



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 31 July 2022
TRINITY 7

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14;2.18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.1-11

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12.13-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 765

(Lobe Den Herren)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation:
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear;
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
sheltering thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth!
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him!

[Joachim Neander (1650-1680)]

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 179

(Warrington)

1. Nature with open volume stands
to spread her Maker's praise abroad,
and every labour of his hands
shows something worthy of our God.
2. But in the grace that rescued man
his brightest form of glory shines;
here on the cross 'tis fairest drawn
in precious blood and crimson lines.
3. Here his whole name appears complete;
nor wit can guess, nor reason prove
which of the letters best is writ,
the power, the wisdom, or the love.

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| <p>4. O the sweet wonders of that cross
 where God the Saviour loved and died;
 her noblest life my spirit draws
 from his dear wounds and bleeding side.</p> | <p>5. I would for ever speak his name
 in sounds to mortal ears unknown,
 with angels join to praise the Lamb,
 and worship at his Father's throne.</p> |
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[Isaac Watts (1674-1748)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 497

(Londonderry Air)

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. Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:
 Christ over all, our undivided aim.
 Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
 wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
 We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
 the will that lacks the courage to be free,
 the weary labours, all but unavailing,
 to bring us nearer what a church should be.

2. Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,
 a true repentance and a faith restored,
 a swift obedience and a new possessing,
 filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
 We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
 unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
 the living water for our souls' reviving,
 in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

3. Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,
 true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
 one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
 one in the truth of Jesus and his word.
 So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
 one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,
 to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
 Christ over all, the everlasting King!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

COMMUNION HYMN**A&M 751*****(Cornwall)***

1. O love divine, how sweet thou art!
When shall I find my longing heart
all taken up by thee?
I thirst, I faint, I die to prove
the greatness of redeeming love,
the love of Christ to me.
2. Stronger his love than death or hell;
its riches are unsearchable:
the first-born sons of light
desire in vain its depth to see;
they cannot reach the mystery,
the length and breadth and height.
3. For ever would I take my seat
with Mary at the Master's feet:
be this my happy choice;
my only care, delight, and bliss,
my joy, my heaven on earth, be this,
to hear the Bridegroom's voice!
4. Thy only love do I require,
nothing on earth beneath desire,
nothing in heaven above:
let earth and heaven, and all things go,
give me thine only love to know,
give me thine only love.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

FINAL HYMN**A&M 498*****(Lux Eoi)***

1. Lord, thy church on earth is seeking
thy renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of thy love.
We would heed thy great commission:
'Go now into every place -
preach, baptize, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace'.
2. Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife:
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.
3. In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell;
to all lands and peoples bringing
all the richness of thy word,
till the world, thy praises singing,
hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord.

[Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998)]

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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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 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.

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**"!

PERSHORE ABBEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Our PCC boards located in Pershore Abbey have now been updated, so do have a look and see who's who!

ABBEY LINK DISTRIBUTORS URGENTLY NEEDED: The latest edition of the Abbey Link is due to be distributed on **19 August**. We still urgently need volunteers, 4 times a year, to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine in the following areas:-

- Scobell Close, Bedford Close, Mount Pleasant and Mount Pleasant Barns
- Krier Fields and Jeacock Grove.
- Kingfisher Fields, Skylark Drive and Woodpecker Fields.

If you live on or near any of these areas and are thinking of volunteering then please get in touch with Roger Piper via office@pershoreabby.org.uk if you can help.

PLUM FAYRE MONDAY 29 AUGUST

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.

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**.

ABBAY & 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 31 July

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 01 August

LIGHTING WORKS -PERSHORE ABBEY- ALL DAY

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

14:30 Funeral for the late Peggy Young
(*Pershore Cemetery Chapel*)

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

18:30 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

Tuesday 02 August

LIGHTING WORKS - PERSHORE ABBEY - ALL DAY

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

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

Wednesday 03 August

LIGHTING WORKS -PERSHORE ABBEY- ALL DAY

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

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

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

Thursday 04 August

LIGHTING WORKS - PERSHORE ABBEY - ALL DAY

PLUMBERS - ST ANDREW'S - ALL DAY

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 05 August

LIGHTING WORKS -PERSHORE ABBEY- ALL DAY

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

Saturday 06 August

11:00 Time TBC Private Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 07 August

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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



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.



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