



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 24 September, 2017

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Sung Eucharist with Junior Church*

*Common Worship, Order One*

## WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today and to Bishop Godfrey.  
Please join us for refreshments after the 1030 service.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 640

(Wiltshire)

1. O changeless Christ, for ever new,  
who walked our earthly ways,  
still draw our hearts as once you drew  
the hearts of other days.
2. As once you spoke by plain and hill  
or taught by shore and sea,  
so be today our teacher still,  
O Christ of Galilee.
3. As wind and storm their Master heard  
and his command fulfilled,  
may troubled hearts receive your word,  
the tempest-tossed be stilled.
4. And as of old to all who prayed  
your healing hand was shown,  
so be your touch upon us laid,  
unseen but not unknown.
5. In broken bread, in wine outpoured,  
your new and living way  
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,  
O Christ of this our day.
6. O changeless Christ, till life is past  
your blessing still be given;  
then bring us home, to taste at last  
the timeless joys of heaven.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926]

### THE COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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. Amen.

### FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

A reading from the Book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you

are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

## SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21 - 30

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN

CAHON 841

1. I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

(Cont.)

3. I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 448

*(St Botolph)*

1. I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
Each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
And strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
Unseen, but ever near,  
Is in such friendship better known,  
Alive among us here.

*(Cont.)*

5. Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

[Brian A Wren, b.1936]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 434

(Franconia)

1. Christ bids us break the bread  
And share the cup he gave,  
In token of the blood he shed  
For those he died to save.

2. Our hearts his word obey,  
In thankfulness and love:  
We feed on Christ by faith today  
And feast with him above.

3. O Christ, once lifted up  
That we might be forgiven  
We take the bread and drink the cup  
And share the life of heaven.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926]

COMMUNION MOTET

Lead Me Lord - S. S. Wesley

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 421

(All for Jesus)

1. All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This our song shall ever be;  
For we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
If we have not hope in thee.

2. All for Jesus! thou wilt give us  
Strength to serve thee hour by hour;  
None can move us from thy presence,  
While we trust thy love and power.

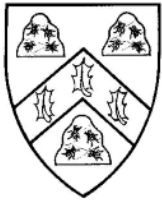
3. All for Jesus! at thine altar  
Thou dost give us sweet content;  
There, dear Saviour, we shall receive thee  
In the solemn sacrament.

4. All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,  
All for Jesus! thou hast died,  
All for Jesus! thou art with us,  
All for Jesus, glorified!

5. All for Jesus! all for Jesus!  
This the Church's song must be,  
Till, at last, we all are gathered  
One in love and one in thee.

[J. Sparrow Simpson, 1887–1952]

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET & PEW BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU  
PLEASE LEAVE THE SERVICE BOOKLET WHEN YOU LEAVE



As a Kingdom People we are a church that seeks to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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Monday - Friday from 1100 to 1300 only

*Notices for next Bulletin no later than Thursday at 1200 noon please.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

WEDDINGS: Glenn Houghton and Joanna Strickland (*Abbey - 30.09.2017*)

BAPTISMS: Katherine Kellard, Elijah Elton Kellard Nyalani (*Pinvin - 17.09.2017*)

Harry Merrick Dennis Rouse, Max Freddie Swinbourne, Laura Weir (*Abbey - 24.09.2017*)

THOSE IN NEED: Maureen Read, Anne, John and Sheila Grantham,  
John Champion, Matthew Baynes, Rose O'Neil, Alison Roy, Gwen Leach

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Penny Wood, David Barker, John Brown, Joseph Arthur Type,  
Maureen Meredith, Michael Kitt, Gordon King

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS TODAY OR IN  
THE COMING WEEK: ~

NOTICES AND EVENTS

PERSHORE ALMSHOUSES TRUST have vacant two one bedroom semi-detached bungalows for occupancy on Defford Road, Pershore. Criteria for occupancy: Resident in Pershore or surrounding villages for five years, or having family resident in Pershore for ten years, over state retirement age, limited financial means, able to live independently, non-smoker, no pets. If you think you meet the criteria; application forms can be obtained from: Mrs Jean Andrews, Secretary to the Pershore Almshouses Trust, 25A Broad Street, Pershore, WR10 1BB. Telephone number 01386 553799. All applicants to be available for interview.

