



Sunday 16th March 2025 — Lent 2



COLLECT FOR LENT 2

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in His Way
come to share in His glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

REFLECTION: Lent 2

There is music ... and then there is music.

There are paintings ... and then there are paintings.

Vivaldi's 'Spring' from the 'Four Seasons' is beautiful, full of melody and intricate harmonies; it is aesthetically pleasing.

But Elgar's 'Nimrod' from the 'Enigma Variations' stirs my soul. I can see rolling English hills covered in hues of green and brown; a lazy sun rising in a blue sky with wisps of high, cirrus clouds; larks singing as they rise; a traditional village nestled in the valley, with a church and a pub and a village green.

Da Vinci's 'Mona Lisa', with her enigmatic smile, the mystery of who she is, is a great painting.

Dali's 'Christ of St John of the Cross', with its extraordinary perspective, like an Orthodox icon, draws me into the suffering of Christ on the cross, the mystery of God's love, while ordinary life carries on with the little fishing boat ... I could spend hours simply gazing at this picture, meditating on it, communing with God.

The Psalmist wrote:

'One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple.'

'... to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord ...' This is more than just looking, more than just aesthetic appreciation. It involves meditation, communion, standing in awe, losing oneself, just being; as Wesley put it, to be 'Lost in wonder, love and praise'

*When I look into Your holiness,
When I gaze into Your loveliness,
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of You;
When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart,
When my will becomes enthralled in Your love,
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of You:*

*I worship You, I worship You,
The reason I live is to worship You*

Rev Phil

Wednesday 19th March 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers

Sunday 23rd March 2025 - Lent 3

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 – Lent 3*Morning:* Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9;
1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9 35*Evening:* Psalms 12, 13; Genesis 28.10-19a;
John 1.35-51**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 ROLL

This year the electoral roll for St Peter, Bromyard is 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	6:00pm	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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