



Sunday 1st June 2025 — Easter 7

WORSHIP TODAY

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion
10:30am St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion
St Peter, Bromyard



TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Ezekiel 36.24-28; Psalm 97; Acts 16.16-34;
Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21;
John 17.20-26
Evening: Psalm 68*; Isaiah 44.1-8; Ephesians 4.7-16;
Luke 24.44-53

COLLECT FOR EASTER 7

O God the King of glory,
You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech You,
leave us not comfortless,
but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

REFLECTION: Easter 7: Thy Kingdom Come

We're in the period between Ascension and Pentecost. Jesus has ascended into heaven, but the promised Holy Spirit is yet to come.

Across the denominations Christians are challenged to pray for people to come to know the love of God as revealed in Jesus, as we pray 'Thy Kingdom come'.

It's a very simple challenge – to pray for five specific people every day between now and Pentecost, praying that we might have opportunities to speak to them about God.

There are some who continue this praying for five throughout the year, and as soon as one of the five starts to attend church, a new name is added to the list.

And there are some wonderful testimonies. One of my favourites is from a lady who was praying for her neighbour who she rarely saw. One day she was putting her bin out, ready to be emptied, when she saw her neighbour struggling with their bin. She simply offered to help with the bin, and a conversation naturally ensued. They arranged to meet for coffee in order to continue the conversation. From this came an opportunity to make an invitation to a church service.

So often we think of evangelism, telling people the Good News, as something that only specialists do. We're worried about what to say, about 'fluffing our lines'. At its simplest, evangelism is having conversations, being interested in our neighbours, the people we meet day-by-day.

A simple 'Good morning'; parting by saying 'God bless'.

We read in Revelation:

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:17, 20 (ANIV)

There is an urgency because Jesus is coming again, soon. And as Aslan says in the Chronicles of Narnia, 'I call all times soon.'

So let's start praying for five people, praying that they would come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Rev Phil

Monday 2nd June 2025

10:00am Falcon Mews



Wednesday 4th June 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Communion

Sunday 8th June 2025—Pentecost

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard

Holy Communion

3:00pm St Joseph RC, Bromyard

CTiB Pentecost

4:00pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy PM Praise

READINGS – Pentecost

Morning: Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm 104.26-36,37b*;
Romans 8.14-17; Acts 2.1-21;
John 14.8-17 [25-27]

Evening: Exodus 33.7-20; Psalm 33.1-12;
2 Corinthians 3.4-18; John 16.4b-15

PENTECOST

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy spirit. Christians Together in Bromyard are organising a special ecumenical service in the afternoon, 3:00pm at St Joseph RC, Bromyard.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

St Peter's will be participating in Bromyard Scarecrow Festival which takes place from 13th to 15th June. 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.

MINOR PROPHETS

From Sunday 22nd June we will be starting a short sermon series on the Minor Prophets, the short books at the end of the Old Testament. We will be covering Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, and Micah. Each one will only take 15-20minutes to read so it would be good to be familiar with them before we start the series.

FIFTH SUNDAY

On Sunday 29th June we will be having a Joint Holy communion 10:30am at St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy—a great opportunity for our two church families to come together for worship.

REV DAVID ORDINATION

Our curate, Rev David Hall, is to be ordained Priest on Saturday 5th July, 11:00am at Hereford Cathedral. And on Sunday 6th July Rev David will be presiding at a joint holy communion, 10:30am, at St Peter, Bromyard. This service will be followed with a bring-and-share lunch.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Building on our work through Pebbles and in St Peter's school, we are going to be running a holiday club from 23rd to 25th July in St Peter, Bromyard.

BROMYARD FOODBANK

Items urgently needed this week:

Baked beans, coffee, dried pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, tomato soup

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Margaret Hamilton-Herbert, Elizabeth & Trevor Elliott, Alan Seabrook, Carole Hughes, Jennifer & Judy, Joy Patten, Paul & Jane Newitt, Brenda & Terry Burnett, Brenda Allan

Recently bereaved: the families of TJ Biddle, Mary Watkins, Don Griffiths, Rachel 'Hartwright', Malcolm Sheail; Louise Spinks, Richard Orgee, Pauline Cooke, Josie Robins, Peter Cliff

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

Baptisms: Chester Davis, Mya Cox, Anna Grydkovets

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