



Sunday 26th January 2025 — Epiphany 3

WORSHIP TODAY

10:30amSt Peter, BromyardHoly Communion3:00pmBrockhampton ChapelEvening Prayer4:00pmSt Peter & St Paul, Stoke LacySanctuary

6:30pm St Peter, Bromyard Come to the River

TODAY'S READINGS - EPIPHANY 3

Morning: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19*

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

Evening: Psalm 33; Numbers 9.15-23;

1 Corinthians 7.17-24; Mark 1.21-28

COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY 3

Almighty God,

whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving presence:

renew Your people with Your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness

sustain us by Your mighty power;

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.

REFLECTION: Mission - Our Part (2)

If a hedgehog learned about the Green Cross Code and found it to be the safest way to cross the road, then surely it would want to share that learning with family, friends, neighbours, to ensure their safety when they crossed the road.

We have good news; not just any old good news, *the* Good News! It's far better than the Green Cross Code. It is the Good News that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; it is the Good News that everyone is invited by God to join in the Divine Dance.

It's Good News that is exciting. And that's why people have shared it. On finding the tomb empty, the women

'... hurried away from the tomb, **afraid yet filled with joy**, and ran to tell his disciples.'

Matt 28:8 (ANIV)

After Jesus was recognised in the breaking of bread at Emmaus, the two disciples explained,

"Were not our hearts **burning** within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32 (ANIV)

They were excited! For a sense of that excitement just read 1 Peter 1: 3-9.

People have also shared the Good News out of thanksgiving. When Jesus healed two blind men, and after specifically telling them not to say anything, they

... went out and spread the news about Him all over that region.

Matt 9:31 (ANIV)

Again, after healing a deaf and mute man:

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more He did so, the more they kept talking about it.

Mark 7:36 (ANIV)

Their thankfulness led them to tell others about Jesus.

Excitement and thankfulness encourage us to go out and share God's invitation. The excitement of knowing that we are loved unconditionally; being thankful for all that God has done for us and in us.

Count your blessings, name them one by one;

Count your blessing, see what God has done.

Count your blessing, name then one by one

and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!



Wednesday 29th January 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Wednesday Prayers

Sunday 2nd February 2025 - The Presentation/Candlemas

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Gather

St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion

READINGS – The Presentation/Candlemas

Morning: Malachi 3.1-5; ;Psalm 24.[1-6] 7-10

Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

Evening: Haggai 2.1-9; John 2.18-22;

Psalms 122, 132

PEBBLES

Pebbles is the name of our new Parent and Toddler group which will be meeting twice a month on a Monday at The Falcon Mews, starting on Monday 10th February. We have a team in place to work with the toddlers, but we also need a team to sit and chat with the parents. If you would be interested in helping with this, please speak to Rev David or Betty Csullog. We have a 'wish list' of items of equipment:

Ball pit pool; Baby floor mats; musical instruments for toddlers; 'tuff' tray for sensory activities; toddlers kitchen playset; stroller and doll.

Please talk to Betty if you have one of these which you might be willing to give to Pebbles, or would like to make a donation towards the purchase of these.

YEAR OF ENGAGEMENT

2025 is the Diocesan Year of Engagement, when we are encouraged to look for ways in which we can engage with our communities. Besides activities such as Party in the Park, Stoke Lacy Coffee mornings, and the range of Bromyard Festivals, we need your thoughts and ideas for ways in which we can get to know our communities better. Please let Rev Phil or Rev David know your ideas.

FOOD FOR ALL BOOKSHOP

You may have noticed that Food for All Bookshop is closed at the moment. This is for a re-fit and changes to displays. The new-look shop will be opened and re-dedicated on Saturday 1st February at 2:00pm. Please pray for the shop team and for the shop's Christian witness in our town.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19: 14

BROMYARD FOODBANK

Items urgently needed this week:

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, Alan Seabrook, Peter Cliff, Janet Morgan, Mark Franklin

Recently bereaved: the families of Netti Evans, Claire Hollis, Peder Nielson, Revd Michael Smith, TJ Biddle, Mary Watson, Don Griffiths, Rachel 'Hartwright'

Wedding Couples: Henry Henshall & Sofi Buzzard; Ryan Skyrme & Jenna Arnold; Martyn Craddock & Amberley Schuck

Baptisms: Chester Davis

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