



Sunday 16th February 2025 — 3 Before Lent

WORSHIP TODAY

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

TODAY'S READINGS – 3 BEFORE LENT

Morning: Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1;
 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26
Evening: Psalms [5] 6; Hosea 10.1-8, 12;
 Galatians 4.8-20; Matthew 5.21-37

COLLECT FOR 3 BEFORE LENT

Almighty God,
 who alone can bring order
 to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
 give Your people grace
 so to love what You command
 and to desire what You promise,
 that, among the many changes of this world,
 our hearts may surely there be fixed
 where true joys are to be found;
 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: 3 Before Lent

Rivers.

From a tiny source to a wide estuary; from burbling brook to a stately flow.

Constantly flowing, constantly trying to find the smoothest route to the open sea.

Along its banks plants grow, drawing on the water and nutrients. Insects live out their life cycles in and around the water.

Fish, birds, and animals call rivers 'home'.

Rivers are life-giving and energising.

Jeremiah says that:

the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him ... will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream Jeremiah 17: 7,8

The Psalmist echoes this though, saying that those whose:

... delight is in the law of the Lord ... is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Psalm 1: 2

We are like trees planted beside God's life-giving, energising waters.

We are fed and nourished, and are fruitful, when we trust in God, when we put our confidence in Him, when we delight in His law.

But a tree also gives nourishment to others; birds and animals feed on the fruits and berries. A tree gives shelter; all manner of insects hide in the bark or just under the bark; birds roost and make their nests in the branches.

In the same way, as we are fed and nourished by God, we feed and nourish those around us. Not just as individuals, but as parishes and as a Benefice.

How am I, how are you, how are we, feeding and nourishing our family, friends, neighbours, communities?

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

*Make us Your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed.*

Rev Phil

Tuesday 17h February 2025

11:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Funeral: Richard Orgee

Wednesday 19th February 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Prayers

Sunday 23rd February 2025 - 2 Before Lent

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard

Holy Communion

3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel

Evening Prayer

4:00pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Sanctuary

6:30pm St Peter, Bromyard

Come to the River

READINGS – 2 Before Lent*Morning:* Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25*Evening:* Psalm 147*; Genesis 1.1 - 2.3; Matthew 6.25-34**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. At our first session we had 15 toddlers and 14 adults, for which we give thanks to God. And conversations were started with the adults, conversations which we pray will bless them and may start them on their journey of faith. Please do continue to hold Pebbles in your prayers.

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.

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.

HALF TERM FUN DAYS

On Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February there will be Half-term Fun Days at Upper Sapey church. Music, crafts, games, and story for 4-11 year olds. £10 for two days, £5 for one day. To book places please contact Marion Symmons on 07483 895656 or marionsymmons@hotmail.co.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY

On Saturday 22nd February we will be hosting the Deanery Marriage Preparation Day at St Peter's. This is an opportunity for all the wedding couples in the Deanery to come together and think about what married life might be like, and to walk through the wedding service. Please hold our wedding couples in your prayers as they prepare for their 'big day'.

ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD

David Parker asks, 'would you be willing to make donations of snowdrops (plants or money) for the churchyard please? Perhaps remembering a child if that is something you would be happy to develop? What we have is looking even better this year but there's room for more!' For information please contact David on 07811 396020 .

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, Rita & Trevor Griffiths

Recently bereaved: the families of Netti Evans, Claire Hollis, Peder Nielson, Revd Michael Smith, TJ Biddle, Mary Watkins, Don Griffiths, Rachel 'Hartwright', Malcolm Sheail; Louise Spinks, Richard Orgee, Pauline Cooke

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

Baptisms: Chester Davis

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