BISHOP GODFREY: We are delighted to welcome Bishop Godfrey of Morogoro, Tanzania, who is joining us today. Bishop Godfrey will be attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference at the end of the month but is having a few rest days with us beforehand.

*Notices continued...*

ROTAS are now available for October & November from the letter rack.

THE MEDITATION GROUP will meet on Tuesday 26 September at Holy Redeemer Church at 1000.

SALZWEDEL LINK: Just a reminder that our friends from our Link Church St Catherine's, in Salzwedel, will be visiting us from 29 September to 03 October. *Claire*

NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL and our harvest gifts will be given to the Maggs Centre at Worcester again this year. Please bring any donations of dry goods, tinned and non-perishable items to the service on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MOTHERS' UNION: The speaker for MU next Tuesday, 26 September, is unable to be with us so Elizabeth Kearney will speak on Mary Sumner (the founder of MU). *Hilary Roffey*

ORDINAND ON PLACEMENT: I am James Bell-Winfrow a second year Ordinand at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford. I will be on placement with you for the next few months making my transition from Lay to Ordained minister, as I journey towards being ordained Deacon this St Peterstide. I am 28 and married with two young children who live in Evesham. *James*

WARTIME MEMORIES from 11 men and women in the county who served in our armed forces abroad and on the home front during World War II are relived in a special showing of a DVD film "We Did Our Bit" in aid of the Pershore Cemetery Stained Glass Windows. Pershore resident and Abbey stalwart Effie Palfrey - who served in the ATS - was one of the participants in the DVD which is being shown in Pershore Library on Friday, 06 October at 1900. Tickets at £5 are available from the Town Hall or from the Library. *Please contact Julian Palfrey on 01386 561198 for further information.*

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE DAY AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY 14 OCTOBER: If you have yet to express your interest in attending this event please contact the Abbey office 01386-552071. A coach has been booked, at £20 each, and there are four seats still to be filled.

WE'RE ON THE MOVE AGAIN: The next Benefice Eucharist is at St Nicholas' Church, Pinvin at 1030 on Sunday 29 October. Due to the size of St Nicholas Church it will not be possible for the whole of the Abbey Congregation to move to Pinvin on 29 October. So that we can still have a benefice service we have decided to allocate 60 ticketed places for members of the Abbey congregation. There is a sheet at the back of church for you to sign up if you would like to come. In addition to this the choir will also move to Pinvin. As parking is also tricky at St Nicholas we have been given permission by Pinvin CE First School and St Nicholas CE Middle School to use their car parks. Please do use them and walk to church if you can. There will be limited parking spaces in the small church car park for those who have mobility problems. For those members of the Abbey not able to go to Pinvin there will be a

simple said Eucharist in the Abbey at 1030. Please do sign up so we can fill those 60 places. Thank you for your understanding. *Claire*

ALL SOULS' SERVICE SUNDAY 05 NOVEMBER at 1700: At this simple service we shall be remembering all those who have died in the past year as well as all those whom we love but see no longer. If there is someone that you would like to be remembered at the service there will be a list at the back of church for you to write their name down. The list will be available until the end of October. We shall read out all of these names at the Service. *Claire*

FLOODLIGHTING – Angela Gerrard is happy to continue keeping the register and sending out renewal reminders for the Abbey Floodlighting. If anyone has a July reminder addressed to Ian, please don't worry about returning it to Angela at their home address. Sponsoring the floodlighting of the Abbey to mark a special occasion or anniversary is a lovely way of celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or remembering a loved one, and is offered for three years with a suggested donation of £18.00 (£6 per year).

