



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 14 August 2022
TRINITY 9

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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered

kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12.49-56

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 644

(Abbot's Leigh)

1. God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.
2. God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

[Timothy Rees (1874-1939)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 679

(Kilmarnock)

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

[John Oxenham (William Arthur Dunkerley)(1852-1941)
Music: Melody, and most of the harmony, by Neill Dougall (1776-1862)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 454

(Creswell)

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. Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

5. Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love only love, is his name.

3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood",
Love, only love, is his sign.

6. Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

4. Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'least you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news.

7. Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

[Luke Connaughton(1917-1979)
Music: Anthony Milner (1925-2002)]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 648 ii

(Westminster Abbey)

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living od these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight till all be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not earth nor thee.

[Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695) arranged by Earnet Hawkins (1802-1868)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 739 ii

(Gracias)

1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Nun danket alle Gott

[Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)]

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

14 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.

A PEACEFUL PASSING: It was with great sadness that we heard Julie Spence passed away peacefully on Monday 1 August after a short, but devastating, illness. Julie was a much loved and highly valued member of the Pershore Abbey community and congregation, and we will all feel her loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with Martyn and all of Julie's family and friends at this sad time. *Everyone is welcome to attend Julie's service at the Abbey on Tuesday 23rd August at 12 noon - Funeral with Holy Communion.*

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.

BABIES and TODDLERS – HELP REQUESTED!: The Babies and Toddlers team is seeking volunteers to serve refreshments during the sessions, or to assist with setting up and clearing away the equipment (taking approx. 30 mins beforehand and after the sessions). Our sessions are held on Friday mornings, 9.30 – 11.30am, during term times. The helpers join a rota to help at one session per month. The group is thriving, with up to 25 children, plus parents or grandparents, attending weekly. I'd love to hear from anyone interested in joining our friendly and good-humoured team. Please contact Sara Speed on 710776 (or email thespeeds94@gmail.com) for more details.

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

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 on **01386 553110** or via 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.

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.

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 14 August

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

17:00 Wholeness and Healing Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 15 August

LIGHTING WORKS AND STEEPLEJACK REPAIRS

ALL DAY - 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 16 August

LIGHTING WORKS AND STEEPLEJACK REPAIRS

ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

09:00 Live streaming Engineers (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Wednesday 17 August

LIGHTING WORKS AND STEEPLEJACK REPAIRS

ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

11:00 Internment of ashes for the Late Joan, Alan and Robert Walker (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Lunch Club (*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 18 August

LIGHTING WORKS AND STEEPLEJACK REPAIRS

ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

19:15 Wedding rehearsal for Andrew Reynolds and Leanne Cosnett (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 19 August

LIGHTING WORKS AND STEEPLEJACK REPAIRS

ALL DAY - PERSHORE ABBEY

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

19:30 Pershore Chatty Crafters

(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

Saturday 20 August

12:00 Wedding Service for Andrew Reynolds and Leanne Cosnett (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 21 August

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall

(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

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

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

12:00 Golden Wedding Anniversary Party

(*St Andrew's Main Hall & Upper Room*)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism Charlotte Smith and Tomylee Wilks (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Internment of Ashes for the Late Mr Butler (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism Oakleigh Sleigh
(*Pershore Abbey*)

