



Sunday 31st August 2025 — Trinity 11

WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am
St Peter, Bromyard
Joint Holy Communion

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16; Luke 14.1, 7-14
Continuous: Jeremiah 2.4-13; Psalm 81
Related: Proverbs 25.6-7; Psalm 112
Evening: Psalm 119.81-96*; Isaiah 33.13-22;
John 3.22-36

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 11

O God,
You declare Your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of Your grace,
that we, running the way of Your commandments,
may receive Your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure;
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 11

'O Lord it's hard to be humble, when you're perfect in every way'. So sang the country singer Mac Davis.

Even as Christians, it's easy for us to fall into the trap that we are the centre of our own world; to think I'm doing just fine because I have Jesus living in me.

Jesus warns against such feelings:

"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited"

CS Lewis is often quoted as saying that humility is:

'... not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less'

The Bible constantly challenges us to look outside of ourselves, to the widow, the orphan, the alien in our midst. Jesus said,

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. "

One view from 'the world' is that we say we are a Christian, we are therefore claiming a level of perfection. I've lost count of the number of times people have said to me, 'And you a Vicar!' or 'And you say you're a Christian' when I've said or done something that doesn't fit their view of how a Christian should be.

Maya Angelou wrote:

When I say ... "I am a Christian" I'm not shouting, "I'm clean livin'."

I'm whispering, "I was lost, now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I don't speak of this with pride.

I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I'm not trying to be strong.

I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I'm not bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I'm not claiming to be perfect,

My flaws are far too visible. But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I still feel the sting of pain.

I have my share of heartaches so I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I'm not holier than thou,

I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

Sunday 7th September 2025 - Trinity 12

9:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

10:30am St Peter, & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion
St Peter, Bromyard**READINGS – Trinity 12***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**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 ...!

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 August 2025, 7:30pm at the Conquest Theatre. Please email greaterwhitboureoffice@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.

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

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

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