AUTUMN HOUSE GROUPS: Sign up sheets are now available at the back of the Abbey, on the flip chart, if you would like to sign up for the next round of house groups. Details of times and what courses will be followed are also available. If you would like any more information about house groups please don't hesitate to ask me. *Claire*

RIDE AND STRIDE: I managed to get round 12 churches in our deanery and cycled about 25 miles. A huge thank to everyone who has sponsored and supported me. Judy Dale is very kindly collecting any more sponsorship and will be available at the back of church after the 1030 service. *Claire*

DO YOU READ YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY? Do you need help? The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) produces several leaflets that you might enjoy. There will be a display at the back of the church on Sundays. Please see Janet Stansbie for more details.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Bishop John will be joining us for a Confirmation Service at 1030 on 14 January 2018. We already have several candidates, of all ages, which is really good news. If you or someone you know would like to explore being confirmed please get in touch with me. *Claire*

PARISH COFFEE MORNING 16.09.17: The PASA team would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone for their generous support at our coffee morning. An amazing sum of £551 was raised for the Pershore Cemetery Chapel Memorial Window Appeal. It was a very busy morning, and we were very grateful for all the cakes, prizes and help received. *PASA*

ROGER BATTY MBE - EVENTS COORDINATOR: Roger has kindly been looking after the bookings and events at St Andrew's Centre over recent months and has now been appointed as Events Coordinator for the Abbey and St Andrew's, he will be overseeing the arrangements for the many concerts and hired events which take place. We are most grateful to him and look forward to working with him.

## ABBEY DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick,  
(St A) St Andrew's, (V) New Vicarage, (CTIP) Churches Together in Pershore

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TAKE PLACE EVERY MONDAY TO SATURDAY IN THE ABBEY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins and Eucharist

1700 Evening Prayer

*All welcome*

#### Sunday, 24 September

0800 Eucharist (A)

0930 Morning Praise (A)

1030 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (A)

1215 Private meeting OE (St A)

1430 Pianoscapes concert series (St A)\*

1430 Service of Holy Baptism

*Harry Merrick Dennis Rouse,*

*Max Freddie Swinbourne,*

*Laura Weir (A)*

#### Monday, 25 September

0915 Musical Explorers (St A)\*

1030 Bells (St A)

1400 ROASG Meeting (St A Upstairs)

1830 Weight Watchers Meeting (St A)

1930 Bells (St A)

#### Tuesday, 26 September

1000 Meditation Group (*Holy Redeemer*)

1100 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1330 Funeral of Michael Kitt RIP (A)

1430 Mothers' Union (St A)

#### Wednesday, 27 September

1930 Iona Worship Service (A)

2000 Vale Harmony rehearsals (St A)

#### Thursday, 28 September

0915 Weight Watchers' Meeting (St A)\*

0930 Vicar & Churchwardens' Meeting (A)

1900 Guitar Classes (St A)

#### Friday, 29 September

0930 Parent & Toddlers group (St A)\*

1100 Eucharist (A)

1200 Abbey Flower Guild Harvest Flowers (A)

PM Salzwedel Visitors Abbey tour (A)

1300 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1500 Interment of Ashes-Joseph Type RIP (W)

1600 Salzwedel Visitors Reception (St A)

1800 Choir Practice (A)

1930 Bells (St A)

#### Saturday, 30 September

1200 Wedding of Glenn Houghton with  
Joanna Strickland (A)

PM Set up for Harvest Supper (St A)

1830 for 1900 Harvest Supper (St A)\*

#### Sunday, 31 September

*For Abbey services & times please see box below*

\* = event start time not booking time

## ABBEY SERVICES - SUNDAY 01 OCTOBER

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

0800 Eucharist

1030 All Age Harvest Festival

1700 Choral Evensong

A LOOP SYSTEM is installed throughout the Abbey. If the T setting does not work, please use the ordinary setting for our PA system.

