



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 12 August, 2018

The Eleventh Sunday of Trinity

SUNG EUCHARIST

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

A very warm welcome to our services today.

Please join us for refreshments after the 1030 service.

Please use this hymn and reading sheet in conjunction with the green communion booklet.
Please follow the directions given in the communion booklet.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 422

(Hyfrydol)

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of Lords we own;
alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

[William Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898]

THE COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

1 Kings 19 : 4-8

A reading from the First Book of Kings

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away

my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 725

(Channel of Peace)

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

[Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997]

THE GOSPEL

John 6 : 35, 41-51

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 787

(St Bees)

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| 1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose. |
| 2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. | 5. Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. |
| 3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee. | 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee. |

[Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 462

(*Anima Christi*)

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

[*Anima Christi, sanctifica me* sometimes ascribed to Pope John XXII, 1249-13341]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 644

(*Blaenwern*)

God is love: let heav'n adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is love, eternal Love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.

(Cont'd)

God is love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the human soul,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides and heals and makes us whole.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

[Timothy Rees, 1874-1939]

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET & PEW BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.

PLEASE LEAVE THE SERVICE BOOKLET WHEN YOU LEAVE.

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 12 AUGUST 2018

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

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

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The Office is open for visitors on Monday - Friday between 1100 & 1300

Notices for next Bulletin no later than Thursday at 12:00 noon please

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All those who are celebrating their wedding within the Pershore Benefice, those who are being baptised, those who are in need and those who have recently died.

We also pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs today or in the coming week.

NOTICES AND EVENTS

JULIE AND MARTYN SPENCE
are celebrating their Ruby Wedding today
and invite everyone to share their anniversary cake with coffee after the 10:30 service.

ABBEY & BENEFICE OFFICE HOURS: During the holiday period until 23 August the office will be open Monday - Friday between 11:00 & 13:00 but at other times it may be better to phone to check someone is in the office before visiting. Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING ON 28 AUGUST. Instead of the planned outing there will now be a Mothers' Union "Bring & Share Afternoon Tea" in St Andrew's at 14:30 as usual. This is open to friends & family.

ABBEY TREASURER: Following the sad passing of our Treasurer, Garth Raymer, we need to find someone who can fill this vital role for the Abbey. It really needs a qualified Accountant as the work is complex and the amounts of money involved significant. The good news is that we have a really strong team to help whoever takes on the role, and Garth has left a strong legacy. So if you can help, or know of anyone else we might approach, can you please speak to me, or one of the churchwardens. Thank you. *Claire*

DONATIONS BY CARD: The Abbey is taking part in a Church of England trial to enable donations to be made by Contactless cards. We have been aware that cash is being carried less and less and that visitors only have cards for payments for the bookstall and donations. This particular unit accepts up to £30 and donations can be gift aided. We have tested the unit, which is near the bookstall, with a variety of Contactless cards but we could do with your help please. Do you use a Smartphone or a watch to make payments? Could you do try the unit out and let me know how well it works? *Robin Hancox*

PERSHORE CHURCHES TOGETHER WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY: Following the successful Workplace Chaplaincy taster session that Churches Together ran with Dick Johnson of Faith at Work in Worcestershire earlier in the year, we are now running two training sessions for those who are interested in joining the Workplace Chaplaincy Project in Pershore which we hope will be launched by the end of the year. Workplace chaplains offer an listening ear, visiting shops, offices and businesses on a regular basis. They offer support on personal, family or work related issues; they are available at times of stress and crisis; they keep conversations confidential and are interested in helping people find meaning and value in their work. The two training sessions will be held on 15 September and 06 October from 09:30 -13:00, at the Baptist Church. There will also be a field trip to another Workplace Chaplaincy at some point. By coming to the training sessions you are not committing yourself to the project, but being open to the possibility that this ministry might be for you. If you would like to book your place on the training then please let the Benefice Office know by 07 September. Thank you. *Claire*

CAN YOU PLAY THE PIANO FOR MORNING PRAISE ONCE A MONTH AT THE ABBEY? Simon Collett who has been our pianist has had to leave us to play elsewhere. We thank Simon so much and wish him well with his new venture. But it means we need some more help. So can you, or someone you know, play the piano to accompany us in our three hymns and music before and after the service? Services are held on every 4th Sunday from 9.30 till 10.00. We have one offer of occasional help but need at least one other to make sure we can cover these services. This short, non-eucharist service is an important part of our ministry and has a lovely congregation. So please help us if you can, both Claire and I can give more information. *Peter Stansbie*



PLUM FAYRE NOTICES

TEDDY PRAISE SERVICE: This year's service will take place around the bandstand in the Abbey Park at 15:00 on Sunday 26 August. Everyone very welcome.

TEDDY BEARS WANTED FOR PLUM FAYRE: Once again we are collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 27 August. Donations would be very much appreciated, please place in the "Teddy Box" at the back of the Abbey or phone Liz Gunhouse on 556345 or Suzanne Clarke on 553293. *Thank you.*

TEDDY BEAR VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help with all of the teddy bear based activities in the Abbey from parachuting bears to tower desk helpers. Please see Liz Gunhouse after the 1030 service if you are able to help or contact on 556345

HELPERS NEEDED - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27 AUGUST: 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 Sara Speed 710776, Olive Hall 554752 or Sandra Long 554981. *Thank you.*

BRIC-A-BRAC & SCARVES WANTED FOR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL STALL which will be at the Plum Fayre raising funds for the charity. If you have any scarves and/or bric-a-brac you would like to donate please leave it at 55 Bridge Street, Pershore. Thank you very much. *Sarah Thomson*

ABBEY & BENEFICE 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

08:00 Silent Prayer

08:30 Matins and Eucharist

17:00 Evening Prayer

Everyone is very welcome to attend these services

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018

TRINITY 11

08:00 Eucharist (A)

10:30 Sung Eucharist (A)

17:00 Service of Wholeness and Healing (A)

Monday 13 August

10:30 Bells (St A)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Tuesday 14 August

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

Wednesday 15 August

11:30 Lunch Club - Enquiries 554299 (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 16 August

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Wedding flowers (A)

09:30 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting
(St A Upper Room)

11:00 Interment of Ashes - the late
Marjorie Wilkes - Madge (A Grounds)

16:00 Wedding rehearsal - Ricky & Clare (A)

15:00 Meeting re District Civic Service (A)

18:00 Wedding rehearsal - Luke & Victoria (A)

Friday 17 August

11:00 Eucharist (A)

11:00 Funeral of the late Elsie Seal at St Mary's
Church, Wick

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:00 Wedding of Luke Falvey & Victoria Heath (A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Saturday 18 August

10:30 Baptism Preparation meeting (A)

14:00 Wedding of
Ricky Millward and Clare Challenger (A)

SUNDAY 19 AUGUST 2018

TRINITY 12

08:00 Eucharist (A)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Laying on of Hands (A)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism -

Tayla Proctor, Ryleigh Proctor, Aimee-Lee Boulton (A)