



# Sunday 11th January 2026 - Baptism of Christ

## REFLECTION: Baptism of Christ

In a simple action, Jesus chooses to lay aside His majesty.

He steps into the River Jordan to be baptised.

Of course, His majesty had been laid aside when He took on human flesh to be born in a stable. But that had been God's choosing.

Now Jesus chooses for Himself. It's as if He was saying, 'I submit myself to the task to which God has called me'.

And afterwards He goes out into the wilderness for forty days to understand from God what the task is.

In the wilderness, as His task is revealed to Him, He is tempted to take back His majesty; to bend the rocks to His will, to show that He is protected by the angels, to take all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour as His own.

And He resists.

He resists because the majesty belongs to God.

He resists because He came to be one of us, one with us.

He resists so that we might believe through faith that He is who He says He is.

In the wilderness, the Father revealed His task to Jesus.

*There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.*

Jesus says to us, 'As the Father sent me so I am sending you'. He has a task for each one of us.

No one else can do the task which Jesus has given to you. Only you can do it. You are unique in character and gifting to be able to do the task.

As Jesus laid aside His majesty to fulfil that which God called Him to, so we lay aside all thoughts of gain and status. The Westminster Shorter Catechism states that 'Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him for ever'.

*You laid aside Your majesty, gave up everything for me,  
Suffered at the hands of those You had created.*

*You took all my guilt and shame, when You died and rose again;  
Now today You reign, in heaven and earth exalted.*

Rev Phil

## Wednesday 14th January 2026

10:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Prayers
Sunday 18th January 2026 - Epiphany 2		
9:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion
10:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	Morning Worship
	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy	Holy Communion
6:30pm	St Peter, Bromyard	Ecumenical Evening Prayer

## READINGS – Epiphany 2

*Morning:* Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12;  
1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

*Evening:* Psalm 96; Ezekiel 2.1 - 3.4; Galatians 1.11-24;  
John 1.43-end

## BROMYARD FOODBANK

*Urgent needs:* Tinned meat; Coffee; Tinned tomatoes; Tinned tuna; Sugar; Crackers/savoury biscuits; Oil; Stock cubes; Microwave rice; Peanut butter; Bovril; Hot chocolate

## WEDNESDAY PRAYERS

Every Wednesday throughout the year, at 10:00am, there is a time of prayer and Bible reflection at St Peter, Bromyard. All are welcome.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from Sunday 18th January through to Saturday 24th January. To mark the start, we are holding an Ecumenical Evening Prayer in St Peter, Bromyard, on Sunday 18th January at 6:30pm. We will be joined by our fellow Christians from the churches in Bromyard, and Rev Phil Warrey and Fr Paul Stonham will be helping to lead the worship.

## CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN BROMYARD

Christians Together in Bromyard is the group of representatives from each of the Bromyard churches which co-ordinates mission across the churches. The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th January, 2:00pm at Bromyard Methodist church. If you would like to be part of this group, please speak with Mark Franklin.



Our Parent and Toddler group, Pebbles, will be re-starting on Monday 26th January, running from 10 to 11am every week in term time at the Falcon Mews. Please pray for the team leading this, and for the parents and children who come along. If you would be interested in helping with Pebbles in any way, please have a chat with Rev Phil or Rev David.

## GIRLS' INDOOR FOOTBALL

Starting on Tuesday 20th January, and running every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, Heather Martin from Hereford Diocese will be running Girls' Indoor Football at the Halo Centre. These sessions will be followed by refreshments from 5-6pm at St Peter's.

- We ned to set up a team to help with the refreshments. Please speak to Rev Phil if you would be interested.
- We would like to have a selection of games available. If you have any old board games that you would like to donate, please see Rev Phil

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls on 18th February this year. We will be offering Communion services including ashing to mark the start of our Lenten observance.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Margaret Hamilton-Herbert, Elizabeth & Trevor Elliott, Alan Seabrook, Carole Hughes, Paul & Jane Newitt, Brenda & Terry Burnett, Janet Morgan, Edgar Whiteley, Chris Lort, Marrianne Raynor

*Recently bereaved:* the families of Pauline Cooke, Josie Robins, Peter Cliff, Tony McKenna, Roly Jones, Len Davis, Leonard Thomas, William 'Bill' Matthews, Brian Johnson, Ann-Marie Green, Trevor Hayes, John Cousins, Keith Woodley

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