

PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 5 June 2022
PENTECOST

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.

You can join in live at 1030 or catch up later in the day or week.

Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided.

You will find a Hymn Sheet for this service on **page 4**

Remember to take this service sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave.

THE COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.14-17

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 14.8-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to Jesus, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 242

(Diademata)

1 Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.

2 Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.

3 Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all rejoice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

4 Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.

5 Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love!

[Michael Forster (b.1946)]

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GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 258

(Hereford)

1. O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 236

(Carlisle)

There will be no offertory plate collection at this time, however, there is collection bowl available on the Welcome Table for those wishing to contribute.

Alternatively, donations can be made at our contactless donation station located by the bookstall or online via our website at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

[Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Come Down O Love Divine - Harris

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 235

(Repton)

Be present, Spirit of the Lord,
let sounds of earth be dumb;
the Father's love be shed abroad,
the dew of blessing on us poured:
O silent Spirit, come!
O silent Spirit, come!

In power unseen upon us rest,
your gracious gifts impart:
a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,
a life where Christ is manifest,
an understanding heart,
an understanding heart.

(Cont.)

Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,
our souls to Christ incline,
intent to do the Father's will
and stand by faith before him still
in righteousness divine,
in righteousness divine.

O Spirit come, and with us stay;
make every heart your home.
So work in us that we who pray
may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:
O Holy Spirit, come!
O Holy Spirit, come!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

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FINAL HYMN

A&M 264

(Walk in the Light)

1 The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light;
he binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.*

2 Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light;
the dead were awakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light

3 He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light;
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.

4 We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light;
he gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light;
the Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.

6 The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light,
his light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

[Damian Lundy (1944-1996)]

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As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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(excluding Bank Holidays)

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Please email your enquiry to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

THE BENEFICE OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY

THURSDAY 02 JUNE & FRIDAY 03 JUNE

PLEASE PRAY FOR

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN THE UKRAINE

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place and for all those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

We pray for all those welcoming new life into their families.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

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

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE SONGS OF PRAISE: Join us on **Sunday 5 June** at **1600** in **Pershore Abbey** as the town comes together to celebrate and give thanks for the 70 year reign of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Refreshments and cake will be available after the service. Please come and raise your voice in this special Jubilee Songs of Praise service. The service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. All Welcome.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATORY SERVICE, 1030 SUNDAY 5 JUNE ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM: A celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with contributions in word and song by Birlingham villagers of all ages. The congregation will be invited to join in with the singing of a variety of patriotic songs and hymns. Complimentary Union flags and refreshments provided.

PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE BELLS: No-one can have missed the fact that the country will be celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee over the weekend of Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June. Whilst the whole weekend lends itself to plenty of celebratory bells, the Pershore ringers will be ringing the bells in the Abbey on **Friday 3 June** starting at **1030**. We will finish at **1130** to coincide with the start of the Service of Thanksgiving being held at St Paul's Cathedral, London. At the end of the ringing, the Tenor will be tolled 70 times as a tribute, once for each year of Queen Elizabeth's reign. *Stuart Piper*

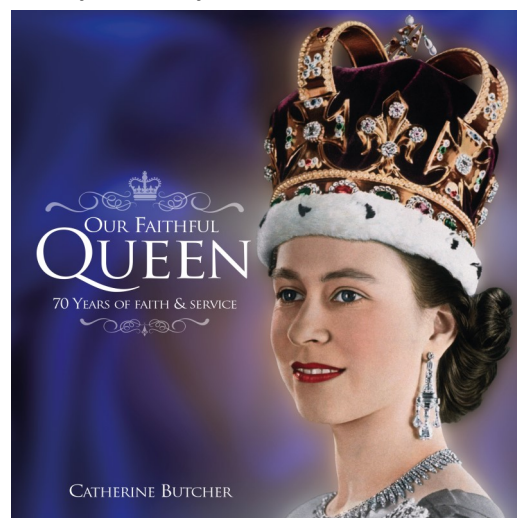
PERSHORE ABBEY PLATINUM JUBILEE EXHIBITION - 1400 02 JUNE TO 1730 05 JUNE: The Pershore Abbey exhibition of memorabilia of the Accession (1952) and the Coronation (1953) will open at **1400** on **Thursday 02 June** and will run until **1730** on **Sunday 05 June** to coincide with the Central Weekend celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please could those loaning items contact Judy Dale on 07908 537079 or bring them along to the Abbey on Sunday, 29 May. *Many thanks, Ann Bray & Judy Dale*

"OUR FAITHFUL QUEEN" - COMMEMORATIVE GIFT BOOK NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE ABBEY BOOKSTALL:

Superbly produced and sensitively written by Catherine Butcher, this 64-page gift book includes many rarely seen photographs from the Queen's early life through to the present day, as well as prayers from a book of devotions given to the Queen to use in the days leading up to her coronation.

Donations would be most welcome.



LOOK OUT FOR OUR JUBILEE ROUND UP LATER IN JUNE WHERE WE WILL SHARE PICTURES AND STORIES FROM OUR CELEBRATIONS



***SUNDAY
5 JUNE 2022***

**Featuring
'Shades of Grey'
in the
bandstand
from 12-2:30pm**

Pershore Town Council would like to encourage everyone to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the local community.

Bring a picnic to Abbey Park on Sunday 5 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 'Big Lunch.'



MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

RECEIVING WINE AT COMMUNION AT THE ABBEY: During the height of the pandemic we, like all of the Church of England, had to suspend the chalice and, with the exception of the presiding priest, take communion in one kind only. We have considered on several occasions, since the easing of the rules covering Covid and the better outlook on infection rates, when and how we could safely re-introduce communion in two kinds.

The Abbey Vicar and Wardens' meeting has decided that, given the most recent guidance from the Church of England, that we can now offer communion in both kinds to those who wish to share in it. We do want to be clear, however, that it is still perfectly proper to continue to receive in one kind if you feel more comfortable doing that.

At the Abbey we will therefore be offering the chalice as well as the bread from this Sunday, 5 June. Please come to the altar step as you have been doing and the priest will place the bread in your hands. A chalice will then be available on either side of the altar for those who wish to receive the wine. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply return to your seat as before.

In line with Church of England guidance the intinction of the bread in the chalice (the dipping of the bread into the wine) will not be permitted by communicants. Similarly, for practical reasons the priest will not be offering intinction. After much thought we believe that offering the chalice in the way we propose, which will be wiped and rotated after each communicant receives, is the best and safest way that people can receive communion in both kinds, should they wish to do so.

We will of course continue to monitor the Covid situation and any guidance that is issued by the Church of England, but it is wonderful that we can return to offering communion in both kinds to those who we know have missed it so much.

Claire

NOVENA OF PRAYER 27 MAY - 4 JUNE: If you'd like to join this time of prayer on any of the days please contact Claire on vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk and she will arrange for you to have the Zoom link. Copies of the beautifully produced Novena Prayer Booklet are available free of charge from the back of Pershore Abbey or you can download a copy here: **Novena 2022**

PERSHORE ABBEY PENTECOST SERVICE SUNDAY 5 JUNE 1030: Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Do join us at Pershore Abbey for our Sung Eucharist service this Pentecost.

LIVE STREAMING - AN APOLOGY: If you have joined in our worship recently you will have noticed some minor issues with picking up the sound quality of our music. We do apologise - we appreciate how much you do enjoy being part of the congregation, whether you are at home, in hospital or on holiday. We are aware of this and working hard to find a solution to improve the music sound. The quality of the spoken sections of our services are unaffected. Please bear with us. *Robin and the Live Streaming Team*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This year's service takes place on **Sunday 26 June** at **1500** in Abbey Park. We are gathering at the bandstand, so bring something to sit on - and a brolly if the weather looks dodgy!

The theme of our gathering is "**Listening**". Along with representatives from all four of our churches the children from Holy Redeemer School will be taking a leading part.

Listening is a major part of the role of a workplace chaplain and Revd Dick Johnson from Faith at Work in Worcestershire will be with us to commission new chaplains and to re-commission those already visiting shops and businesses in Pershore.

Come along for what promises to be a joyous get together.

SPECIAL IONA CELEBRATION AT 1700 SUNDAY 26 JUNE IN PERSHORE ABBEY: Everyone is welcome to a special service celebrating Columba and the Iona Community. Some people from the West Midlands Iona group will be joining us. Watch out for further details in the bulletin or on the website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PERSHORE ABBEY VOLUNTEER BOOKSTALL AND WELCOMERS COFFEE MORNING: The Abbey Welcomers Coffee Morning will be held at **1030** on **Tuesday 7 June** in **Pershore Abbey**. Please do come along to enjoy an hour or so of fellowship . This is our opportunity to refresh ourselves on our responsibilities and to renew our commitment to this vital task.

There are still quite a few vacant slots in the rota so if there are any willing volunteers out there who can give us one or two 2 hour slots a month we would welcome you with open arms at this popular get-together! I look forward to seeing you there! *Jean Andrews*

ST ANDREW'S - THE NEXT 50 YEARS: On **Tuesday 20 September** at **1900** there will be an open meeting in St Andrew's to discuss what happens to it over the next 50 years. This is being held by the Trustees of the building and they want to hear your views.

So put the date in your diary – we will remind you again nearer the date, of course!

AND FINALLY . . .

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II: As we head into the central weekend of celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee, it seemed fitting that Her Majesty should have the final say this week.

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Revd Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day. If you have an enquiry, she will get back to you as soon as she can.



SUNDAY 05 JUNE– PENTECOST

ALL DAY Jubilee Exhibition (*Pershore Abbey*)

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft stall

(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St James' Birlingham*)

14:00 Plant Survey (*Abbey Park*)

16:00 Jubilee Songs of Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 06 June

09:30 Exhibition De-rig (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Funeral of the late Christine Knight
(*Vale Crematorium*)

13:30 Me, You n' Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:45 Pinvin Reception Class visit to
St Nicholas Church (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Read Easy Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 07 June

11:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Bookstall Welcomers Coffee Morning
Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 08 June

15:15 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V & W (*Choir Vestry*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Pinvin PCC (*Pinvin*)

Thursday 09 June

09:15 Baby Massage & Move (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Funeral of the Late Christopher Smith
(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:30 Mothers Union Site Visit (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 10 June - Benefice Office Closed

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

13:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Saturday 11 June

HM Queen Elizabeth II Birthday

Sunday 12 June– Trinity Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist

(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's Wick*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing

(*Pershore Abbey*)



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