



Sunday 28th June 2026 - Trinity 4

WORSHIP TODAY

10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion
 St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy BCP Morning Prayer
 3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel BCP Evening Prayer

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-end
Continuous: Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13
Related: Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18*
Evening: Psalm 50*; 1 Samuel 28.3-19; Luke 17.20-37

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

It's jackdaw season in Bromyard.

Every evening a huge flock, or clattering, of jackdaws flies in and around Bromyard, before settling in the giant redwood in the churchyard. They bring with them a cacophony of shrieks and calls, and the sound of their wings cutting through the air. They fly round St Peter's and sit on the top of the tower.

As in Alfred Hitchcock's 'The Birds', there is a sense of menace, a sense of foreboding.

It has become, for me, an image of the struggle that we have as God's church in Bromyard. This clattering, darkening the skies around St Peter's, shrieking to one another like a force of darkness trying to quieten God's people.

It reminds me of Paul's words in Ephesians:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12 (ANIV)

There are times when I feel that there is a darkness over Bromyard; a darkness that leaves those of us in leadership feeling tired, down in spirit, overwhelmed., alone In those times I try to encourage myself that someone is worried by what we are doing, that we must be doing something right!

But more often I feel like paraphrasing the Psalmist :

How long, O Lord? Will You forget Bromyard for ever? How long will You hide Your face from Stoke Lacy? How long must we wrestle with our thoughts and every day have sorrow in our hearts? How long will our enemy triumph over us?
Psalm 13: 1,2

Unhelpful, harsh, rude words or actions by people in the wider community, and, sadly, from within the church family, eat into the soul like a maggot into an apple.

It is then, just as we feel as if we're clinging onto God's calling by our fingertips, that we need to hear the last verses from Psalm 13:

But I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me.
Psalm 13: 5,6

As Maggi Dawn wrote:

I'll sing in the darkness, and I'll wait without fear

Rev Phil

Tuesday 30th June 2026

3:00pm St Peter, Bromyard Bishop's Visitation

Wednesday 1st July 2026

10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion

7:00pm St Peter, Bromyard Prayer for Bromyard

Sunday 5th July 2026 - Trinity 59:00am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion
St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy MSCC Service10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Morning Worship
St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Holy Communion

2:00pm Bromyard Gala Site Gala Service

READINGS – Trinity 5*Morning:* Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end*Continuous:* Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Psalm 45.10-17*Related:* Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-15*Evening:* Psalms 56 [57]; 2 Samuel 2.1-11, 3.1;
Luke 18.31 - 19.10**BROMYARD FOODBANK***Urgent needs:* Cereal, Crisps, Lasagne Sheets, Gluten Free biscuits, Long life semi skimmed milk, Sponge puddings, Squash, Toilet Roll, Toothpaste, Cream crackers, Tomato ketchup, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Deodorant male/female**PRAYER FOR BROMYARD**

I, and Rev David, have become increasingly aware of a spiritual darkness that broods over Bromyard. I therefore want to invite you to join with me and David in prayer for Bromyard, every Wednesday during July. We will be starting at 7pm in St Peter's. This will be an opportunity for us to come together to pray against this darkness, to lift our town and community to God, to pray that God's love will shine through us into the darkness.

BISHOP'S VISITATION

On Tuesday 30th June, 3:00pm at St Peter, Bromyard, we are hosting the Bishop's Visitation, at which local churchwardens are to be commissioned. All are welcome. If you are able to help with refreshments for this, please contact Rev Phil.

BROMYARD GALA

The churches of Bromyard will be leading a service at Bromyard Gala, 5th July 2026. The service will be on the main stage at 2:00pm. Do come along to share your faith through song and word!

OLD SKOOL ASSEMBLY BANGERS

By popular demand, we are going to hold an Old Skool Assembly Bangers service on Sunday 19th July, 4pm at St Peter, Bromyard. Come along to sing all your old school favourites—'When a knight won his spurs', 'Colours of day', 'One more step', 'Lord of the Dance', and of course, 'Shine Jesus shine'!

OCEAN EXPLORERS

We are going to be exploring the story of Jonah at our Summer Holiday Club, which will run 26th, 27th, 28th August. More details to follow, but if you'd like to help with this, please speak to Aless Nicolas or Rev Phil.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love for ever;
with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known
through all generations.
Psalm 89: 1*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Paul & Jane Newitt, Terry Burnett, Chris Lort, Marianne Raynor, Ruby Evans, Tony Evans, Rachel Ager, Betty Whiteley, Wallace & Mary Brown

Recently bereaved: the families of Keith Woodley, Ethne Goodchap, Mark Davies, Rebecca Libby, Gwen Masters, Ronald Tolley, Edgar Whiteley, Alan Seabrook, Michael Miller, Janet Morgan, Margaret Hamilton-Herbert, Margaret Wood, Cecil Harris, Ann Simcock, Ruby Ree, Andrew Lamming

Wedding Couples: Daniel Chambers & Eve Harper; Vinod Gogna & Gaelle Vilfour

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