



**PERSHORE ABBEY**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 16 October, 2022**  
**Trinity 18**

## **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**.

Please leave the service booklet, but do remember to take this sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave and recycle when you have finished with it.

### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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**

#### **Genesis 32.22-31**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

For the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

#### **2 Timothy 3.14-4.5**

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

For the word of the Lord.                      **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**                                      **Luke 18.1-8**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever . **Amen.**

**COMMUNION REMINDER:**

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.

**This service is being live streamed to the Abbey's YouTube Channel**

To find the recording please visit

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

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

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

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 617**

*(Battle Hymn of the Republic)*

1. Come, sing the praise of Jesus,  
sing his love with hearts aflame,  
sing his wondrous birth of Mary  
when to save the world he came;  
tell the life he lived for others,  
and his mighty deeds proclaim,  
for Jesus Christ is King:

*Praise and glory be to Jesus,  
praise and glory be to Jesus,  
praise and glory be to Jesus,  
for Jesus Christ is King!*

2. There's joy for all who serve him,  
more than human tongue can say;  
here is pardon for the sinner,  
and the night is turned to day;  
there is healing for our sorrows,  
there is music all the way,  
for Jesus Christ is King:

3. To Jesus be the glory,  
the dominion and the praise;  
he is Lord of all creation,  
he is guide of all our ways;  
and the world shall be his empire  
In the fulness of the days,  
for Jesus Christ is King:

Jack Copley Winslow (1882-1974)

*Music:* William Steffe c. 1852

*Arranged by* Noël Tredinnick (b. 1949)

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 634**

1. Firmly I believe and truly  
God is Three and God is One;  
and I next acknowledge duly  
manhood taken by the Son.

2. And I trust and hope most fully  
in that manhood crucified;  
and each thought and deed unruly  
do to death, as he has died.

4. And I hold in veneration,  
for the love of him alone,  
Holy Church as his creation,  
and her teachings as his own.

3. Simply to his grace and wholly  
light and life and strength belong,  
and I love supremely, solely,  
him the holy, him the strong.

5. Adoration ay be given,  
with and through the angelic host,  
to the God of earth and heaven,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

*There will be no offertory plate collection at this time, however, there is a 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)*

1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,  
    should set his love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
    to bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
    when Beth'lem's manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.
2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
    as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
    the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted  
    and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;  
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.
3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
    how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
    of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
    and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.
4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
    when at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
    when every heart with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
    and myriad myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,  
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

**COMMUNION MOTET**

Psalm 23 - Tomkins chant  
*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 621**

**(Repton)**

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
    forgive our foolish ways;  
    re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
    in purer lives thy service find,  
    in deeper reverence praise.  
    in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
    beside the Syrian sea,  
    the gracious calling of the Lord,  
    let us, like them, without a word  
    rise up and follow thee.  
    rise up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
    O calm of hills above,  
    where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
    the silence of eternity,  
    interpreted by love!  
    interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
    till all our strivings cease;  
    take from our souls the strain and stress,  
    and let our ordered lives confess  
    the beauty of thy peace.  
    the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
    thy coolness and thy balm;  
    let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
    speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
    O still small voice of calm.  
    O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

**FINAL HYMN**

**A&M 507**

**(Fulda)**

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,  
    good news for all throughout the earth;  
    the gospel of a Saviour's name;  
    we sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
    not in a royal house or hall  
    but in a stable dark and dim,  
    the Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,  
    hated by those he came to save,  
    in lonely suffering on the Cross;  
    for all he loved his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
    empty the tomb, for he was free.  
    He broke the power of death and hell  
    that we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
    by all creation glorified.  
    He sends his Spirit on his Church  
    to live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King:  
    Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
    This gospel-message we proclaim:  
    we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

16 OCTOBER 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

### **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.

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.

## BULLETIN NOTICES

**HARVEST FESTIVAL ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN 1030 16 OCTOBER:** Please join Pinvin's service and consider taking non-perishable items for the Pershore Foodbank. Look out for some lovely images from our Harvest Festivals in our November bulletin, together with a thank you from Pershore Foodbank for your generous donations.

**BIBLE STUDY - TREES & PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM:** The first session of Revd Philip Hughes' course will be on **Friday 28 October** at **1900** at **27 Bridge Street** Parking is permitted after 1800 on the yellow line outside. We continue for the following 5 Fridays at the same time and place. Enquiries to Revd Philip Hughes.

## **BULLETIN NOTICES CONT.**

**ABBEY EVENTS TO JANUARY 2023:** As you will know Roger Batty our Events Co-ordinator is moving house and that move is now imminent. While we are still looking for a replacement for Roger, we do need to cover planned events in the Abbey until January. This involves commitments mainly on Fridays and Saturdays and we have about 13 such events to cover. It means being available through the day of the event to meet performers, offer assistance and then help on the afternoon or evening of the event until the Abbey is cleared up and ready for the next day. If you think you can help with one or two of these events, please speak to Suzanne Clarke after the service or let the Office know either by phone or email. These events make a huge contribution to the Abbey both in terms of outreach and funding, so any help you can offer will be really important to us. Thanks.

**IONA WORSHIP OCTOBER 2022:** HOMELESSNESS is the theme of the Iona service on **Sunday 23 October** at **1700** in the Abbey. Everyone is very welcome to this small, informal service with the opportunity for reflection and the sharing of short stories about homelessness. If you'd like the Zoom link for the service please email Helen on [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**ABBEY SHOEBOX SUNDAY:** On **Sunday 06 November**, we will be holding our annual Shoebox Sunday, all children and young people are very welcome to come along at **1030** at **St Andrew's** to help pack the boxes. We would be very grateful for donations of empty **shoe boxes** and the following items to help fill them - we particularly need **soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, felt tip pens & pads, and boy's toys. Sweets and chocolates** with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the church during service times. Again, this year we will be supporting Teams4U, it costs a minimum of £2.50 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

**A NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER FOR THE ABBEY:** In March the PCC held an 'away day' (in St Andrew's) and developed our strategy for the next few years. Our key priority was seen as developing our mission to children, young people, and families. We have built on this using the Healthier Churches Fund from the Diocese to seek funding for a half time Children and Families worker. A small group (Claire, Peter, Suzanne and Martin Fowler) then developed the job details with help from Simon Hill of the Young Disciples Team and sought funding for a half time post for 5 years.

I am delighted to say that the Bishop's Council approved the post in principle last week and further discussions with John Preston, Diocesan Secretary allowed Claire to accept the offer of funding from the Diocese to let us proceed. We will now move forward with advertising the post locally and more widely with the Diocese, if necessary. This is a marvellous opportunity for us to move forward with our strategy of developing our mission to young people, and with families as we move forward. *Peter Stansbie*

**Please see October Bulletin for more notices and further information**

## 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 16 October - Trinity 18**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 17 October**

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

13:00 Pershore Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

14:30 PASA Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

### **Tuesday 18 October**

10:00 Funeral Service for the late  
George Wood (*Vale Crematorium*)

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

12:00 Monks' Day (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Wednesday 19 October**

10:45 Pinvin CE First School (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

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

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*)

### **Thursday 20 October**

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Read Easy Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### **Friday 21 October**

09:00 DAWN Sessions (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

20:00 Let's Dance (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Saturday 22 October**

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Wedding Blessing of  
Daniel & Linda Harris (*St Mary's, Wick*)

### **Sunday 23 October - Trinity 18**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:30 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)



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