



## Sunday 14th December 2025 - Advent 3

### WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion
3:00pm	Brockhampton Chapel	Carol Service
6:30pm	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy	Carol Service

### TODAY'S READINGS

*Morning:* Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.4-10; James 5.7-10;  
 Matthew 11.2-11  
*Evening:* Psalms 12 [14]; Isaiah 5.8-end; Acts 13.13-41;  
 John 5.31-40

### COLLECT FOR ADVENT 3

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who at Your first coming  
 sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You:  
 grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries  
 may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
 by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
 to the wisdom of the just,  
 that at Your second coming to judge the world  
 we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight;  
 for You are alive and reign with the Father  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

### REFLECTION: Advent 3

'Are we nearly there yet?', 'We've been in the car for ages!', 'How much further have we got to go?' are the calls from children when travelling on a long journey.

Natalie and I start getting excited when we see the Malvern Hills for the first time, especially turning on to the M5 – we know that we are nearly home.

Throughout the last two millennia Christians have been looking forward to, and trying to predict, the return of Jesus.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus is coming again. The writers of the New Testament said it, the angels at the Ascension said it.

Jesus says it, but gives a caveat:

*"No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.  
 Matthew 24:36 (ANIV)*

And yet people still try to predict when Jesus will come again. Passages from Daniel, the Prophets, and Revelation, are pulled, stretched, mangled together, to give a clue. There have been 14 dates given in the first quarter of this century alone!

James writes:

*Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm,*

*James 5: 7,8*

Advent is the time when we prepare and look forward to the Lord's coming. We are to be patient in waiting for Jesus' coming again. And in that patience, we continue to do that which we are called to do; to stand firm in our faith; to care for the widow, the orphan, the alien in our midst; to seek the lost; to speak of God's love.

*Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,  
 like a little candle burning in the night.*

*In this world of darkness, Jesus bids us shine,  
 you in your small corner, and I in mine.*

*Rev Phil*

**Monday 15th December 2025**

10:00am Falcon Mews

11:00am St Peter, Bromyard

**Wednesday 17th December 2025**

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

**Friday 19th December 2025**

2:00pm St Peter, Bromyard

**Sunday 21st December 2025 - Advent 4**

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard

3:00pm Moreton Jeffries Church

5:00pm St Peter, Bromyard



QE Carols

Prayers

St Peter's School  
CarolsHoly Communion  
Crib Service  
Carol Service**READINGS – Advent 3***Morning:* Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20\*;  
Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-end*Evening:* Psalms 113 [126]; 1 Samuel 1.1-20;  
Revelation 22.6-21; Luke 1.39-45**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

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL****SAFEGUARDING**

Several people need to do the first two units of Safeguarding training. These can be easily done on-line, but we are trying to arrange for Saturday 10th January with Carl Steventon (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer), to cover both units, for those to whom using a computer fills them with horror. Please see Brenda Allan for details and to book a place.

**SCHOOLS CAROLS**

We will be welcoming two of our local schools to St Peter, Bromyard for their Christmas Services.

QE Year 7 &amp; 8 11:00am Monday 15th December

St Peter's Primary 2:00pm Friday 19th December

In addition, Rev Phil will be going to Pencombe School for their Christmas services, and Rev David will be going to Bredenbury school for theirs.

**CAROL SERVICES**

Across our churches we will be holding Carol Services:

Sunday 14th December	3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel Carol Service
	6:30pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Carol Service
Sunday 21st December	3:00pm Moreton Jeffries Crib Service
	5:00pm St Peter, Bromyard Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December	3:00pm St Peter, Bromyard Crib Service

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Our Christmas services are:

Wednesday 24th December	11:30pm	Midnight Communion	St Peter, Bromyard
Thursday 25th December	9:00am	Christmas Communion	Brockhampton Chapel
	10:00am	Christmas Worship	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy
	10:30am	Christmas Communion	St Peter, Bromyard

*I will praise the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.  
Psalm 146:2*

**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 Louise Spinks, Richard Orgee, Pauline Cooke, Josie Robins, Peter Cliff, Tony McKenna, Roly Jones, Len Davis, Leonard Thomas, William 'Bill' Matthews, Brian Johnson, Ann-Marie Green, Trevor Hayes

*Baptisms:* Chester Davis, Mya Cox, Anna Grydkovets, Blossom Ralph, Penelope Ralph-Davies, Nova Maine

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