



Sunday 4th October 2026 - Trinity 18

WORSHIP TODAY

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Morning: Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end
Continuous: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19*
Related: Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.9-17
Evening: Psalm 136*; Proverbs 2.1-11; 1 John 2.1-17;
Mark 10.2-16
**Harvest: Deuteronomy 8: 6-18; Psalm 65;
2 Corinthians 9: 6-18; Luke 12: 13-34**

Collect for Trinity 18

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us Your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of Your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 18

I've been into Queen Elizabeth High School this week, leading assemblies on Black History Month.

It was interesting/enlightening to do some research and find that the first people in the British Isles were more than likely of dark skin. This is evidenced from the skull of Cheddar Man, which dates back some 9,000 years.

And there would have been Africans among the Roman legions who built, and lived on, Hadrian's Wall.

At it's heart, Black History Month reminds us that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, that we are all entitled to equal respect, tolerance, and opportunity, we are all one humanity. In Genesis, God creates humankind, with no mention of skin colour, race, ethnicity, religion, superiority or inferiority; just humankind.

Martin Luther King, in his great 'I have a dream' speech, dared to dream that we could return to this:

And when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and city, we will be able to speed up that day when all God's children – black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants – will be able to join hands and to sing the words of the old Negro [sic] spiritual, "Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

Paul makes clear, in his letter to the Galatians, that we are all equal in Christ:

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 (NRSV)

In our reading from Philippians, Paul lists all the reasons that he could claim some sort of superiority:

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But he goes on to say that all this is meaningless compared to the grace of God received through faith.

As God's church, we are all equal, we are all part of the body of Christ, whether we are 'high' Anglo-Catholic, 'low' evangelical, Pentecostal, charismatic, all one in Christ Jesus.

*In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love thru'out the whole wide Earth.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in Him, thru'out the whole wide Earth.*

Rev Phil

Wednesday 7th October 2026			READINGS – Trinity 19 <i>Morning:</i> Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14 <i>Continuous:</i> Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23* <i>Related:</i> Isaiah 25.1-9 ; Psalm 23 <i>Evening:</i> Psalm 139.1-18*; Proverbs 3.1-18; 1 John 3.1-15; Mark 10.17-31 Harvest: Deuteronomy 8: 6-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-18; Luke 12: 13-34
10:00am	St Peter, Bromyard	Prayers	
Sunday 11th October 2026 - Trinity 19			
10:30am	St Peter, Bromyard	Holy Communion	
4:00pm	Moreton Jeffries Church	Harvest Worship	

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*

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.

DEANERY SYNOD

The next meeting of our Deanery Synod is on Thursday 15th October, 7:00pm at Much Cowarne church. This is an open meeting to which all are invited. Archdeacon Derek will be joining us to share the Diocesan plan for Shared Local Ministry.

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' Samson'. 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance this year falls on Sunday 8th November. There will be services at 10:30am in both Stoke Lacy and Bromyard. In Bromyard we will be joined by the local branch of the RBL, Cadets, uniformed organisations, QE School,, along with our MP, town councillors, and county representatives.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Paul & Jane Newitt, Terry Burnett, Marianne Raynor, Ruby Evans, Tony Evans, Rachel Ager, Betty Whiteley, Wallace & Mary Brown, Carole Freegard, Christine & Godfrey Jones

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

Baptisms: William Hold, Otto Ree

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