



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 3 July 2022
THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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 3**

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 2.1-4

A reading from the book of Habakkuk

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2.19-22

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 20.24-29

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through 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](#)

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 813

(Marching)

1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.
2. Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim,
stepping fearless through the night.
3. One the light of God's own presence
o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
brightening all the path we tread:
4. One the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires:
5. One the strain that lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun:
6. One the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love for evermore.

[Igjennem Nat og Traengsel

Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862)

Translated by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 128

(Aberystwyth)

1. Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art:
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Joseph Parry (1841-1903)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 829

(Ebenezer(Ton-y-Botel))

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

1. Year by year, from past to future
 worship marks our upward climb,
 sets the rhythm of our journey
 to eternity through time:
 though the outward things diminish
 we are held more firm by grace,
 following God's heavenward calling
 and the everlasting prize.

2. As we seek to weave life's fabric
 on the lengthening loom of days,
 may Christ guide the threads that form it,
 be the pattern it displays;
 may the Father, master craftsman,
 sorrowing over each mistake,
 plan for us a new perfection
 from the ugliness we make.

3. Though we long for the adventure
 of the mystery of bliss,
 to the pilgrim's eyes the pathway
 breaks, and ends in death's abyss;
 but within the dark are waiting
 hands that bear the print of nails,
 which will hold us safe and bear us
 where the worship never fails.

[Alan Luff (b.1928)
Music Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)
adapted from an anthem]

COMMUNION MOTET

Rutter: O for a Closer Walk - Stanford
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 299

(Song 67)

1. Give us the wings of faith to rise
 within the veil, and see
 the saints above, how great their joys,
 how bright their glories be.

Cont.

2. Once they were mourning here below,
their couch was wet with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

3. We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

From E. Prys's *Llyfr y Psalmau*

FINAL HYMN

A&M 584

(Michael)

1. All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*,

By Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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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)

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



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BULLETIN NOTICES

JULY/AUGUST 2022 MONTHLY BULLETIN OUT NOW!

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OR DOWNLOAD FROM THE PERSHORE ABBEY WEBSITE TO GET ALL THE LATEST NEWS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE BENEFICE THIS SUMMER

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM WELCOMES ALL TO ITS PET SERVICE 3 JULY 1500: Animals of all descriptions are welcome to St James' Church for their Pet Service on **Sunday 3 July at 1500!** The service will be followed by refreshments.

ABBEY CAR SHARE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!: A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to be drivers on our Car Share scheme. More volunteers are welcome, including those who can only do one leg of the journey to or from church. If you think you can help please contact Marcus at carshare@pershoreabbey.org.uk. Thank you. *Claire*

PERSHORE ABBEY EVENSONG SUNDAY 3 JULY 1700: Join the Pershore Abbey choir under the direction of John Wilderspin for the final Evensong of the Summer before they take a well earned break. There will be no Sunday Evensong service in August

PERSHORE FOODBANK WEEK LAUNCHES SUNDAY 10 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. Join the congregation of St Mary's Wick on Sunday 10 July at 1030 for a Foodbank themed Morning Praise service. More information in the monthly bulletin.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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. 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.



AND FINALLY . . .

FLOWER POWER: A huge thanks to Charles Hudson and The Real Flower Petal Confetti Company for letting us have our Confetti Fields Service on Tuesday 29 June! We had a great evening of singing and praise followed by St Mary's Wick legendary hospitality! Don't forget to check out confettidirect.co.uk for more info about tickets for this year's open days which run from 1 -10 July

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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 3 July

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pirvin*)

15:00 Pet Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)



PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

PERSHORE FOODBANK WEEK 10 - 17 JULY

 www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk  01386 555347  info@pershore.foodbank.org.uk

Look out for more details in the July/August Bulletin coming next week



Monday 04 July

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

14:30 PASA Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Tuesday 05 July

09:30 Flower Guild Wedding Preparation
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

16:00 Wedding Rehearsal Robert Binns and
Deborah Cornelius (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

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

Wednesday 06 July

09:30 Benefice Church Wardens Meeting,
followed by V&W (*Zoom*)

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

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

15:00 U3A Singers (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

15:00 Wedding Service of Robert Binns and
Deborah Cornelius (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Thursday 07 July

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:00 MU pre-service visit (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 08 July

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

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

Saturday 09 July

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Sunday 10 July

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist

(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

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

17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)



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