



Sunday 11th May 2025 — Easter 4

WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion
St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Baptism

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13; Psalm 23;
Acts 9.36-43; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30
Evening: Psalms 113, 114; Isaiah 63.7-14; Luke 24.36-49

COLLECT FOR EASTER 4

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in Him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where He reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

REFLECTION: Easter 4

I do not doubt the power of prayer. I've seen prayer answered in small, and in dramatic, ways. Prayer, the on-going daily conversation with God, is extremely important to me.

But, prayer can be difficult.

Sometimes we feel that our request is too small, too insignificant, for God to be interested in.

Other times, like paying for world peace, it feels that we are just throwing words into the air.

I felt that with prayers for VE Day.

*Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;*

How can we pray this, knowing that there are leaders of groups and nations who seem to turn to violence and war before ever thinking of peace?

Why are we still having to pray for Ukraine, Gazza, Yemen, Sudan, when there seems no end to the violence, and peace is just a pipe-dream?

(It's a question that non-Christians ask – if the God you believe in is all-powerful, all-loving, the Prince of Peace, why doesn't He step in and stop the violence? Where is your God?)

Being a people of prayer means rejecting the notions of 'Que sera, sera', or 'Manyana, Manyana', or fatalism. We believe in a God who became incarnate in the world, who answers prayer, who so loves the world. We proclaim a sovereign Lord, the King of the Nations.

I know that during World War 2, prayer was a real and active force – my Mum was convinced that it was prayer that stopped the Nazi's from invading after Dunkirk.

May we know and believe that prayer is a real and active force in our lives, in the life of our churches, and in the life of our world.

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.*

Rev Phil

Wednesday 14th May 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers

Sunday 18th May 2025—Easter 5 / Bell Sunday

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

10:30am St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion

St Peter, Bromyard Morning Worship

READINGS – Easter 5*Morning:* Genesis 22.1-18; Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148*;
Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35*Evening:* Psalm 98; Daniel 6.[1-5] 6-23; Mark 15.46 - 16.8**BELL SUNDAY**

Sunday 18th May is Bell Sunday. At our worship at St Peter, Bromyard we celebrate and give thanks to/for our team of bellringers.

BLESSING THE LAND IN SPRINGTIME

As part of the agricultural year, we are going to be gathering at Moreton Jeffries, 4:00pm, on Sunday 25th May to bless the land in readiness for a good crop, and a successful year for our farmers.

FOOD FOR ALL SANDWICH LUNCH

On Thursday 29th May we will be welcoming **Dr Kevin Isley**, until a few years ago a GP partner at Nunwell surgery. As well as sharing his personal journey of faith he will be looking at 'Assisted Dying' and helping Christians to think it through. Kevin worked alongside Dame Cecely Saunders, a renowned pioneer of palliative medicine. The lunch takes place 12:1pm in the Falcon Mews.

ASCENSION

Ascension Day falls on Thursday 29th May. We will be holding a special Holy Communion for Ascension at 7:00pm at St Peter & 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 & Trevor Elliott, Alan Seabrook, Peter Cliff, Carole Hughes, Josie Robins, Zoe, Jennifer & Judy, Joy Patten, Paul & Jane Newitt

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, Josie Robins

Wedding Couples: Henry Henshall & Sofi Buzzard; Ryan Skyrme & Jenna Arnold; Martyn Craddock & Amberley Schuck

Baptisms: Chester Davis, Mya Cox

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