



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY GROUNDS

Sunday, 24 July 2022

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

MORNING PRAISE SERVICE SHEET & WEEKLY BULLETIN

An outdoor service of praise for God's Creation

Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Morning has broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

[Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

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**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please sit for our prayers of Confession

Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Lord God, our maker and redeemer,
This is your world and we are your people:
Come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
And failed to strive for justice.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,
But have failed to share it with others.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the day

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons: as we thank you for your harvest may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from Genesis 1. 1-12

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

At the end the reader will say:

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

[Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)]

Reflection

Declaration of Faith

Please stand for our Declaration of Faith

We say together

**We believe in God the Father,
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

We offer God our Prayers and Thanks

Please sit

At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in your mercy' please respond '**hear our prayer**'

We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Lord the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining :
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze ,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light !*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness :
shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:
shine on me, shine on me.

[Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)]

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Blessing and Grace

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

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to view on our YouTube channel.**

You can join in live at 0800 or catch up later in the day or week.

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

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

24 July 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

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 TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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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BULLETIN NOTICES

IMPORTANT - COMMUNION UPDATE

We are now able to offer Communion in two kinds at all our Eucharist services across the Benefice.

It is still perfectly proper to take communion in one kind only but we do also offer the chalice. However, intinction (the dipping of the bread into the wine) will not be permitted.

Also, it would help those administering the chalice if you could hold the base of the chalice when taking the wine. Thank you.

Coffee & Cakes
with Give & Take

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PERSHORE ABBEY COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 23 JULY:

Don't forget to join us again for our monthly parish coffee morning on **Saturday 23 July**, where Iris Champken will be selling her beautiful handmade cards!

Just drop in to **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon for coffee, cakes and a chat and our first ever **Eco Church Give and Take** stall.

Bring along any books, plants or produce that you want to give and then in return take something that someone else has brought. No clothes or bric-a-brac please!

IONA SERVICE ON FRIENDSHIP - SUNDAY 24 JULY 1700 IN PERSHORE ABBEY: Everyone is very welcome to this informal service using Iona worship materials. We will be focussing on Friendship and there will be time to reflect, share a story about friendship or make a card for a friend, if you wish to. If you have a poem, prayer or story that you think might be good to include in the service, please let Helen know by emailing iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk. Also, please drop Helen a line if you would like a Zoom link for this service. You are welcome to join online or in the Abbey, from 1630, for a chat before the service.

BENEFICE EUCHARIST 31 JULY 2022 1030 AT PERSHORE ABBEY WITH LIVESTREAM: We come together as a Benefice to worship as one on this fifth Sunday. We look forward to welcoming our congregations from Birlingham, Wick and Pinvin to Pershore Abbey at our 1030 Sung Eucharist. All Welcome.

MESSAGE FROM JULIE WESTLAKE: Thank you all so very much for your kindness, support and friendship during my placement. I have been blessed with the most amazing experience with truly wonderful people. *Julie Westlake*

CHILDREN'S TRAIL BACK IN THE ABBEY FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS: Our children's trail will be back in the Abbey in time for the school holidays, so do take a look and encourage our younger visitors to become **"Abbey Explorers"**!

PLUM FAYRE

We are delighted that after a two year break the Pershore Plum Festival and Classic Car Event returns in August 2022!



Join us at Pershore Abbey and Abbey Park on **Monday 29 August** for Classic Cars, Teddy Bear Zip Wire, Teddy Bear Parachute Drop, Pershore Town Choir, Pershore Arts, refreshments in the St Andrew's Centre and more . . .

Teddy Praise also returns on **Sunday 28 August** at **1415** in the **Abbey Park Bandstand**, so please bring along your special bears to take part in this lovely service.

More details of the full programme of events, including an update on this years Tower Tour plans will be available closer to the date, so keep an eye on the weekly bulletins!

For more information on the Classic Cars event or details on how to book a place, please contact [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or download the form here: [**Classic Car Application Form**](#)

The Pershore Plum Festival has events through July and August ending with the August Bank Holiday Weekend Extravaganza **27-29 August**. For more information on the Pershore Plum Festival visit [**www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk**](http://www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk)

HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE: Refreshments of tea and cakes will be served in St Andrew's Centre, so we are looking for helpers for sessions between **10:00** and **16:00** on **Monday 29 August**. We would also be grateful for any cakes, or, if you don't want to make a cake, a donation would be appreciated. Sign up sheets will be made available at the back of the Abbey or contact **Sara Speed** on **01386 710776**. Thank you.

TEDDY BEAR VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to all those who have kindly come forward to help with our Teddy Bear activities over the Bank Holiday Monday. Liz Gunhouse will be in Pershore Abbey over the next few weeks with the rota for the day's events.

