



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 18 September 2022**  
**CLIMATE SUNDAY**



## **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**

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

**Amos 8.4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 2.1-7**

A reading from the first Letter to Timothy

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the

sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 16.1-13**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Creator God, send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world, that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving, may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*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 Canon Claire Lording for support.*



## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 537 (i)**

*(Englands Lane)*

1. 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.*

2. 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:
3. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:
4. For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
5. For thy church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,

[Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 284**

*(East Acklam)*

1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

[Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)]

**THIRD HYMN**

**A&M 547**

**(Highwood)**

*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](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)*

O lord of every shining constellation  
that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky,  
grant us your Spirit's true illumination  
to read the secrets of your work on high.

You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces,  
your laws its mighty energies fulfil  
teach us, to whom you give such rich resources,  
in all we use, to serve your holy will.

O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue,  
from flower to bird, from beast to brain of man;  
help us to trace, from birth to final issue,  
the sure unfolding of your age-long plan.

You, Lord, have stamped your image on your creatures,  
and, though they mar that image, love them still;  
lift up our eyes to Christ, that in his features  
we may discern the beauty of your will.

Great lord of nature, shaping and renewing,  
you made us more than nature's sons to be;  
you help us tread, with grace our souls enduing,  
the road to life and immortality.

[Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)]

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**COMMUNION MOTET**

Fairest Lord Jesus - *arr. Martin Howe*

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 534**

**(Oasis)**

1. As water to the thirsty,  
as beauty to the eyes,  
as strength that follows weakness,  
as truth instead of lies,  
as songtime and springtime  
and summertime to be,  
so is my Lord,  
my living Lord,  
so is my Lord to me.

*Cont'd*

2. Like calm in place of clamour,  
like peace that follows pain,  
like meeting after parting,  
like sunshine after rain,  
like moonlight and starlight  
and sunlight on the sea,  
so is my Lord,  
my living Lord,  
so is my Lord to me.

3. As sleep that follows fever,  
as gold instead of grey,  
as freedom after bondage,  
as sunrise to the day,  
as home to the traveller  
and all we long to see,  
so is my Lord,  
my living Lord,  
so is my Lord to me.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

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## FINAL HYMN

**A&M 539**

***(Darwall's 148th)***

1. Let all creation dance  
in energies sublime,  
as order turns with chance,  
unfolding space and time;  
for nature's art  
in glory grows,  
and newly shows  
God's mind and heart.

2. God's breath each force unfurls,  
igniting from a spark  
expanding starry swirls,  
with whirlpools dense and dark.  
Though moon and sun  
seem mindless things,  
each orbit sings:  
'your will be done.'

3. Our own amazing earth,  
with sunlight, cloud and storms,  
and life's abundant growth  
in lovely shapes and forms  
is made for praise,  
a fragile whole,  
and from its soul  
heaven's music plays.

4. Lift heart and soul and voice:  
in Christ all praises meet,  
and nature shall rejoice  
as all is made complete.  
In hope be strong,  
all life befriend,  
and kindly tend  
creation's song.

[Brian Wren (b. 1936)]

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**[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for **Pershore Abbey Community****

**[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)**

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 18 SEPTEMBER 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](mailto: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**

At this time of national mourning we come here to remember, to commemorate, to pray and to console one another, confident in the faith that the Queen shared, that after a lifetime of Christian service she now rests in God's eternal peace.

May we pray for her soul and for all those who mourn, especially her family.

**God of love,  
we thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may find comfort and hope in your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We pray for His Majesty King Charles III on his Accession to the throne and for the Royal family.

## **WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

We pray for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We pray for the His Majesty King Charles III on his Accession to the throne, and for the Royal family.

We pray for 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.

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## **COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II** **SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1930 AT PERSHORE ABBEY**

Pershore Abbey warmly invites people to join them for a special **Commemoration Service** for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this **Sunday 18 September at 1930**.

This half-hour service of quiet and reflection, led by Canon Claire Lording, will close with the **National Minute of Silence at 2000**.

