



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 25 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 15

## MORNING PRAISE 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.

Remember to take this service sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave.

### Welcome and Introduction

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

**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.**

### Hymn 42

### Christ be our light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

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| <p>2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.<br/>         Longing for hope, many despair.<br/>         Your word alone has power to save us.<br/>         Make us your living voice.</p> | <p>4. Longing for shelter people are homeless.<br/>         Longing for warmth, many are cold.<br/>         Make us your building, sheltering others,<br/>         Walls made of living stone.</p> |
| <p>3. Longing for food, many are hungry.<br/>         Longing for water, many still thirst.<br/>         Make us your bread, broken for others,<br/>         Shared until all are fed.</p>  | <p>5. Many the gifts, many the people,<br/>         Many the hearts that yearn to belong.<br/>         Let us be servants to one another,<br/>         Making your kingdom come.</p>               |

[Bernadette Farrell, b.1957]

*Please sit or kneel for our prayers*

## 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.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service, 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**

## Hymn 728

## Meekness and Majesty

1. Meekness and majesty,  
 manhood and deity,  
 in perfect harmony,  
 the man who is God.  
 Lord of eternity  
 dwells in humanity,  
 kneels in humility  
 and washes our feet.

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*Oh what a mystery,  
Meekness and majesty,  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God,  
This is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance,  
Perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience  
To death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
Conquering through sacrifice;  
And as they crucify  
Prays Father forgive.

3. Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible;  
Love indestructible  
In frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity  
Stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity  
To the heights of His throne.

[Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)]

## **The Gospel – Luke 16. 19-31**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

## Reflection

### 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

*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 766

### Praise my soul the King of heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.

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2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: John Goss(1800-1880)

descent by LeonardJames Blake (1906-1989)

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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

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# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 25 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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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**WE PRAY FOR HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III AND FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY.**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF 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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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR LINK PARISH OF ST JOHN'S, KIHONDA, TANZANIA:** On behalf of the Priest in Charge of St. John's Parish, we are sending to you heartfelt condolences of Queen Elizabeth II. We are joining you to share this sad news of her death. We are asking the Spirit of Jesus to give you strength in these hard times. We are asking God to help King Charles III to lead the UK and its corresponding states with wisdom from above. Pass our dearly sorrowful greetings to the congregation of God.

**AND A MESSAGE FROM BEREGA HOSPITAL, TANZANIA:** (We regularly support this hospital with our mission giving): We were together attending the Queen's funeral service but we could not see each other due to the distance of kms away from Berega! We hope King Charles III will continue uniting the Commonwealth nations.

## BULLETIN NOTICES CONT.

**HARVEST FESTIVALS:** 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. Please consider bringing non-perishable food donations for the Pershore Foodbank along to our services.

<b>Pershore Abbey</b>	1030	2 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
<i>Please bring along a tin or packet of food to hold up during the Abbey Service!</i>			
<b>St Mary's, Wick</b>	1030	9 October	Harvest Festival
<b>St Nicholas', Pinvin</b>	1030	16 October	Harvest Festival

**PERSHORE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER: Saturday 1 October at 1800 in St Andrew's Centre.** Tickets on sale at £8 adults and £4 children in the Abbey after the 1030 Sunday Service or contact Julie Newman. Requests please for Apple Crumbles (plain toppings) and also for the cooking of Jacket Potatoes (potatoes will be provided) - 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*

**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.

**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 and don't forget our **Walk to Walcott on Saturday 1 October.** Further details on all events can be found in the September Bulletin or visit our new Eco Page on the Pershore Abbey website.

**PERSHORE BENEFICE AUTUMN STUDY GROUP:** Every Thursday evening at St Andrew's until 20 October 2022 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>. No booking required, drop in to just one session or join us for them all!

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION:** We send all our love and prayers to Canon Dick Etheridge as he celebrates the 60th Anniversary of when he was ordained deacon on 29th September. This is an incredible achievement and one that reflects Dick's commitment to a lifetime of service in God's Church. We give thanks with all those Dick has shared in ministry with over the decades.

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY!** Many congratulations to Tony Perks as he celebrates this wonderful birthday achievement on **28 September.** There will be special cake for us all to share after the 1030 Morning Praise service at the Abbey.



## 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 25 September - Trinity 15

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

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

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*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 26 September

09:30 DAWN Support (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:00 Organ Meeting (*Zoom*)

12:00 Funeral Service for the late Sara Thomas  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing  
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

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

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Craft with Rachel Duke  
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

### Tuesday 27 September

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

14:00 Abbey Fabric Committee  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:30 Mother's Union (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

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

### Wednesday 28 September

11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Craft & Chart (*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 29 September

09:30 Harvest Flower Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 SAEC (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### Friday 30 September

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

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

### Saturday 01 October

10:00 Eco Church Big Green Week Walk & Visit  
to Walcott Nursery

10:00 PASA Harvest Supper preparation  
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

18:00 PASA Harvest Supper  
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

### Sunday 02 October - Trinity 16

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 Preparation and Private Party  
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

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

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

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

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong for the Centenary of the  
Pershore Branch of RBL (*Pershore Abbey*)



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