



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 28 MAY 2023

PENTECOST

## SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

**We welcome you to Pershore Abbey today as we say goodbye to our Organist and Musical Director, John Wilderspin.**

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.

*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.*

### Welcome and Introduction

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and made known to every race and nation  
the way of eternal life:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans 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 242

## Come Holy Spirit

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
O let us not despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,  
the foolishness of God.
- 2 Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.
- 3 Spirit of truth, arise;  
inspire the prophet's voice:  
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.  
O Spirit, clear our sight,  
all prejudice remove,  
and help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.
- 4 Give us the tongues to speak,  
in every time and place,  
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
the word of love and grace.  
Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing.
- 5 Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love!

Tune: Diademata

Author: Michael Forster (b.1946)]

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## Confession

Sometimes we forget about God's Holy Spirit at work in our world.

Sometimes we forget to listen to God or to one another.

Sometimes we are too lazy to understand and care for our world.

In the stillness we come before God and ask his forgiveness.

Lord, we admit we neglect your creation and ignore the needs of the world.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, we admit that we do nothing when we should take action.  
Fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, we admit we forget to listen for your word.  
Fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Collect for the day**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Reading - Acts 2 1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and

said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## **Hymn 20 (CAHON)**

## **All over the world**

All over the world the Spirit is moving,  
all over the world, as the prophet said it would be.  
All over the world there's a mighty revelation  
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

All over this land the Spirit is moving,  
all over this land, as the prophet said it would be.  
All over this land there's a mighty revelation  
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

All over the Church the Spirit is moving,  
all over the Church, as the prophet said it would be.  
All over the Church there's a mighty revelation  
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

All over us all the Spirit is moving,  
all over us all, as the prophet said it would be.  
All over us all there's a mighty revelation  
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Deep down in my heart the Spirit is moving,  
deep down in my heart, as the prophet said it would be.  
Deep down in my heart there's a mighty revelation  
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Tune: All over the world the Spirit is moving

Author: Roy Turner

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## **The Gospel – John 20. 19-23**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

## **Reflection**

### **Declaration of Faith**

God's Spirit is building us into God's people.

Let's declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**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 has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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 264**

## **The Spirit Lives**

1 The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light;  
he binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,  
walk in the light,  
walk in the light,  
walk in the light of the Lord.*

2 Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the dead were awakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light

3 He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light;  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.

4 We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light;  
he gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk in the light.

5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.

6 The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light,  
his light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.

Tune: Walk in the Light

Author: Damian Lundy 1944-1996

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## Thanksgiving and Blessing

God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you  
now and always.

**Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate  
to contact the office or Canon Claire Lording for support.*



# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE

28 MAY 2023

**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 WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY WAR AND WHO CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT OR DISASTER, ESPECIALLY IN SUDAN.**

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.



# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 28 MAY 2023

### JUNE MONTHLY EDITION OUT NOW:

Please pick up a copy of the June Monthly Edition for more news and information.

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**MAY IONA WORSHIP - THE WORD WITHIN:** The Word Within is the topic of May's Iona service at **1700** on **Sunday 28 May** in the **Abbey** and via **Zoom**. Everyone is most welcome to join this small, reflective and informal service. If you would like a Zoom link please email Helen at [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**BUS SIGN UP SHEET TO JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION ON 2 JULY NOW AVAILABE:** We hope that as many of you as possible will join with the congregation at Worcester Cathedral on **2 July** to support and celebrate with Jayne as she is ordained deacon. Sign up sheets are now available at the back of the Abbey and village churches or alternatively, sign up at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk). Please see the monthly bulletin for information on arrangements for Jayne's ordination lunch!

**MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR THE LATE JENNIFER MORGAN 18 JUNE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:** The family of the late Jennifer Morgan, a former member of the Abbey congregation and community who passed away in March 2023, have organised a tea party in St Andrew's on **Sunday 18 June** at **1500** to celebrate Jennifer's life and share memories with her friends in Pershore. If you would like to join in this celebration with Jennifer's family and friends, please RSVP to Helen Matthews via the office. The family are very much looking forward to all those who knew Jennifer coming along.

**ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:** The new issue of the Abbey magazine is due out at the end of May, and due to retirements and ill health etc., we are in need of new deliverers. The roads we need them for are as follows:-

- Hurst Road 1-28 (32 copies)
- Furlong Road 1-54 (54 copies)
- Station Road 25-51 (odds) & 50-88 (evens) (34 copies)
- Desjardins Way 49-83 (odds) & 46-60 (evens) (26 copies)
- Searle Close (all) (5 copies)

Delivery takes place only four times a year, and if anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper.

**PERSHORE CARNIVAL 29 MAY:** For all those people who will be joining us in the Pershore Carnival 2023 on 29 May. You will need to meet us in Pershore Market nearest Cherry Orchard by 1045 (judging will take place between 1100-1115). The procession will move off at 1200. We will bring along all of the additional props required. Please note that you will have to follow all instructions given to you by any carnival marshals on the day to ensure your safety. Carnival is all about having Fun, so bring along a big smile and enjoy yourself. Good luck! *Beth Seale*

**PASA PERSHORE CARNIVAL TEAS MONDAY 29 MAY:** Thankyou to all the volunteers who have kindly donated cakes. If you are able to bring them along to St Andrew's after 0900 on Monday 29 May, or alternatively, you can give them to Hilary Fowler after the 1030 service on Sunday 28 May. If you would prefer to give a donation instead of a cake, we will be most grateful and can be given to Hilary Fowler. The money given goes towards our wonderful cake maker who provides extra homemade cakes for the Carnival & Plum Fayre. Thank you in advance. *Jane Knox (PASA - Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Social Committee)*

**BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS:** The Benefice office will be closed on Spring Bank Holiday Monday. Any enquiries will be dealt with during normal office hours on Tuesday 30 May.

The office will be open as usual Tuesday - Thursday 1100-1200 for the next few weeks, but due to holidays, please be aware that the office may not be staffed fully at other times. Please rest assured all answer phone messages and email enquiries will be dealt with as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

**NEXT ABBEY  
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023 1915**  
**ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM**  
Please come and join us!

## **POSITIONS VACANT**

### **PERSHORE ABBEY EVENTS MANAGER REQUIRED**

Pershore Abbey is looking for an Events Manager to run their busy events programme. If you would like more information, please contact the Benefice Office on 01386 552071 or email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

Full details, a Job Description and Application Form are available from our website <https://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/2023/05/02/events-manager-position-available/>

### **VOLUNTEER WARDEN FOR ST ANDREW'S CENTRE REQUIRED**

This is a really exciting opportunity to help provide good facilities for lots of organisations and people in the town. A Job Description and Application Form is available at our website <https://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/> or from the Benefice Office.

Pershore Abbey

# CARNIVAL TEAS



**pershire  
carnival**



**Monday 29 May**  
1200 noon - 1600  
St Andrew's Centre

*Pop in for some refreshment and a great selection of  
delicious homemade cakes & treats*

**ALL WELCOME**  
*(including dogs in designated areas!)*

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

## ABBEY & 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 28 May - PENTECOST**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

14:00 Wedding Service for Ken Tallis and Holly Harding (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 29 May - BANK HOLIDAY**

#### **BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED**

12:00 Carnival Teas (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing private practice  
(*St Andrew's*)

19:30 Bell Ringing practice (*St Andrew's*)

### **Tuesday 30 May**

09:00 Organ Festival Meeting (*Zoom*)

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

14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 V&W (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 31 May**

13:15 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

### **Thursday 1 June**

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Wedding Rehearsal Hayley Ford &  
Alexander Graham (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 2 June**

10:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

15:00 Wedding Service of Hayley Ford &  
Alexander Graham (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:30 Pershore Civic Society Event Set Up  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells—Surprise Major Practice  
(*St Andrew's*)

### **Saturday 3 June**

10:00 Pershore Civic Society Photo Show  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Worcestershire Organists' Association  
Visit of New Organ (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 **CANCELLED** - Pershore Rotary Social  
Club Quiz Night (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Sunday 4 June - Trinity Sunday**

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)



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