



Sunday 4th January 2026 - Epiphany

WORSHIP TODAY

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion
 10:30am St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion
 St Peter, Bromyard



TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.[1-9] 10-15;
 Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12
Evening: Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11; Psalms 98, 100

COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY

O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know You now by faith,
 may at last behold Your glory face to face;
 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: Epiphany

I've never met a member of the royal family.

I imagine that it would be quite nerve racking; does one bow first, offer your hand for a handshake? Do you wait until spoken to before speaking? Are there subjects that are 'off-limits'? Can you ask an open question?

The American evangelist Billy Graham was invited to preach one Sunday before Queen Elizabeth II. When asked if he was nervous he replied, 'No, because every week I preach before the King of kings.'

Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus tells us that

'In [Christ] and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.'

Through faith we are able to come before God as we are; with all our hopes and joys, anxieties and fears, highs and lows. We don't need to get ourselves into the right frame of mind, the right attitude, in order to be with God.

Charles Wesley, in his great hymn 'And can it be', wrote:

*No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 and clothed with righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.*

As we gather for worship, may we know the freedom and confidence that we have through faith in Christ Jesus as we boldly approach the eternal throne of God.

And as we face this new year, with all its challenges and opportunities, may we reach out and put our hand into the hand of God, filled with the confidence that He will guide and be with us, wherever He calls us to be, and whatever He calls us to do.

Rev Phil

Wednesday 7th January 2026

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

Sunday 11th January 2026 - Baptism of Christ

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

4:00pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy PM Praise

READINGS – Baptism of Christ

Morning: Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43;
 Matthew 3.13-end

Evening: Psalms 46, 47; Joshua 3.1-8, 14-end;
 Hebrews 1.1-12; Luke 3.15-22