



## Sunday 25th May 2025 — Easter 6

### WORSHIP TODAY

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

### TODAY'S READINGS

*Morning:* 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

*Evening:* Psalms 126, 127; Zephaniah 3.14-end;  
Matthew 28.1-10, 16-20

### COLLECT FOR EASTER 6

God our redeemer,  
You have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son:  
grant, that as by His death He has recalled us to life,  
so by His continual presence in us  
He may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### REFLECTION: Easter 6

In order to set up a synagogue you need ten men.

As the Jews moved out of the Roman state of Palestine, they settled in towns across the empire. And where they settled, there were people who were interested in the Jewish faith and became believers.

This is the case in Philippi. But it was mainly a group of women who had become believers; there weren't enough men to enable them to build a synagogue. So they had to meet elsewhere.

It seems to have been a practise of the Jews that in these situations they met by a river outside the town or city. It was certainly their practise when in Exile in Babylonia. In Psalm 137 we read:

*'By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.'*

And so it was that Paul and his friends made their way to the river side to find a group of worshippers, a believing community.

*On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.*

They sat with them, got to know them, and started to share the love of God as revealed in Jesus. As they did this, they were welcomed into people's homes, to share with more people God's love. And whole families became believers and were baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.


Paul knew where he needed to go to meet people in order to share the Good News. Where are the places where we know people are? Are these the places to where God is calling us?

We need to ask the question, 'Where would Jesus be?'

I think He would be in our schools, at the Plough, the Stoke Lacy Friendship Group, dog-walking on the Downs, the History Centre, HOBS, the Halo Centre, the Topsy, the Rosie, the Kings, the Queens, Emma's Country Café, Cosy Café, at the top of the High Street where the young people gather.

Are we willing to risk following the Jesus to where His is? .

*Rev Phil*

<b>Wednesday 28th May 2025</b>			<b>READINGS – Easter 7</b>
10:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Prayers	
<b>Sunday 1st June 2025—Easter 7</b>			
9:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion	
10:30am	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy	Holy Communion	
	St Peter, Bromyard		
			<b>Morning:</b> Ezekiel 36.24-28; Psalm 97; Acts 16.16-34; Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21; John 17.20-26
			<b>Evening:</b> Psalm 68*; Isaiah 44.1-8; Ephesians 4.7-16; Luke 24.44-53

**BLESSING THE LAND IN SPRINGTIME**  
 As part of the agricultural year, we are going to be gathering at Moreton Jeffries, 4:00pm, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 joint 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.

**FUTURE DATES**

Sunday 8th June	3:00pm	United Pentecost Service	St Joseph, Bromyard
Sunday 29th June	10:30am	Joint Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy
Saturday 5th July	10:00am	Revd David Hall ordination as Priest	Hereford Cathedral
Sunday 6th July	10:30am	Joint Holy Communion & shared lunch	St Peter, Bromyard
23rd-25th July		Holiday Club	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, 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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