



# Sunday 6th April 2025 — Lent 5

## **WORSHIP TODAY**

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion
10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Gather with
Baptism

St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy communion 6:30pm St Peter, Bomyard Choral Evensong

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

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

#### **COLLECT FOR LENT 5**

Most merciful God,

who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of His victory; 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 5**

Mia is a pedigree Vizsla.

She has a Kennel Club record proving her pedigree.

(Amba may have a pedigree, we're not sure—she's just a bundle of youthful energy in a wirey coat!)

In terms of church attendance, I have 'pedigree'.

My 'mother' church had, and still has, strong links with Oak Hill Theological College, with many students and staff choosing to attend Christ Church, Cockfosters.

My parents were PCC members and Sunday school leaders.

Dad was a verger, sidesman, and regular attender at Keswick Bible Week.

Mum sang in the choir, was Overseas Missionary secretary, and attended Billy Graham rallies in 1954 & '55.

My birth nearly interrupted a Sunday School leaders meeting. I first went to church aged 2weeks, was baptised on 3rd February 1963, and confirmed on 4th May 1978.

As I grew up, I attended Climbers, Explorers, Pathfinders, Koinonia and Sunday Fellowship. I still have my BCP, presented for 40 consecutive Sunday attendances at Explorers.

I can't remember a time when I didn't know about God or Jesus.

After listing his 'pedigree' in his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes:

'I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord'

What mattered to Paul was not his past record but his present knowing 'Christ Jesus my Lord'. He wanted to 'know Christ, to be 'found in Him', to 'gain Christ'.

Like Paul, I can claim 'pedigree'. And like Paul, for me my pedigree isn't important. So I can join with him in saying:

'Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'

Rev Phil

Wednesday 9th April 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers

Friday 11th April 2025

7:00pm St Peter, Bromyard The Bible Course 5

Sunday 13th April 2025 - Palm Sunday

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Palm Sunday Worship

**READINGS – Palm Sunday** 

Morning: Luke 19.28-40; Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29\*;

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16\*;

Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14 - 23.56

Evening: Psalm 69.1-20; Isaiah 5.1-7; Luke 20.9-19

#### 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.

#### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

This evening, Sunday 6th April, we welcome Amici Quorum, who will lead us in Choral Evensong a lovely way to worship God at the end of the weekend, and in preparation for the coming week.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will be all together at St Peter, Bromyard, to walk through the events of Holy Week.

#### **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week allows us time to focus on the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and Gethsemane, and Good Friday and the Cross. It is through this journey that we are able to understand and celebrate the Easter joy more fully. 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

#### **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, Josie Robins, Zoe, Jennifer & Judy

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

## **CONTACTS**

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