



Sunday 30th March 2025 — Mothering Sunday

WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Worship for
 St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Mothering Sunday
6:30pm St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28
 Psalm 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4
 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17
 Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27
Evening: Psalm 30; Isaiah 40.27 - 41.13;
 2 Timothy 4.1-18; John 11.17-44

COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of Your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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: Mothering Sunday

When our girls were younger, Mothering Sunday was a complication of cards.

There were cards for Natalie, cards for their Godmothers, cards for Nanny, cards for Nanny Joyce, and the cards for Grandma.

And Grandma was insistent that it was Mothering Sunday not Mother's Day! You've no idea how difficult it is to find 'To Grandma on Mothering Sunday' cards on the High Street.

Mothering Sunday, the day in the year when children in service would return to their home village, to their family, to their 'mother' church. And on the way they would pick wild flowers.

The word 'Mother' can be a noun or a verb.

As a verb, 'to mother' is defined as:

to treat someone with kindness and affection and try to protect that person from danger or difficulty

So there is the sense of a Mother church, the church in which we were brought up, but there is also the sense of the church 'mothering' us.

There are three characteristics which show the way in which the church 'mothers' us.

Like a mother, church is, or should be, unconditionally on your side. As church we are there for one another, caring, supporting, ready to go the extra mile; we are there for the homeless, the refugee, the disadvantaged.

Like a mother, church sees your potential. We are each made in God's image, there is something of God in each of us. Church encourages us to be the very best version of ourselves because that's how God sees us.

Mothers are always ready to forgive. At the core of our message as church is the fact that we are forgiven people, and we so we should be ready to forgive. And we recall that forgiveness came at a great cost, the Cross on Calvary. It was on the Cross that Jesus stretched out His arms to say, 'I love you, I love you, I love you', to reconcile us to God. And we, as church, are called to this ministry of reconciliation:

God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us 2 Corinthians 5: 19-20

Rev Phil

Happy Mothering Sunday Mum/Grandma xx

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Communion

Friday 4th April 2025

7:00pm St Peter, Bromyard

The Bible Course

Sunday 6th April 2025 - Lent 5

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Holy Communion

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard


 Gather with Baptism

St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy communion

READINGS – Lent 5

Morning: Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

Evening: Psalm 35*; 2 Chronicles 35.1-6, 10-16;
Luke 22.1-13

THE BIBLE COURSE

The Bible Course continues every Friday as we move through the Old Testament. For 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. 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
	7:30pm	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

EASTER WORSHIP

We will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord on Sunday 20th April:

9:00am	Brockhampton Chapel	BCP Holy Communion for Easter Day
10:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion for Easter Day
	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy	Holy Communion for Easter Day

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, Elizabeth & Trevor Elliott, Alan Seabrook, Peter Cliff, Carole Hughes

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, Mya Cox

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