



Sunday 8th June 2025 — Pentecost

WORSHIP TODAY

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

TODAY'S READINGS

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

COLLECT FOR PENTECOST

God,
who as at this time
taught the hearts of Your faithful people
by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

REFLECTION: Pentecost

What is the Holy Spirit all about?

Jesus talks about a Counsellor, the Spirit of Truth; Luke talks of tongues of fire enabling everyone to speak in different languages. Paul describes the Spirit of Holiness, being controlled by the Spirit, having life by the Spirit.

The late Pope Francis said:

'Come Holy Spirit, this is the claim of all the Christians at Pentecost as it is today.

Come Holy Spirit, that is the promise of the Father and the promise of Jesus.

So that the Holy Spirit may enlarge and widen our hearts.

We all have a problem, and that is that our hearts tend to shrink, become smaller and close up.

We can't solve that problem by ourselves. Only the Holy Spirit can solve it.

Come Holy Spirit.

The [Lord's] prayer ... opens the heart and asks the prayer that makes us breathe the Breath of God, the Holy Spirit, come Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit.'

As we receive the Holy Spirit we need to hear God saying:

'I'm giving you this energy, I'm giving you the capacity to fulfil your calling'.

Bishop Martin Seeley, former Bishop of St Eds & Ips said:

'When we think about receiving the gift of the Spirit, it isn't about some warm, fuzzy feeling; it is about enabling us to do something, enabling us to be active in a different way. It's about doing things differently, behaving differently, living differently, seeing differently, and being orientated in a way so that our lives are directed to God and we are shaped and energized in that way.'

Our prayer for Pentecost must surely echo the words written by Edwin Hatch:


Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Fill me with life anew;

That I may love what Thou dost love

And do what Thou wouldst do.

Rev Phil

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| Monday 9th June 2025 10:00am Falcon Mews Wednesday 11th June 2025 10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers Sunday 8th June 2025—Trinity 9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion 10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Morning Worship St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion |  READINGS – Trinity <i>Morning:</i> Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8 Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15 <i>Evening:</i> Exodus 3.1-15; John 3.1-17; Psalm 73.1-3,16-28 |
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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. If you are planning to go, please let Janet Morgan know in the Office so that we can co-ordinate lifts or a minibus. And on Sunday 6th July Rev David will be presiding for the first time at a joint holy communion, 10:30am, at St Peter, Bromyard. We're going to follow this service 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. The theme is going to be 'The Heroes Academy'. If you would be interested in helping with this please speak to Rev Phil or Rev David.

BROMYARD FOODBANK

Items urgently needed this week:

Corned beef, sweetcorn, Baked beans, 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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