



Sunday 22nd June 2025 — Trinity 1

WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion
3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel Evensong
6:30pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy *Sanctuary*
St Peter, Bromyard *Come to the River*

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39
Continuous: 1 Kings 19.1-4 [5-7] 8-15a;
Psalms 42, 43*
Related: Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28
Evening: Psalms [50] 57; Genesis 24.1-27; Mark 5.21-43

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 1

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in You,
mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without You,
grant us the help of Your grace,
that in the keeping of Your commandments
we may please You both in will and deed;
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: Trinity 1

We've all had the experience of touching the highs and then facing normality, both in our secular and spiritual lives. Elijah had just come through the defeat of the prophets of Baal and Asherah where he and all of Israel had seen God move in a spectacular way. And at the end of 1 Kings 18 God sends the long waited for rain. Elijah is obviously on a real high because he manages to outrun Ahab all the way to Jezreel. He must have been full of God's praises – Israel and Ahab had seen God's power, seen the false prophets defeated, and fallen prostrate to declare, 'The Lord, He is God!'

But then there was one of the Old Testament's favourite baddies, Jezebel, issuing murderous threats against Elijah. And filled with the praises of God, confident in the awesome power of God, Elijah does the only thing open to man – he turns and runs for fear of his life into the desert. So low does he sink that he prays, 'I've had enough, Lord. Take my life'.

But there, in the depths of his despair, God meets with Elijah and provides for his basic needs – food and water. No great words of encouragement, just a simple, 'Get up and eat'. Strengthened, Elijah takes himself further into the desert, to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Here, twice God asks Elijah, 'What are you doing here?' And Elijah responds, rather like a little child, 'That nasty lady wants to kill me'. And again, there are no words of encouragement, no soothing, 'There, there'; just a set of instructions for Elijah to follow.

This episode in Elijah's life is a reminder to us that God doesn't promise us a rose garden. He doesn't walk ahead of us, clearing from the way anything that we might find tough, anything that might challenge what we believe. At no time did God say to Elijah, 'Look, old boy, I just want you to go and have a little tête à tête with Ahab. Don't worry, everything will be fine, just fine!'

Paul put it so well in Romans 8:

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Wherever we find ourselves, from the mountain top to the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us, gently bearing us, knowing well our feeble frame.

Rev Phil

Monday 23rd June 2025

10:00am Falcon Mews

Wednesday 25th June 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Prayers

Sunday 29th June 2025—Trinity 2

10:30am

St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy

Joint Holy Communion



READINGS – Trinity 2

Morning: Obadiah

Luke 9.51-end; Galatians 5.1, 13-25

Continuous: 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14;

Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20*

Related: 1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16

Evening: Psalms [59.1-6, 18-20], 60.1-end;

Genesis 27.1-40; Mark 6.1-6

MINOR PROPHETS

From Sunday 22nd June we will be starting a short sermon series on the Minor Prophets, the short books at the end of the Old Testament. We will be covering Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, and Micah. Each one will only take 15-20 minutes to read, so it would be good to be familiar with them before we start the series.

FIFTH SUNDAY

On Sunday 29th June we will be having a Joint Holy communion 10:30am at St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy—a great opportunity for our two church families to come together for worship.

REV DAVID ORDINATION

Our curate, Rev David Hall, is to be ordained Priest on Saturday 5th July, 11:00am at Hereford Cathedral. If you are planning to go, please let Janet Morgan know in the Office so that we can co-ordinate lifts or a minibus.

And on Sunday 6th July Rev David will be presiding for the first time at a joint holy communion, 10:30am, at St Peter, Bromyard. We're going to follow this service with a bring-and-share lunch.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Building on our work through Pebbles and in St Peter's school, we are going to be running a holiday club from 23rd to 25th July in St Peter, Bromyard. The theme is going to be 'The Heroes Academy'. We will need welcomers, a refreshments team, help with setting up and clearing up. If you would be interested in helping with this please speak to Rev Phil or Rev David.

DRAWN TO IMPERFECTION

As part of the Bromyard Art walk, St Peter's is hosting an art exhibition titled 'Drawn to Imperfection'. This is a series of portraits of Bible characters along with written reflections from their stories, and was featured on 'Songs of Praise' a couple of months ago. We will be needing stewards during the days of the exhibition to welcome visitors. Please speak to Natalie Miller if you'd be free/willing/able to help with this.

CONFIRMATION

In the Autumn we will be running Confirmation classes in preparation for a Deanery Confirmation service on Sunday 19th October. If you would like to know more about confirmation and/or want to join the classes please speak to Rev Phil.

BROMYARD FOODBANK

Items urgently needed this week:

Corned beef, sweetcorn, Baked beans, dried pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, tomato soup

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Margaret Hamilton-Herbert, Elizabeth & Trevor Elliott, Alan Seabrook, Carole Hughes, Jennifer & Judy, Joy Patten, Paul & Jane Newitt, Brenda & Terry Burnett, Brenda Allan

Recently bereaved: the families of TJ Biddle, Mary Watkins, Don Griffiths, Rachel 'Hartwright', Malcolm Sheail; Louise Spinks, Richard Orgee, Pauline Cooke, Josie Robins, Peter Cliff, Tony McKenna

Wedding Couples: Henry Henshall & Sofi Buzzard; Ryan Skyrme & Jenna Arnold; Martyn Craddock & Amberley Schuck

Baptisms: Chester Davis, Mya Cox, Anna Grydkovets

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