



Sunday 7th September 2025 — Trinity 12

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: Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33
Continuous: Jeremiah 18.1-11;
Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18*
Related: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1
Evening: Psalms [120] 121; Isaiah 43.14 - 44.5;
John 5.30-47

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 12

Almighty and everlasting God,
You are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 12

In the dim and distant past, when there was a gap between TV programmes, the BBC would play a piece of film. One of these films was of someone working clay on a potter's wheel.

It takes great skill to operate a potter's wheel, to throw and centre the clay, to draw it up into the desired shape or form. As fans of 'The Great Pottery Throw-down', Natalie and I marvel at the creations coming from lumps of clay.

Jeremiah was told to go down to the potter's house and watch the potter at work. As he watched, the potter started to throw a pot but its form was marred. So the potter skilfully reworked the clay into a better form.

The potter working clay is an image used a number of times in the Bible. In Isaiah we read:

*Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.
Isaiah 64:8 (NRSV)*

As a skilled potter, God forms us into the person we were meant to be. And it is He who knows us best, as Psalm 139 tells us:

For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Psalms 139:13-15 (NRSV)

As God forms us, so He puts His Spirit inside of us, as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians:

we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NRSV)

We submit ourselves, our lives to God's, the Potter's, hands as we allow Him to 'break me, melt me, mould me, fill me'. The singer-songwriter, Marilyn Baker puts it beautifully:

*Jesus, You are changing me,
By Your Spirit You're making me like You.
Jesus, You're transforming me,
That Your loveliness may be seen in all I do.
You are the potter and I am the clay,
Help me to be willing to let You have Your way.
Jesus, You are changing me,
As I let You reign supreme within my heart.*

Rev Phil

Wednesday 10th September 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard

Prayers

Sunday 14th September 2025 - Trinity 13/Holy Cross Day

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard

Folk Festival
Service

4:00pm Stoke Lacy Village Hall



READINGS – Trinity 13/Holy Cross Day

Morning: 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10

Continuous: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

Related: Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 51.1-11

Holy Cross: Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17

Evening: Psalms [120] 121; Isaiah 43.14 - 44.5;
John 5.30-47

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 ...!



Our toddler group, Pebbles, will be re-starting on Monday 15th September, 10:00am, in the Falcon Mews. Pebbles will be meeting weekly during term time through to Christmas. We would like to build up the team of helpers for this. If you are interested or want more information, please speak to Betty Csullog, Margaret Smee, or Rev David.

FORGET-ME-NOT BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

Starting on Tuesday 16th September, and running every 3rd Tuesday of the month, Stoke Lacy church is opening the Forget-me-not Bereavement Café, 10:30am-12noon, at Burley Gate Village Hall. Cuppa, conversation, comfort.

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.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT

Come and sing! Come and play! Everyone is invited to perform in a concert performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. Open to all age and abilities—the focus is on enjoyment. To be held on Friday 31st October 2025, 7:30pm at the Conquest Theatre. Please email greaterwhitbourneoffice@gmail.com or call 07484 191465 for more information.

SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR ALL SOULS

We will be holding our annual Service of Light for All Souls on Saturday 2nd November at 4:00pm. This is an opportunity for us to remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

BROMYARD FOODBANK

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 Malcolm Sheail, Louise Spinks, Richard Orgee, Pauline Cooke, Josie Robins, Peter Cliff, Tony McKenna, Roly Jones, Len Davis, Leonard Thomas, William 'Bill' Matthews

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

Baptisms: Chester Davis, Mya Cox, Anna Grydkovets, Blossom Ralph, Penelope Ralph-Davies, Nova Maine

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