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**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) if you would like to become part of the Abbey Tower Team. We look forward to hearing from you.

EARLY RISERS NEEDED TO MARSHAL CLASSIC CARS: If you are an early riser, we need your help to marshal the Classic Car event, which returns this year on **Monday 29 August**. We need people on site from **0800** till **1200** to help with the smooth running of the day. If you can help please contact **Suzanne Clarke** on **01386 553293**.

PERSHORE ABBEY WELCOMES WORCESTER DIOCESE MOTHERS' UNION



MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 25 JULY 1430

PERSHORE ABBEY:

We are very much looking forward to welcoming members of the Mothers' Union from across the Diocese to Pershore Abbey as they come together for their annual Diocesan Festival in July.

We also welcome Bishop John who will be joined by Bishop Godfrey of Morogoro, Tanzania and Bishop Jorge of Peru as part of their preparations for the Lambeth Conference later in the month.



COMING IN AUTUMN 2022

PERSHORE BENEFICE AUTUMN STUDY GROUP: This year's group will take place weekly on Thursday evenings in the St Andrew's Centre from **22 Sept - 20 October**. Further details on the course and how to book coming soon.

REVD PHILIP HUGHES OFFERS TREE STUDY COURSE IN OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022:

Over 6 weeks nine of us have been learning together about various trees mentioned in the Bible and the part they have played in the lives of people featured in the scriptures. We studied photos illustrating their qualities. Some others were interested, but could not manage daytime meetings. We are now offering six **Friday** evenings at **1900** at **27 Bridge Street**. If you wish to join with those ready to take part, please sign the list on the table at the back of the Abbey or contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. After 1800 there is free parking on the left side of Bridge Street going towards Evesham. The course will run **Friday October 28 - Friday December 2**.

AND FINALLY . . .

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO CANON DICK ETHERIDGE!: We send our warmest congratulations to Dick, who celebrates his special birthday on 23 July. From all his friends at The Abbey.



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.

PCC REPORT JULY 2022

The PCC had a busy meeting on Tuesday 5 July where we:

- ♦ Received a report from Elanor Hazlehurst of Greenwood Projects, our fund-raising consultants, on the Abbey Development Plan. After the pandemic raising funds is proving challenging for everybody, including us. We therefore agreed to concentrate our efforts for the time being on St Andrew's where the North roof is urgently in need of replacement.
- ♦ Following a day spent looking at our priorities in the Spring we agreed a new plan and to explore a bid to the Diocese for funds to help us with our work with families and young people.
- ♦ Our new Treasurer, Edward Denley, gave his first report on our finances and how he was progressing with 'learning the ropes'. He planned to give us more detail when we next meet in September.
- ♦ We received a report on the fabric of our buildings and were able to agree that several smaller projects in the Abbey and St Andrew's could go ahead.
- ♦ We reviewed our work for children and young people and noted that more volunteers are needed for our 'Open the Book' work in schools (speak to Suzanne Clarke if you can help) and particularly to help with our Baby and Toddler group on Friday mornings (Sara Speed will gladly talk to you about this).
- ♦ We noted that our Café Church, which offers a more informal style of worship together with a light breakfast, was now held monthly (with a holiday break in August) at 9.30am in St Andrew's on the second Sunday of each month.
- ♦ We heard that our Eco-church plans were developing well, and we have applied for silver status – watch this space.
- ♦ We also had an update on the arrangements for this year's Plum Fair Weekend. Our car show will be back and lots of help is needed for this year's return. Volunteers will be sought for this major event over coming weeks so please help if you can as this is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

COMING SOON

LOOK OUT FOR OUR UPDATED PCC "WHO'S WHO" NOTICE BOARD

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Due to clergy and staff holidays in August, please call the answerphone service on 01386 552071 for full contact details should you need a priest in an emergency

SUNDAY 24 JULY - TRINITY 6

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)
10:30 Outdoor Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey Grounds*)
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism Francesca Bennett (*St James', Birlingham*)
17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 25 July

09:00 Action for Children (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
11:00 Funeral for the Late Michael Bunch
(*Vale Crematorium*)
13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
13:30 Me, You n' a Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)
14:30 Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)
15:30 Mothers' Union Teas and Refreshments
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:30 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

Tuesday 26 July

AM ABBEY FLOOR CLEANING

11:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 27 July

ALL DAY ABBEY LIGHTING UPGRADE

15:15 Bring you own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
15:45 V&W Meeting (*Choir Vestry*)

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

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

Thursday 28 July

11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 29 July

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

Saturday 30 July

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Sunday 31 July

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Benefice Eucharist
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

