



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 07 August 2022
TRINITY 8

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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15.1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was

to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12.32-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 696

(Wareham)

1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.
2. For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.
3. Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.
4. Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.
5. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

[William Cowper (1731-1800)
Music: William Knapp (1698-1768)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 120

(Bow Brickhill)

1. Forgive us when our deeds ignore
your righteous rule of all the earth
when our decisions harm the poor,
denying their eternal worth.
2. Forgive us when we turn aside
from what is honest, true and fair,
when dreams of pleasure, wealth and pride
supplant your clear commands to care.
3. Forgive us, Lord, our endless greed
for what was never truly ours,
when, driven more by want than need,
we harness this world's brutal powers.
4. Forgive us that we change the rules
by which the game of life is played,
and never learn to wield the tools
which could see joy and hope remade.
5. Forgive us, God! Our lives betray
our shallow, vague response to grace;
so help us walk your holy way,
to make your world a better place.

[Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 628

(Rievaulx)

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. Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy pardoning love extend. | 3. Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy quickening power extend. |
| 2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy saving grace extend. | 4. Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
grace, pardon, life to us extend. |

[Edward Cooper(1770-1833)]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 272

(Cornwall)

1. Father, Lord of earth and heaven,
King to whom all gifts belong,
give your greatest gift, your Spirit,
God the holy, God the strong.
2. Son of God, enthroned in glory,
send your promised gift of grace;
make your church your holy temple,
God's the Spirit's dwelling-place.
3. Spirit, come in peace descending
as at Jordan, heavenly dove;
seal your Church as God's anointed,
set our hearts on fire with love.
4. Stay among us, God the Father,
stay among us, God the Son,
stay among us, Holy Spirit:
dwell within us, make us one.

[James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)]

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion, we pray:
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain,
Come, change our love from a spark
To a flame.*

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

Refuge from Cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
Plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
Make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breath on this flame,
Until your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

[Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
Arranged by John Barnard (b. 1948)]

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

07 AUGUST 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 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!

ABBAY 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@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN: If you have an article or notice you would like us to include in the next monthly bulletin, please send your copy by 22 August to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

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.

ABBAY 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.

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**.

ABBNEY & 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 07 August

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 08 August

LIGHTING WORKS - ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

10:30 Private Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:15 Art Craft for Wellbeing

(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

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

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

18:30 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

Tuesday 09 August

LIGHTING WORKS - ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

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

14:30 Mothers Union Service - Mary Sumners Feast

(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Wednesday 10 August

LIGHTING WORKS - ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

13:15 Bring your Own Craft & Chat

(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

17:30 V&W (*Choir Vestry*)

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

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

Thursday 11 August

LIGHTING WORKS - ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

Friday 12 August

LIGHTING WORKS - ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

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

Saturday 13 August

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Sunday 14 August

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with*

LIVESTREAM)

10:30 Morning praise (*St Marys, Wick*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service

(*Pershore Abbey*)

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