



## Sunday 9th March 2025 — Lent 1

### WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion  
 4:00pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy PM Praise

### TODAY'S READINGS

*Morning:* Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16;  
 Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13 43a  
*Evening:* Psalm 119.73-88; Jonah 3; Luke 18.9-14

### COLLECT FOR LENT 1

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
 give us grace to discipline ourselves  
 in obedience to Your Spirit;  
 and, as You know our weakness,  
 so may we know Your power to save;  
 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: Lent 1

I remember learning about the heart for 'O' Level biology. I spent hours reproducing the drawing from the text book. Its four chambers, the valves stopping a backflow of blood, the aorta carrying oxygenated blood from the heart, the whichever artery carrying de-oxygenated blood to the heart.

The heart is a physical organ getting on with its job.

But the heart has become something more.

It is the symbol of love; I ❤️ you. It's the centre of discussion; 'right at the heart of the matter'. It's where our beliefs lie; 'if you believe with all your heart'.

Paul says: '*... it is with your heart that you believe...*'

This is beyond simply knowing the facts.

It even goes beyond just believing. I believe that there was a person named Julius Caesar. That fact doesn't really make any difference to the way in which I live my life.

James wrote, '*You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.*'

It is believing **in**. **In** my heart, with all my heart. That small word '**in**' conveys words like trust, hope, refuge, strength.

I believe **in** God the Father. He is my hope, my strength, my refuge, the One in whom I trust.

I believe **in** Jesus Christ. He is my hope, my strength, my refuge, the One in whom I trust.

I believe **in** the Holy Spirit. He is my hope, my strength, my refuge, the One in whom I trust.

What is in our heart, what is at the very core of our being, is shown in how we speak to one another, how we relate to one another, within the church family and with our neighbours in Bromyard and Stoke Lacy.

During this time of Lent, let us ask for forgiveness for just believing, and take up the joy, the challenge, of believing **in** God, who is our hope, our strength, our refuge, the One in whom we trust.

*You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart!*

*Rev Phil*

**Wednesday 12th March 2025**

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers

**Sunday 16th March 2025 - Lent 2**

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

**READINGS – Lent 2**

*Morning:* Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27  
 Philippians 3.17 - 4.1; Luke 13.31-35  
*Evening:* Psalm 135\*; Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17;  
 Luke 14.27-33

**THE BIBLE COURSE**

On Friday 14th March we will be starting The Bible Course, a series of eight sessions giving an overview of the Bible. The Bible Course will help you understand the Bible for yourself, to see the big picture from Genesis to Revelation. For more information, please speak to Rev Phil.

**ELECTORAL ROLLS**

This year the electoral rolls for both Bromyard and Stoke Lacy are due for a complete renewal. The Electoral Roll is the membership list of the church and is formal recognition of your wish to be an active member of the church. Being a member of the church means taking on personal responsibility for growing in faith and sharing fully in the life of the church family. If you were previously on the electoral roll you will be receiving a letter inviting you to join the new electoral roll. If you haven't been on the roll before and would like more information, please speak to Rev Phil.

**APCM's**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM's) are a chance for us to celebrate all that God has been doing in and through His church, and to elect members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of each church. Please do pray about who you would like to be representing you on the PCC—voting papers will be available at the back of both churches.

Stoke Lacy APCM will be on Sunday 16th March, 12noon at St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy.

Bromyard APCM will be on Sunday 6th April, 12noon at St Peter, Bromyard.

**HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week leads us from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, via the Last Supper and Gethsemane, to Good Friday and the Cross.. We will be journeying through Holy Week with:

Sunday 13th April	10:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	Palm Sunday Stations
Monday 14th April	7:00pm	St Joseph, Bromyard	Ecumenical Stations
Tuesday 15th April	7:00pm	St Peter & St Paul Stoke Lacy	Compline
Wednesday 16th April	6:30pm	Bromyard Public Hall	Passion Play
	8:00pm	St Peter, Bromyard	Compline
Thursday 17th April	7:00pm	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar
Friday 18th April	10:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Good Friday Devotion
	11:00am	Bromyard	Ecumenical Walk of Witness#
	3:00pm	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy	Hour at the Cross

**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**

**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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