



Sunday 17th August 2025 — Trinity 9

WORSHIP TODAY

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2; Luke 12.49-56
Continuous: Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.1-2,9-20*
Related: Jeremiah 23.23-29; Psalm 82
Evening: Psalm 119.17-32*; Isaiah 28.9-22;
2 Corinthians 8.1-9; Matthew 20.1-16

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 9

Almighty God,
who sent Your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of Your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of Your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 9

The world wants a god who is nice, who is love, not too intrusive, who says 'So long as you believe, I don't really mind what you do!' There is certainly no place for a god who has a set of rules to live by; that's an infringement of my personal liberty. So when Jesus says,

I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ... Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division'

that doesn't fit with our modern tolerant society.

And, yes, I struggle with these words of Jesus. It's then that I have to go back to what scientists and mathematicians call 'first principles'. I start by looking at creation, the world around me. And when I consider the rich diversity of plants and animals, sights, smells, colours, I have to say that there must be a Creator, someone who has put it all together. That Creator has shown, and continues to show, great love and exuberance in and for all that He has created.

And if I am part of His creation then He shows a great love for me.

As Creator there are rules by which the created 'live and have their being'. It is consistent with this view that should be rules by which I live my life, rules to enable me to live in relationship with Him.

But God knows that it is not possible for me to follow His rules in my own strength. So He sent His Son, Jesus, to take on Himself all the things that I do wrong.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to God but by Him. Peter said before the Sanhedrin

'Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved...'

Salvation is through the Cross, through Christ's death and resurrection. As the Christian singer/songwriter Larry Norman put it;

*You can't hitch hike to heaven
or get there by just being good
the rules were laid down years ago
when the spikes went in the wood.*

Rev Phil

Wednesday 20th August 2025

9:30am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers

Sunday 24th August 2025 - Trinity 10

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Morning Prayer

3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel Evensong

READINGS – Trinity 10*Morning:* Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17*Continuous:* Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6*Related:* Isaiah 58.9b-14; Psalm 103.1-8*Evening:* Psalm 119.49-72*; Isaiah 30.8-21;
2 Corinthians 9; Matthew 21.28-32**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 must have stewards during the days of the exhibition to welcome visitors. There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church. Alternatively please speak to Natalie Miller if you'd be free/willing/able to help with this.

FOLK FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Sunday 14th September we will be hosting the annual Folk Festival Service at St Peter, Bromyard. This year we will have dancing from the Outside Capering Crew, and Bishop Richard will be our speaker. As usual there will be a 'scratch' band—if you'd like to dig out your old flute, guitar, violin ...!

HARVEST WORSHIP

Through October we will be celebrating Harvest across our Benefice:

Sunday 5th October 10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Harvest Gather

Sunday 12th October 4:00pm Moreton Jeffries Church Harvest Why Valley Café

Sunday 19th October 11:00am St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Harvest Worship

Sunday 26th October 3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel Harvest Evensong

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.

YEAR OF ENGAGEMENT

On Sunday 23rd November we will be holding a service of celebration for the Year of Engagement, 10:30am at St Peter, Bromyard. We will be welcoming Bishop Richard to speak at this special Deanery service.

SPIRITUAL QUESTION TIME

Bishop Richard and Dean Sarah will be visiting the Topsy Toad on 25th November for a Spiritual Question Time. This is an opportunity for people in our community to ask their questions on faith and the spiritual life.

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, 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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