



Sunday 20th September 2026 - Trinity 16

WORSHIP TODAY

9:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion
10:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	Morning Worship
	St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy	Holy Communion
6:00pm	The Vicarage, Bromyard	Boulders

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16

Continuous: Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45*

Related: Jonah 3.10 - end of 4; Psalm 145.1-8

Evening: Psalm 119.113-136*; Ezekiel 33.23, 30 - 34.10;
Acts 26.1, 9-25; Mark 9.30-37

Collect for Trinity 16

O Lord,
we beseech You mercifully
to hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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 16

I love re-reading Old Testament stories, the ones I grew up with through Sunday school.

Take Joseph, re-reading the story, I tend to be on the side of his brothers, with all his dreaming and their sheaves bowing down to his.

Or Naaman, I'd like to know more about his wife's servant maid.

Or Gideon, testing God with the wet/dry fleece.

Or Jonah, big fish, whale, or even a squid?

We all know the story of Jonah - a prophet, and a repentant city.

It's that bit at the end which intrigues me. The vine and the worm.

Jonah was angry with God. God hadn't destroyed Nineveh. So he stomped off and made himself a shelter.

Because the sun was so hot, God provided a vine to give Jonah extra shade.

And then in the morning He sent a worm to eat and kill the vine.

Well, doesn't that just take the biscuit. It had been a nice vine, providing the right shade from the beating sun. Jonah felt that he had every right to be angry about the death of *his* vine, *his* nice shady vine.

So God has to have a word with him:

"You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

Jonah had turned his focus onto the vine, his own personal blessing from God. And in doing so he forgot the bigger picture of God's love and compassion shown to the repentant city of Nineveh.

Are we more concerned with our own personal blessing, rather than God's mission of love and compassion?

I have to wonder, what are the personal 'vines' in my life, in our lives, in the life of our churches, that distract us from seeing God's love and compassion shown to all people's and nations?

Rev Phil

Wednesday 13rd September 2026 10:00am St Peter, Bromyard Prayers Sunday 27th September 2026 - Trinity 16 10:30am St Peter, Bromyard Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy Morning Prayer 3:00pm Brockhampton Chapel Evensong 6:00pm St Peter, Bromyard Bedrock Youth		READINGS – Trinity 17 <i>Morning:</i> Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32 <i>Continuous:</i> Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16* <i>Related:</i> Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end; Psalm 25.1-8 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms [120, 123] 124; Ezekiel 37.15-end; 1 John 2.22-end; Mark 9.38-end
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BROMYARD FOODBANK
Urgent needs: Angel delight/jelly, Anti bac spray, Bleach, Chocolate Cereal, Long life semi skimmed milk, Sponge puddings, Squash
For Harvest we have been asked to offer Pasta Sauce, Dried Pasta, Toothpaste

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK
With the start of a new school term, we are restarting our activities for children and young people.
Our toddler group, **Pebbles**, restarted on Monday 14th September, running from 11am-12noon, at the Halo Centre, where there will be soft play, toys, stories, and songs.
Boulders, for 10-16year olds, is moving to the Vicarage on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, starting on Sunday 6th September, 6pm-8pm. Fun, food, and Bible Study.
Bedrock Youth Night, also for 10-16year olds, will be on the 4th Sunday of the month, starting on 27th September, 6pm in St Peter's. Chat, refreshments, games, and topical discussion.
HARVEST WORSHIP
October is our month for celebrating Harvest:
Sunday 4th October St Peter, Bromyard 10:30am Harvest Morning Worship
Sunday 11th October Moreton Jeffries 4:00pm Harvest Worship
Sunday 18th October St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy 10:30am Harvest Worship & Lunch
St Peter, Bromyard 4:00pm Harvest Assembly Bangers
Sunday 25th October Brockhampton Chapel 3:00pm Harvest Evensong
Our donations of food will be for Bromyard Foodbank, who have asked us to offer Pasta Sauce, Dried Pasta, and Toothpaste.
SWINGIN' SAMSON
On Friday 30th October, 7pm at the Conquest Theatre, Bromyard Deanery are putting on a 'Come and sing, come and play' production of 'Swingin' Samsom'. The first half will include acts from Bromyard Choral Society, Conquest Youth Theatre, and others, with the second half given over to everyone joining in 'Swingin' Samson'. For more information, please contact Steve Curtis via the Parish Office.
SERVICE OF LIGHT
On Saturday 31st October we will be holding our annual Service of Light to remember loved ones who are with us no more. The service will be at 4:00pm in St Peter, Bromyard.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Paul & Jane Newitt, Terry Burnett, Marrianne Raynor, Ruby Evans, Tony Evans, Rachel Ager, Betty Whiteley, Wallace & Mary Brown, Carole Freegard
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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