



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 19 June 2022
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Isaiah 65.1-9

A reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah

The word of the Lord through the prophet: I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Galatians 3.23-29

A reading from the Letter to the Galatians

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with 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. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise .

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 8.26-39

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The 1030 service is being live streamed to the Abbey's YouTube Channel

To find the recording please visit

www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Revd Claire Lording for support.



HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 791

(Leoni)

1. The God of Abraham praise,
 who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
 and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
 by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
 forever blest.
2. The God who reigns on high
 the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry,
 'almighty King,
who was, and is the same,
 and evermore shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
 we worship thee.'
3. Before the Saviour's face
 the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
 for ever new;
he shows his prints of love —
 they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
 the slaughtered Lamb.
4. The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high;
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
 they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
 (I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
 and endless praise.

[Thomas Oliver (1725-1799)
Based on the Hebrew *Yigdal*]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 293

(Everton)

1. Lord of all your love's creation,
 present in each time and place,
may this earthly house worship
 be a source of heavenly grace.
Spirit, who at Christ's baptising
 came upon him as a dove,
come, renew for us that symbol,
 seal us in God's faith and love.
2. Word God, made flesh in Jesus,
 help us read, mark, learn and feed
on your written word of power,
 reaching to our every need.
for the preaching of the gospel,
 making known your word to all,
Lord, we pray, and for the preachers
 humbly answering your call.
3. Praise to God whose power within us
 helps us more than we can say,
in the church, and in Christ Jesus,
 in each age, and day by day.
so we join in common worship,
 sharing in this house of prayer;
come, Lord God, among your people:
 may all say that 'God is there!'

[Stephen Parish (b.1949)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 268

(St Matthew)

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

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| 1. Affirm anew the three-fold name
of Father, Spirit, Son,
our God whose saving acts proclaim
a world's salvation won.
In him alone we live and move
and breath and being find,
the wayward children of his love
who cares for humankind. | 3. Confirm our faith in this our day
amid earth's shifting sand,
with Christ as Life and Truth and Way,
a Rock on which to stand;
the one eternal Son and Lord
by God the Father given,
the true and life-imparting Word,
the Way that leads to heaven. |
| 2. Declare in all the earth his grace,
to every heart his call,
the living Lord of time and place
whose love embraces all.
So shall his endless praise be sung,
his teaching truly heard,
and every culture, every tongue,
receive his timeless word. | 4. Renew once more the ancient fire,
let love our hearts inflame;
renew, restore, unite, inspire
the Church that bears your name;
one name exalted over all,
one Father, Spirit, Son,
O grant us grace to heed your call
and in that name be one. |

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Rutter - Gaelic Blessing

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 274

(Father we adore you)

1. Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!
2. Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!
3. Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!

[Terrye Coelho (b.1952)]

1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King!
 The heavens are not too high,
 his praise may thither fly;
 the earth is not too low,
 his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King.

2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King!
 The church with psalms must shout:
 no door can keep them out.
 but above all the heart
 must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King.

[George Herbert (1593-1633)]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

19 JUNE 2022

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY

(excluding Bank Holidays)

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

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.

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.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL



INTERNATIONAL
RESCUE
COMMITTEE
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MAKE YOUR DONATION AT WWW.DEC.ORG.UK/APPEAL/UKRAINE-HUMANITARIAN-APPEAL

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 are now offering the chalice as well as the bread. 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*

ABBAY CAR SHARE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!: As part of our commitment to being an Eco Church, we have set up a car share scheme. This is so that people who need a lift to Sunday services or to other events can get to the Abbey. Marcus Seale is our Car Share Coordinator and he needs some volunteers who are happy to be called on to drive should a lift be requested. If you think you can help please contact Marcus on 01386 554547 or carshare@persshoreabbey.org.uk Thank you. *Claire*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Thank you for all involved in the collection - envelope deliverers, envelope collector hubs and donors. **1300** envelopes were delivered, all advertising the outreach and name, even those that weren't returned with a donation. The result this year was fantastic with a total of **£3,965.14** being raised which included **£652.50** of gift aided money. *Sarah Thomson*

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who provided items for our Jubilee Exhibition in the Abbey or helped in any way with the Jubilee Celebrations and services across the Benefice - watch out for our Jubilee round up in the next monthly bulletin.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT ANY ITEMS YOU LOANED TO THE JUBILEE EXHIBITION FROM JUDY DALE AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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 SOCIAL AND SERVICE ON SUNDAY 26 JUNE FROM 1600 IN PERSHORE ABBEY:

You are very welcome to this gathering and service celebrating the life of Columba using Iona Community worship materials, with beautiful music and places around the Abbey to pause and reflect. Refreshments will be provided from **1600** and the service will begin at **1700**. If you would like to join in by Zoom please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

WICK CONFETTI FIELDS SERVICE OF EVENING PRAISE 28 JUNE

1900: This lovely service in Wick Village will take place by kind permission of the Real Confetti Company at the confetti fields with wine, soft drinks and sausage rolls to follow. All welcome, but unfortunately no dogs are allowed.



ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM WELCOMES ALL TO ITS PET SERVICE

3 JULY 1500: Dogs and animals of all descriptions are, however, most definitely welcome to St James' Church for their Pet Service on Sunday 3 July at 1500! The service will be followed by refreshments.

QUARTERLY ROTA BOOKLET FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OUT NOW:

An emailed copy of the sidespeople, readers & intercessors and sound volunteers rota should have been received by all this week, with hard copies available for those who do not have access to email. If you have not received a copy, or need a hard copy, please let the office know on 01386 552071 or by email at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.



Pershire Foodbank Week

Sunday 10th July to Sunday 17th July 2022

**Community involvement with
collections, donations and displays**



For more information please contact

info@pershire.foodbank.org.uk or leave a message on 01386-555347

Churches Together in Pershire, under the auspices of Pershire Abbey (reg charity no. 1133566)

PERSHORE FOODBANK WEEK 10 - 17 JULY

PERSHORE FOODBANK WEEK LAUNCHES IN JULY: This week of focus and activity will run from Sunday 10 to Sunday 17 July and will include various local collection points and community involvement. Creative displays and artwork at local collection points will greatly add to the spirit of the occasion and are another way of showing support. Do please remember to take photographs and share them with us.



For further info please see our website www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk or contact us on info@pershore.foodbank.org.uk or call **01386 555347**.

Pershore Food Bank works under the auspices of **Churches Together in Pershore**.

LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER NEWS ON HOW THE BENEFICE IS GETTING INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

ABBEY TOWER TOUR GUIDES AND TOUR ASSISTANTS URGENTLY NEEDED: The Abbey Tower Team needs to recruit volunteers for both our Tour Guides and Tour Assistants. Both roles require only minimal time commitment, normally part of just one day a year on August Bank Holiday Monday. Onsite training takes about 30 minutes with Tour Guides needing to spend an hour or so of their own time learning 'Tower Facts'! The ability to climb stairs is essential, but all tour climbs are undertaken in three stages with pauses after each part. In return for your commitment you will enjoy the best view in Pershore and beyond for free! Please contact the Benefice Office on **01386 552071** or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you would like to become part of the Abbey Tower Team. We look forward to hearing from you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ORGAN RECITAL JULY 8 1230 UPTON-ON-SEVERN: Pershore Abbey's Director of Music, John Wilderspin, is giving an Organ Recital at St Peter & St Paul, Upton On Severn on 8 July. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

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 . . .

FR DANNY PAYNE: We send our warmest congratulations to Fr Danny who will be ordained priest this Sunday in the Diocese of Lichfield. Danny lived and worshipped in Pershore before he went to Cuddesdon for his ordination training. He is currently serving his curacy at St Mary, Stafford, St Chad's, Stafford and St Leonard's, Marston in the Diocese of Lichfield. He does reappear in Pershore from time to time, but in the meantime we send him all our love and prayers.



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 19 June – Trinity 1

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)
with Traidcraft stall

10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicolas', Pinvin*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 20 June

12:00 Funeral of the Late Claud Knight
(*Vale Crematorium*)

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

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

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

19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

Tuesday 21 June

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

12:00 Private Fundraising Challenge
(*Pershore Abbey Tower*)

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

Wednesday 22 June

11:00 CTIP Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:15 Bring your own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

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

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

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

Thursday 23 June

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 24 June

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

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

Saturday 25 June

10:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

12:00 Burial of Ashes of the Late
Christopher Thompson (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:30 Wedding Service of Jamie Richardson and
Katie Clasen (*St James', Birlingham*)

14:00 Concert Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 FOAG Concert with Cheltenham Symphony
Orchestra (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 26 June– Trinity 2

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrews Main Hall*)

15:00 CTIP Unity Service (*Abbey Park Bandstand*)

15:00 Prep and Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

16:00 Iona Social with Refreshments
(*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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