The service will provide space to offer your own thoughts and prayers for our Late Queen, who committed herself to a life of service and dedication to her people, wherever they were.

Everyone is most welcome to attend the service at Pershore Abbey and a Facebook event has been created in which further details will be published. The link is <https://fb.me/e/2W9YmIK1S>.

**REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II:** Our churches across the Benefice remain open for prayer, reflection and contemplation, to simply light a candle or to leave a message in a Book of Condolence.

Flower tributes may be left at the Preaching Cross in the Pershore Abbey grounds, located just beyond the West Door.

**HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III:** As we mourn the death of one monarch, we also welcome and embrace the Accession of King Charles III, who has pledged his life not only to the service of his people, but to the Church of England.

We share this prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King,  
bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together

so that the truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**God bless the King!**

## **BULLETIN NOTICES**

**(PLEASE SEE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY EDITION FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION)**

### **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.

**SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER CLIMATE SUNDAY:** Through our worship and the words we share today, we will be giving thanks to God for creation and reflecting on how we can be the best stewards of God's earth. At time of global climate crisis we are called to action, so that those who comes after us have a world to cherish. Come and be a part of the challenge around our benefice.

As we reflect on **Climate** Sunday, why not take this opportunity to look at your own footprint with the World Wildlife Fund Footprint Calculator? <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>



**THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 24 SEPT - 02 OCTOBER:** We are joining in with this national week of events celebrating action on climate change, following on from our Climate Sunday service.

Visit the <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> website to find out how you can get involved or join in with one of our own Eco Church events:

- Pershore Abbey Eco Church Meeting on **Wednesday 21 September** St Andrew's Upper Room 1915
- Pershore Abbey Eco Litter Pick on **Saturday 24 September** Meet at West End of Abbey at 1000.
- Walk to Walcott Nursery on **Saturday 1 October**

Further details on all of these events can be found in the September Bulletin or visit our new Eco Page on the Pershore Abbey website.

**HARVEST FESTIVALS:** During September and October we shall be celebrating Harvest in our churches. This year many of the harvests have been good, but others have struggled and in places across the world harvests have failed again. Our Harvest Services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and to give thanks for all who work in the farming community, both at home and abroad.



This year our harvest services will take place on the following days:

<b>St James', Birlingham</b>	1030	18 September	Harvest Festival
<b>Pershore Abbey</b>	1030	2 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
<b>St Mary's, Wick</b>	1030	9 October	Harvest Festival
<b>St Nicholas', Pinvin</b>	1030	16 October	Harvest Festival

As we celebrate our plentiful harvest here in the Pershore Benefice we also remember that it is a time to share in that bounty and ask that people consider bringing non-perishable food donations for the Pershore Foodbank along to our services.

**PERSHORE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER: Saturday 1 October at 1800 in St Andrew's Centre.** Tickets will be on sale in the Abbey after the 1030 Sunday Service or contact Julie Newman. Ticket prices are £8 adults and £4 children. Requests please for Apple Crumbles (plain toppings) and also for Jacket Potatoes - if you are able to cook 8 potatoes and bring them along hot before 1800 on the evening, your help would greatly be appreciated - sign up sheet on Abbey table. Donations for raffle prizes can be brought to the Abbey or to the Benefice Office during their opening hours. *Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) Team*

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING ST ANDREW'S CENTRE 24 SEPTEMBER 1000-1200:** Please bring friends along to our Christian Aid coffee morning. The money raised will go to the Emergency Appeal of Famine in East Africa. Donating to a Pakistan Flood Appeal is also vital, but many will already be responding through DEC, UN or other charities. Donations can be made via Sunday offertory collection using Christian Aid envelopes, if you are unable to come on 24 September. *Sarah Thomson*

**FROM LAMENT TO ACTION:** is the theme of the **iona service** on **Sunday 25 September at 1700 in Pershore Abbey.** There will be time for reflection and lament about the damage to creation, which can free us to move on to change and positive action.

