



WORSHIP TODAY 9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion 10:30am St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion St Peter, Bromyard Morning Worship		COLLECT FOR EASTER 5 Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by Your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
TODAY'S READINGS <i>Morning:</i> Genesis 22.1-18; Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148*; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35 <i>Evening:</i> Psalm 98; Daniel 6.[1-5] 6-23; Mark 15.46 - 16.8		

REFLECTION: Easter 5

“A new command I give you: Love one another.”

Aw, well that’s nice isn’t it!

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

To love like Jesus loves us.

“Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

Hold you hard!

Saying ‘Love one another’, well that’s okay; to say we must love like Jesus loves us, yeah, well that gives us a yard stick, a standard; but ‘that he lay down his life’ that’s a bit too far!

Jesus is talking to His disciples, this rag-tag bunch of humanity; the ever impetuous Peter; James and John the sons of thunder; the slightly other-worldly John; Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus had driven out the evil spirits.

And He looks round this motley collection of people and says, ‘Love one another’.

‘Surely He can’t mean Peter – he’s such a blockhead at times, always acting or speaking before thinking’

Love one another.

‘What, love James and John – but they’re always arguing, the slightest thing and they’re off on one.’

Love one another.

Jesus knew the foibles, the peculiarities, the oddities about each of His disciples. He knew that where two or three are gathered there’s bound to be a difference of opinion.

‘Love one another.’

‘As I have loved you, so you must love one another.’

Jesus loved His disciples unconditionally. His command to them was to love one another unconditionally.

And it is His command to us, ‘Love one another.’

Unconditionally.

Rev Phil

Wednesday 21st May 2025			READINGS – Easter 6 <i>Morning:</i> Ezekiel 37.1-14; Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5; John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 126, 127; Zephaniah 3.14-end; Matthew 28.1-10, 16-20
10:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Prayers	
Sunday 25th May 2025—Easter 6			
10:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion	
3:00pm	Brockhampton Chapel	Evensong	
4:00pm	Moreton Jeffries	Blessing the Land	
6:30pm	St Peter, Bromyard	Come to the River	

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, Brenda & Terry Burnett, Brenda Allan

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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