



## Sunday 13th July 2025 — Trinity 4

### WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion  
4:00pm St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy PM Praise

### TODAY'S READINGS

*Morning:* Jonah; Luke 10.25-37; Colossians 1.1-14

*Continuous:* Amos 7.7-17; Psalm 82

*Related:* Deuteronomy 30.9-14;  
Psalm 25.1-10

*Evening:* Psalm 77\*; Genesis 32.9-30; Mark 7.1-23

### COLLECT FOR TRINITY 4

O God, the protector of all who trust in You,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us Your mercy;  
that with You as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### REFLECTION: Trinity 4

The Good Samaritan.

We all know the parable and it's meaning.

I find Jesus' initial question interesting:

*"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"*

It's that little phrase, 'How do you read it?' which intrigues me. Checking it in my handy Greek translation Bible, the phrase appears to be:

*'In the law what has been written? How readest thou?'*

Jesus seems to be inviting the expert in the law the opportunity to interpret the law *as he sees it*.

It is the way in which Jewish people seek the truth from scripture; they debate, they argue, they ask questions.

The expert clearly knew the law, and was able to quote from Deuteronomy and Leviticus. Confident of his knowledge, he then asks Jesus, 'Who is my neighbour?', expecting Jesus to confirm that a neighbour is someone just like him.

The answer he receives is so uncomfortable that he cannot even name the country that the neighbour come from. Crestfallen, he replies:

*"The one who had mercy on him."*

His interpretation of 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself' was 'Love those who are like you, who are likeminded with you'. Jesus talks about a universal love for everyone.

In the first Comic Relief, Lenny Henry, standing in a community in Africa, said, 'These people are our neighbours, it's just a matter of geography'.

Love is love is love. This is what the expert in the law failed to understand. He knew the law, he could debate, argue, question, but he didn't understand it's truth. John puts it so well in his first letter:

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins ... God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in Him ... We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4: 10, 16, 19 (ANIV)*

Or as the Christian singer-songwriter sang:

*'Without love you ain't nothing, you ain't nothing without love.'*

*Rev Phil*

<p><b>Monday 14th July 2025</b> 10:00am Falcon Mews</p> <p><b>Wednesday 16th July 2025</b> 10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers</p> <p><b>Sunday 20th July 2025—Trinity 3</b> 9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion 10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Morning Worship St Peter &amp; St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>READINGS – Trinity 5 / Minor Prophets 5</b></p> <p><i>Morning:</i> Amos; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-end <i>Continuous:</i> Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52 <i>Related:</i> Genesis 18.1-10a; Psalm 15</p> <p><i>Evening:</i> Psalm 81; Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37; 1 Corinthians 4.8-13; John 4.31-35</p>
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## 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.

## 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.

## STOKE LACY CHANGES

In August we are going to have some changes to the service pattern at Stoke Lacy. On the second Sunday, PM Praise will be moving from the church to the Village Hall for a period of time up to Christmas. This is to help us engage with the community in Stoke Cross, especially the Woodland View and Westbury estates. Then on the fourth Sunday we will be having a traditional Morning Prayer at 10:30am in the church. This replaces the evening Sanctuary service.

## VJ DAY THANKSGIVING

On Friday 15th August we will be marking the end of World War Two with a special Thanksgiving Service for VJ Day. This will be at St Peter, Bromyard, 6:30pm, and we will be joined by the Royal British Legion and other uniformed organisations.

## 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

*With the school holidays fast approaching, and many families struggling with children at home, all the following items are in great need:*

**Biscuits, sweets, crisps, soft drinks**

*Regular items in short supply:*

**Corned beef, dried pasta, squash, coffee, tinned tomatoes, tinned tuna**

## 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 Mary Watkins, Don Griffiths, Rachel 'Hartwright', Malcolm Sheail, Louise Spinks, Richard Orgee, Pauline Cooke, Josie Robins, Peter Cliff, Tony McKenna, Roly Jones, Len Davis, Leonard Thomas

*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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