There'll be a chance to ask questions of people involved in positive environmental actions and to share ideas. Join us in the Abbey or via Zoom. If you would like the Zoom link, please email Helen on [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk). Everyone welcome.

**A THANK YOU FROM PASA:** An "enormous" thank you to all who helped make the Plum Festival day so good in St. Andrew's serving cakes and drinks to our many visitors. Thank you to all those who baked cakes and helped in St. Andrew's not only on the day but setting up on Sunday & then clearing away afterwards. You were a super team. *PASA Team.*

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** Archdeacon Robert will be leading a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the end of February 2023 with Bishops John and Martin. Do consider coming along. Click on the link to download a leaflet with more detail or contact the Benefice Office: **Holy Land Pilgrimage**





**PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATE!** Plans are underway for an exciting Organ Festival to celebrate the installation of our new Ruffatti Pipe Organ next year. We hope to be able to share more details about the Festival in the October monthly bulletin, but for now, please save the date - **20 - 23 April 2023**. Do join us as we finally realise our **Pipe Dream**.

**PERSHORE BENEFICE AUTUMN STUDY GROUP:** We are holding a five week course at St Andrew's for five weeks from **Thursday 22 September** starting at 1900 until 2030. The course will follow aspects of a Tearfund Learn course called "Live Just.ly" <https://learn.tearfund.org/en/resources/tools-and-guides/live-justly-global-edition>

The course will explore ideas of biblical justice, considering how our everyday actions align with kingdom values. You are welcome to join any or all of the sessions which will involve a story, a reflection, some Bible study, some discussion and, possibly, a little light homework if you are feeling really enthusiastic (but this is in no way compulsory).



There is no need to book - just turn up on the night! You are welcome to join all of the sessions or to just come along when you can. Please do come and join us.

**ST ANDREW'S OPEN EVENING TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER ST ANDREW'S CENTRE 1900:**

Please do come along to our Open Evening on Tuesday evening where we will be showcasing all of the fabulous work that has been undertaken on this valuable community resource over the last 50 years and looking forward to the future of the centre and its management.

If you would like to have a say in steering the future of this wonderful historic building and community space, come along to the meeting and find out how you can become involved.

**AND FINALLY . . .** As the seasons change and we head into the chillier days of Autumn, Climate Sunday is the perfect time to consider how we can reduce our environmental impact on a daily basis in our homes and in church. With escalating heating costs becoming a very real and major concern for everyone, remember that there are little things we can all do to cut our reliance on fossil fuels and help reduce those costs.

You may find that our churches are a little chillier this year, as we strive to address those concerns ourselves, so remember that you may want to wear a warmer jumper, or add a coat or scarf to your Sunday best!



## 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 18 September - Climate Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream and Traidcraft Stall* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St James', Birlingham*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism for Madison Camden-Miles (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Centre*)

18:00 Friend's Songs of Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

19:30 Commemoration Service for HM Queen Elizabeth II (*Pershore Abbey*)

20:00 National Minute of Silence

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 19 September BANK HOLIDAY**

#### **STATE FUNERAL OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

The service will NOT be livestreamed at Pershore Abbey or St Andrew's, but other venues across the town will be screening the occasion.

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

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Tuesday 20 September**

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

19:00 St Andrew's Open Meeting

(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 21 September**

09:30 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (*Zoom*)

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

11:30 Pershore United Charities Meeting

(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

15:45 V&W (*Choir Vestry*)

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

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

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

### **Thursday 22 September**

#### **All Day - Ceiling Repairs (St Andrew's Main)**

09:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

12:00 Funeral Service

of the late Paul Anderson (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Autumn Study Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Friday 23 September**

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

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

19:30 Pershore Chatty Crafters (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Saturday 24 September**

10:00 Christian Aid Coffee Morning

(*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Pershore Abbey Eco Church Litter pick

(*Abbey Grounds*)

### **Sunday 25 September - Trinity 15**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*St James', Birlingham*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

