



## Sunday 20th July 2025 — Trinity 5

### 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:* Amos; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-end  
*Continuous:* Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52  
*Related:* Genesis 18.1-10a; Psalm 15  
*Evening:* Psalm 81; Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37;  
1 Corinthians 4.8-13; John 4.31-35

### COLLECT FOR TRINITY 5

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit  
the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all Your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve You in holiness and truth  
to the glory of Your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### REFLECTION: Trinity 5

There's a film, 'Dogma', as part of which the church is trying to update the image of Jesus.

The idea they come up with is 'The Buddy Christ', big grin, white, with flowing locks, giving a big thumbs up!

I grew up with the suggestion that Jesus is our best friend:

*The best friend to have is Jesus  
The best friend to have is Jesus  
He will hear me when I call:  
He will keep me lest I fall,  
Oh, the best friend to have is Jesus.*

And, of course He Himself said:

*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.  
John 15:15 (ANIV)*

But our belief in the Trinity means that Jesus is so much, much, more.

Paul says in Colossians:

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.*

So we have this dichotomy, this tension, these two ideas. On the one hand we sing:

*'What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear'*

whilst also singing:

*'Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour'*

We don't believe in a 'buddy Christ', but in the King of kings, enthroned in heavenly splendour, who calls us His friends.

*Rev Phil*

**Monday 21st July 2025**

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

**23rd, 24th, 25th July 2025**

9:30am St Peter, Bromyard

Heroes Academy

**Sunday 27th July 2025—Trinity 6 / Minor Prophets 6**

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*



**READINGS – Trinity 6 / Minor Prophets 6**

*Morning:* Micah; Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11.1-13

*Continuous:* Hosea 1.2-10; Psalm 85\*

*Related:* Genesis 18.20-32; Psalm 138

*Evening:* Psalm 88\*; Genesis 42.1-25;

1 Corinthians 10.1-24; Matthew 13.24-43

## 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.

## 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.

## 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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