



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 16 July, 2017

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

ALL AGE EUCHARIST with Junior Church

Common Worship, Order One

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today where there
will be laying on of hands during communion.
Please join us after the 10.30 service for refreshments*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 283

(Regent Square)

1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.
3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926]

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

“My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak— it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do. “You will leave Babylon with joy; you will be led out of the

city in peace. The mountains and hills will burst into singing, and the trees will shout for joy. Cypress trees will grow where now there are briars; myrtle trees will come up in place of thorns. This will be a sign that will last forever, a reminder of what I, the Lord, have done."

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

CAHON 298

I am a new creation,
No more in condemnation,
Here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is overflowing,
My love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.
And I will praise you Lord,
Yes I will praise you Lord,
And I will sing of all that you have done.
A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

(Repeat Verse)

[Dave Bilbrough c 1983 Thankyou Music,
CCL 496637]

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Alleluia

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what

is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 387

(Sussex)

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| 1. Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our agelong seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold. | 3. Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole. |
| 2. Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes. | 4. Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows. |

[Howard Charles Adie Gaunt, 1902-1983]

COMMUNION MOTET

Bread of Life - *Bernadette Farrell*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 448

(St Botolph - Slater)

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| 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. |
| 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]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 484

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You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

(Sing 3 times)

[Stuart Dauermann,b.1944]

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

PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN & DIARY - SUNDAY 16 JULY 2017

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:

BAPTISM: Mia Elaine, Bailey Elaine, Blake Ken and Klay-Anthony Edwards
(W) 16.07.2017

Ella Ballard, Amelia Wade, Harry Dempsey, Marley Dempsey (A) 23.07.2017

WEDDINGS: Simon Hodges & Claire Reeve, (A) 15.07.2017,

Ben Williams & Kate Parkhouse (B) 15.07.2017,

Peter Martin and Paige Elkin (A) 22.07.2017

THOSE IN NEED: Maureen Read, Anne, John and Sheila Grantham,
Noel Blakeborough, John Champion, Matthew Baynes, Christopher Kimberley,
Rose O'Neil, David Rogers

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Anna Browne, (W) Alice Corbett, Diana Marston,
George Ford

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

NOTICES AND EVENTS

PERSHORE ABBEY IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN - SUNDAY 30 JULY: Our fifth Sunday Benefice Eucharist will be at St James' Church, Birlingham at 1030 on 30 July. Please join us for this whole Benefice Service. Everyone welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: At the 1030 Sung Eucharist there will be a presentation from the group who went to Salzwedel in May. Come and hear all about our new link. *Claire*

THE ABBEY OFFICE HOLIDAY DATES: The Abbey/Benefice Office will be closed on Monday 17 July and Wednesday 19 July. We apologise for any inconvenience.

FESTIVAL OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS 2017 10:00-16:30 4TH NOV 2017

The Rt Revd John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, will be the Principal Speaker and Celebrant this year's festival at Worcester Cathedral. His topic for the morning will be "Reflections on the Christian Healing Ministry" followed by discussion and, at 14.00, a Healing Eucharist (Preacher Dr Michael Harper) Everybody is welcome The cost will be £5.00, payable on the day Book your place at: peterandsue@gmail.com : Or phone 01386 861791. Tea and coffee will be available for a small charge, please bring a packed lunch

RIDE & STRIDE 2017 is almost upon us again! Further details will be available soon, but in the meantime, if you are interested in taking part in this years event, which takes place on 9 September, please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071. *Claire*

TEDDIES WANTED! Once again we are collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 28 August. Donations would be very much appreciated, please place in the "Teddy Box" at the back of the Abbey or phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293. Thank you.

ABBEY TOWER TOUR GUIDES AND TOUR ASSISTANTS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Tower Team needs to recruit volunteers for both Tour Guides and Tour Assistants. Both roles require only minimal time commitment, normally just one or two half days each year. Onsite training takes about 30 minutes, with Guides needing an hour or so more at home to learn the Tower Facts. Whilst the physical ability to climb stairs is of course essential, all tour climbs are done in three stages with pauses after each stage. In return you will enjoy the best views in Pershore "for free". Please contact Michael Pegg via the Abbey Office on 01386-552071 or e-mail him direct at mandj.pegg@virgin.net.

HELP NEEDED FOR AFTER CHURCH COFFEE: We really need some more people to go on the rota for serving coffee after the morning service - if you are able to help, please speak to Jean Pritchard, or one of the helpers. You'll be very welcome.

ABBEY BOOKSTALL: The new Guide Book has arrived. It is very beautifully presented and certainly worth the selling price of £5.00. Do have a look! They are also available for sale from the Abbey Office.

