024**

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers

**Sunday 24th November 2024 - Christ the King**

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

St Peter &amp; St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion

3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel Evening Prayer

6:30pm St Peter, Bromyard *Come to the River***READINGS – Christ the King***Morning:* Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14; Psalm 93;  
Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37*Evening:* Daniel 5; John 6.1-15; Psalm 72\***SERVICE OF LIGHT**

Due to a power cut, we were unable to hold our Service of Light on Saturday 2nd November. We are rescheduling this service for Saturday 23rd November, 4:00pm at St Peter, Bromyard..

**GIVING REVIEW SUNDAY**

We are setting aside Sunday 17th November as Giving Review Sunday. At our 10:30am service in St Peter, Bromyard, we will be joined by Rosa Speyer, Diocesan Parish Giving Advisor. This will be an opportunity for us all to pray about and review our offering to God.

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

Also on Sunday 17th November we will be joined by Hereford Singers who will lead Choral Evensong, 6:30pm at St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy.

**MOTHERS & TODDLERS**

We have an opportunity to start a Mothers & Toddlers group from January. If you would be interested in helping with this, please chat to Rev Phil or Rev David.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**

We are looking to provide regular activities for children joining us at St Peter's. If you would be interested in helping with this, please talk to Rev Phil or Rev David. Volunteer's will need to do safeguarding training and have a DBS check.

**Shhh, CHRISTMAS**

In the run up to Christmas we have a number of services planned.

Saturday 14th December	4:00pm	St Peter, Bromyard	Bromyard Choral Society Concert
Sunday 15th December	6:30pm	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy	Carol Service
Tuesday 17th December	11:00am	Highwell House Care Home	Carol Service
	2:00pm	Whitegates Care Home	Carol Service
Wednesday 18th December	9:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	QE Yrs 7&8 Christmas Service
	7:00pm	Woodland Drive, Stoke Lacy	Carol Singing
Thursday 19th December	2:00pm	St Peter, Bromyard	St Peter's School Christmas Service
Friday 20th December	11:00am	Froome Bank Care Home	Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December	3:00pm	Brockhampton Chapel	Carol Service
	5:00pm	St Peter, Bromyard	Carol Service

**BROMYARD FOODBANK**

*Items urgently needed this week:*

**Food for diabetics, savoury biscuits, tinned meats, dried dog & cat food, tinned fruit, jam & spreads, pasta, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, cereal, coffee, tinned big soup**

Foodbank are always willing to welcome potential new volunteers Please contact Emma Stapley or Rev Phil for more information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Margaret Hamilton-Herbert, Iain Elliott, Colin & Adele Spain, Peder Nielson, Paul Carpenter, Alan Seabrook, Helen Combe  
*Recently bereaved:* the families of John Allan, Michael Farrell, Hilda Evans, Gillian Haines, Mary Caiger, Sylvia Darby, Philip Hodgeson, Phillip 'Rupert' Morris, Carolyn Cooper, Derek Hiles, Jeremy Holden, Alex Hoyle, Brenda 'Topsy' Bradford, Netti Evans, Claire Hollis

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