



## Sunday 16th November 2025 - 2 Before Advent

### WORSHIP TODAY

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion  
10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Morning Worship  
6:30pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Choral Evensong

### TODAY'S READINGS

*Morning:* Malachi 4.1-2a; Psalm 98;  
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19  
*Evening:* Psalms [93] 97; Daniel 6; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

### COLLECT FOR 2 BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God  
and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as He is pure;  
that when He shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like Him  
in His eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where He is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### REFLECTION: 2 Before Advent

The disciples were admiring the beauty of the temple; the beautiful stonework, the rich gifts adorning the temple, how it had stood for so many years. All the things that we love about our cathedrals and churches.

Jesus launches into a discussion about 'a time that will come'. He tells the disciples:

*"As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."*

*"When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."*

And He calls them to stand firm in their faith.

There rarely has been a time in our history when there weren't wars or rumours of wars, or earthquakes, famines and pestilences. So the call to Jesus' disciples throughout the last 2,000 years has been to stand firm in our faith.

The Jewish faith of Jesus' time had become particularly attached to the temple. Their faith was put in symbols and rituals, rather than in the object of faith, God.

Symbols, rituals, buildings all can help us in our journey of faith but they can become, if we let them, restrictions and even barriers to our growth.

There was a church in north London where their sung worship was attracting hundreds of people. But the minister realised that, although the sung worship was passionate and lively, it had become a hinderance to people growing in their faith. And so they stopped singing for six months in order to refocus on God. After the six months, they found that their faith had deepened and was more real.

Are there things that have become a restriction, a barrier, to our growth in faith, things that are no longer symbols of faith but are faith itself?

Out of the experience of the north London church, they learned a new song which expresses the heart of our worship, the focus of our faith:

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.*

*Rev Phil*

**Monday 17th November 2025**

10:00am Falcon Mews



**Tuesday 18th November 2025**

10:30am Burly Gate Village Hall

Forget-me-not Cafe

**Wednesday 19th November 2025**

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Prayers

**Sunday 23rd November 2025 - Christ the King**

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard

Deanery Celebration

3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel

Evensong

## READINGS – Christ the King

*Morning:* Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1.11-20  
Luke 23.33-43

*Evening:* 1 Samuel 8.4-20; John 18.33-37; Psalm 72

## BROMYARD FOODBANK

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

## CHORAL EVENSONG

This Sunday, 16th November, the Hereford Singers will be leading Choral Evensong, 6:30pm at St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy.

## FORGET-ME-NOT BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

The next Forget-Me-Not Bereavement Café is on Tuesday 18th November, 10:30am—12noon, at Burley Gate Village Hall. Cuppa. Cake. Conversation. A warm, welcoming space to share, listen, and feel understood.

## YEAR OF ENGAGEMENT

On Sunday 23rd November we are holding a Deanery Celebration for the Year of Engagement. This service will be at 10:30am in St Peter, Bromyard. Bishop Richard will be joining us for this special service, and churches from across the Deanery will be sharing what they have been doing.

The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Do make this a priority in your diary!

## SPIRITUAL QUESTION TIME

Bishop Richard and the Dean of Hereford Cathedral will be coming to The Topsy Toad for a Spiritual Question Time, 8:00pm on Tuesday 25th November. This is an opportunity for those outside of the church to ask questions about God and faith. Do come along and bring your friends.

## FOOD FOR ALL SANDWICH LUNCH

The next Food for All Sandwich Lunch is on Thursday 27th November, 12:15pm in the Falcon Mews. The guest speaker will be Rev Phil Warrey, Methodist minister for Bromyard.

## 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.

## BROMYARD BUILDING WORKS

You will notice that works are now being carried out to refill the hole in the floor in the Remembrance Chapel. It is anticipated that this will carry on for the next couple of weeks.

Also in the next couple of weeks we are going to be upgrading the lighting to the Chancel, Choir, and Remembrance Chapel, along with replacing lamps that have failed in the nave.

*But for you who revere my name,  
the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings  
Malachi 4:2*

## 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

*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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