



Sunday 23rd February 2025 — 2 Before Lent

WORSHIP TODAY

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

TODAY'S 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

COLLECT FOR 2 BEFORE LENT

Almighty God,
You have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in Your own image:
teach us to discern Your hand in all Your works
and Your likeness in all Your children;
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,
who with You and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

REFLECTION: 2 Before Lent

The sea of Galilee is noted for its changeable weather – one minute serene and calm, the next squalling winds and rain. Peter, James and John would have been only too aware of the lake's temperamental nature and how to see out one of its vengeful squalls.

So when Jesus suggests crossing the lake by boat, they would have set out with confidence. But even with their confidence, when a squall does rise up, the disciples are afraid. This must have been worse than they'd previously experienced.

They turn to the sleeping Jesus for help. 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

Getting to His feet, He told the wind, "Silence!" and the waves, "Quiet down!" They did it. The lake became smooth as glass. Luke 8:24 (MSG)

After calming the storm, Jesus rebukes the disciples, 'Where is your faith?'

And they are amazed, and a little frightened, wondering, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him.'

The episode teaches us two things.

Firstly, that Jesus, as the Son of God, has real power, such that even the winds and waves obey Him.

And also, that with Jesus in our lives, we can trust Him to see us through the storms of life.

There is the children's chorus:

*With Christ in the vessel we can smile at the storm
as we go sailing home.*

I'm not sure that 'smile at the storm' is quite the phrase I'd use but you get the point!

We can smile at the storm, we can trust Him because of who He is, the Son of God; Son of the immortal, invisible, God only wise.

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
it is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Rev Phil

Monday 24th February 2025

11:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Funeral: Pauline Cooke

Wednesday 26th February 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Prayers

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9:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Holv Communion

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard



St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion

READINGS – Sunday Before Lent

Morning: Exodus 34.29-end; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2; Luke 9.28-43a

Evening: Psalm 89.1-18*; Exodus 3.1-6;
John 12.27-36a

FOOD FOR ALL SANDWICH LUNCH

On **Thursday 27th**, at our **Food for All Sandwich Lunch**, the speaker will be our **new Curate Revd. David Hall**. He has a great story to tell, and you are welcome to come along to the Falcon Mews from 12.30pm till 2pm. The cost is £6.

David's story: Wallace has invited me to share something of my journey with God. Having grown up in a Christian family, I enjoyed attending church in a village in the West Country that also enjoyed its festivals. I always thought Harvest was the best, with some beautifully ornate bread displays that looked delicious... but which I was never allowed to touch! As I grew up, though, the number of people my own age seemed to dwindle and drift away from church, and I began to wonder how I could enjoy my best life now. So, when I moved away from home for the first time, I thought that maybe life would be more enjoyable without God in the picture - or that what people at my home church didn't know wouldn't hurt them. But, though I attempted to enjoy life to the full, I found that much was actually missing – and life ignoring God didn't bring me the pleasures I'd expected.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the start of our observance of Lent, as we prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week and Easter. It has become a tradition for Christians to be marked with the sign of the Cross in ash. We will be offering ashing at services on Ash Wednesday at 10:00am and 7:0pm both at St Peter, Bromyard.

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, shampoo

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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