



## Sunday 20th April 2025 — EASTER!

### WORSHIP TODAY

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

### TODAY'S READINGS

*Morning:* Isaiah 65.17-end; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24\*;  
 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43;  
 John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12  
*Evening:* Isaiah 43.1-21; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11;  
 John 20.19-23; Psalm 105 or 66.1-11

### COLLECT FOR EASTER

Lord of all life and power,  
 who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son  
 overcame the old order of sin and death  
 to make all things new in Him:  
 grant that we,  
 being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ,  
 may reign with Him in glory;  
 to whom with You and the Holy Spirit  
 be praise and honour, glory and might,  
 now and in all eternity.

### REFLECTION: *The Guard's Report*

I'm supposed to write some sort of report saying what happened didn't happen.

Them priests want us to say that that group of Galilean fishermen overpowered us and took the body. Well, it's their money, and her indoors keeps on about a new dress.

But I need to put down somewhere what really happened, cos I'm not sure I believe it myself.

The two of us was sent to guard the tomb.

Guard the tomb! As if there was anything that could happen – it took a group of us to roll that ruddy great stone across the hole. And we had to use stakes as levers and everything. Ain't nobody going to move that thing!

Well there was the two of us, having a bit of a chat to keep us awake, y'know talking about the day before, some of the things what had happened, some of the things this Jesus-bloke was supposed to have said and done.

So we was chatting, when, and I'll swear to Jupiter and all the other gods that this is true, there was this blindin' light from within the tomb, and an earthquake as the stone rolled to one side.

Well, we was a bit shook up to say the least but we managed to sort ourselves out and have a look in the tomb.

Empty! 'cept for the grave clothes which were neatly folded in one corner. And I know he was in there before cos I was the one what made the final check before we heaved that stone in place.

When we come out again, there was this bloke all shining-like, talking with some of the Galilean women who had flowers and ointments. And this shining bloke was saying, 'He is risen from the dead'. Then them women ran off, well more like danced off, laughing and cheering.

And that's the truth of what happened.

'Course the priests want us to write some cock'n'bull about them fishermen taking the body. Well, if it gets she-who-must-be a new dress and me in her good books, as I say, it's their money.

But I know what really happened cos I was there. And I'm going to tell my kids and their kids, so they'll know the truth.

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:*

*Then bursting forth in glorious Day up from the grave He rose again!*

*And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,*

*For I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*Rev Phil*

**Wednesday 23rd April 2025**

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers

**Sunday 27th April 2025—Easter 2**

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel Evening Prayer

6:30pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Sanctuary  
St Peter, Bromyard Come to the River**READINGS – Easter 2***Morning:* Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20, 21; Acts 5.27-32;  
Psalm 118.14-29 or Psalm 150;  
Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31*Evening:* Psalm 16; Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12;  
Luke 24.13-35**FOOD FOR ALL**

Food for All is holding 'Taster Sessions' for potential volunteers on Saturday 26th April, 10:30am-12:30pm. If you'd be interested, just pop along!

**PEBBLES**

Our Parent and Toddler group, Pebbles, will be re-starting after the Easter break on Monday 28th April, 10:00am in the Falcon Mews. Please do pray for David, Betty, Margaret, and Jenny as they lead this, and for the parents and children, that they might come to know something of the love of God for themselves.

**PARTY IN THE PARK**

This year's Party in the Park runs from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th May at Kempson Playing Fields. On Sunday 4th May we will be holding our worship at Party in the Park at 10:00am. This will be a great opportunity for us to engage with our community. The music group will be leading the worship from the main stage with well-known hymns and songs plus a few surprises!

There will be a Communion service at 6:30pm that evening for us to pray for all those who we met and had conversations with.

**ASCENSION**

Ascension Day falls on Thursday 29th May. We will be holding a special Holy Communion for Ascension at 7:00pm at St Peter &amp; St Paul, Stoke Lacy—outside if the weather is good enough!

**SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

St Peter's will be participating in Bromyard Scarecrow Festival again this year. The Festival takes place from 13th to 15th June and we should like not only to have a scarecrow in church, but also to take part in the themed parade on Friday 13th. This is a lovely opportunity for us to be part of a popular community event, and to attract people into our beautiful building as part of the town trail. The theme this year is 'Games' and we have opted for 'Netball'. For this to be successful, we'd really like to get as many of you involved as possible in any (or all!) of the following ways:

Helping get the scarecrow ready on Friday morning (meeting at The Vicarage at 10.30am) – everything will be provided (including a cuppa!)

Taking part in the parade (leaving from St Peter's churchyard at 7pm) you could be a netball player or a referee – we've got some netball bibs, headbands, some balls and even a portable(ish!) hoop, so all you need is a tracksuit or something similarly sporty! We'd like at least one team but ideally two!

Helping set up the scarecrow at the back of church on Saturday morning (10.30am)

Contact Natalie if you'd like to help – 01885 498200.

**BROMYARD FOODBANK***Items urgently needed this week:***Tinned vegetables, chocolate biscuits, coffee, jam & spreads, pasta, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, cereal,****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Margaret Hamilton-Herbert, Elizabeth &amp; Trevor Elliott, Alan Seabrook, Peter Cliff, Carole Hughes, Josie Robins, Zoe, Jennifer &amp; 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****Revd Philip Miller** - Vicar (rest day—Monday)  
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