SINGERS NEEDED PLEASE - TO JOIN THE CHOIR FOR WEDDINGS ON - 22 JULY AT 1330 AND 19 AUGUST 1330. We need additional singers to join the choir for these weddings please, this is a great opportunity for you to help your Abbey Choir and give

us some support without making any regular commitment. Can you help us? Please contact Mike Pegg.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BOOKSTALL. We have lost a few stalwarts recently and there are some glaring gaps in the rota: Monday mornings, Tuesday mid-day and other odd times. Please help us if you can! *Jean Andrews*

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE GARDEN AREA AT THE BACK OF THE BUILDING: Since the sale of the old Vicarage this area is now the Abbey's responsibility and the grass needs cutting on a regular basis - any volunteers please to help keep this lawn tidy for the benefit of those using St Andrews. Please contact Judy Dale or the Office.

CREAM TEA SUNDAY 16 JULY Garth and Lynne Raymer have kindly offered the use of their lovely garden in Wick for another Abbey & Wick Cream Tea this Sunday, 16 July, at 1430. Tickets, priced at £5, are available from Julie Newman (01386- 640497) or Olive Hall (01386 554752). Proceeds in aid of the Abbey and St Mary's, Wick. *PASA*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE - PICNIC IN THE PADDOCK On Sunday, 30 July, between 1500 & 1800 there will be a picnic in the paddock at Field Cottage. For more information please see the notice board or contact Jacqui Johnon 01386-552729 or Colin Reeves 01386-552918.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Riverside Water Music, Sunday 13 August, 17:30 - 19:30

PLUM FAYRE HELPERS NEEDED: Refreshments of tea and cakes will be served in St Andrew's Centre, we need helpers for a 2 hour session between 1000 and 1600. We would be grateful for any cakes or if you don't want to make a cake a donation would be appreciated. Sign up sheets are at the back of the Abbey or contact Olive Hall 554752, Sandra Long 554981 or Jane Knox 556981.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL TRIP MONDAY 8 AUGUST: Hereford's magnificent and historic Cathedral provides the backdrop for Pershore Heritage and History Society's next outing. Tea/coffee (and cake!) on arrival will be followed by a guided tour of the Cathedral for an inclusive price including all coach travel of just £22 each. For further details and bookings, please contact Julian Palfrey on 01386 561198 or at julianpalfrey@gmail.com

ST ANDREWS UPDATE We are delighted to welcome Roger Battey who is joining the team. He will be looking after St Andrews on a day-to-day basis, meeting new users and ensuring the smooth running of the Centre. Keen readers of the newspapers will have noted that we have applied to Wychavon for permission to improve the building. We are seeking to replace the front porch doors to make them more inviting and suitable for wheelchairs and buggies, to lime wash the porch, replace the north door, new French drain and parking bay with retaining walls. We already have some funding for this but there's a long way to go. Inside we need to improve some of the kitchen facilities - a better cooker, new freezer - now that we are getting an increased demand for the provision of hot food. We have grant support from Pershore Town Council, Wychavon District Council and Awards for All and hopeful that we will finalise our proposals ready for the Autumn.

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

Sunday, 16 July

0800 Eucharist (A)

1030 All Age Eucharist (A)
with Junior Church and Upper
Room Group

1430 Service of Holy Baptism (W)

1430 Cream Tea (Home of The Raymers, W)

1700 Youth Group Outing

Monday, 17 July

The Abbey Office will be closed today

1830 Weight Watchers (St A)*

1930 Bells (A)

Tuesday, 18 July

0930 Bells (St A)

1000 Meditation Group (Holy Redeemer)

1100 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1415 Fabric Committee Meeting (St A, upper)

1900 Abbey PCC Meeting (St A, upper)

Wednesday, 19 July

The Abbey Office will be closed today

1130 Lunch Club (St A)*

1500 Guided Talk and Tour (A)

Hill Rest Ladies Group

Thursday, 20 July

0915 Weight Watchers' Meeting (St A)*

0930 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting (St A, U)

1345 Guided Talk and Tour (A)

Portishead MU

Friday, 21 July

0900 Parent & Toddler Cleaning (St A)

1100 Eucharist (A)

1200 Florist Preparation (A)

1300 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1800 Choir Practice (A)

1900 Pershore Prayer Council (Town Hall)

1900 Plainchant (A)

1930 Bells (St A)

Saturday, 22 July

1000 Baptism Preparation (A)

1330 Wedding of Peter Martin
with Paige Elkin (A)

Sunday, 23 July

1200 Christening Party (St A)

For service times please see box below

* = Event start time, not booking time.

ABBEY SERVICES - SUNDAY 23 JULY

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800 Eucharist

0930 Morning Praise

1030 Sung Eucharist

1430 Service of Holy Baptism - *Ella Rose Evie Ballard, Amelia Amy Wade,
Harry Frederick Dempsey, Marley Ely Ashnel Dempsey*

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

