



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 11 June 2023**  
**St Barnabas**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

**We welcome Judith Grubb, Worcester Diocese Mothers' Union President, to our 1030 service at the Abbey today, as she presents certificates to some of our MU members in recognition of their long service.**

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 take this sheet home with you and recycle when you have finished with it.

### **THE COLLECT**

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our 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.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Job 29.11-16**

A reading from the Book of Job

Job said to his companions: When the ear heard, it commended me, and when the eye saw, it approved; because I delivered the poor who cried, and the orphan who had no helper. The blessing of the wretched came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy, and I championed the cause of the stranger.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Acts 11.19-30**

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

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

**THE GOSPEL**                                      **John 15.12-17**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*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 402**

**REX GLORIAE**

1. God, we praise you, God, we bless you!  
God, we name you sovereign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by your Church adored:  
all creation shows your glory,  
heaven and earth draw near your throne,  
singing, 'Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of hosts, and God alone!'
2. True apostles, faithful prophets,  
saints who set their world ablaze,  
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,  
join one growing song of praise,  
while your Church on earth confesses  
one majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
God, our hope eternally.
3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
everlasting Son of God,  
humble was your virgin mother,  
hard the lonely path you trod.  
By your cross is sin defeated,  
hell confronted face to face,  
heaven opened to believers,  
sinners justified by grace.
4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
you will judge the world you made;  
Lord, in mercy help your servants  
for whose freedom you have paid.  
Raise us up from dust to glory,  
guard us from all sin today;  
King enthroned above all praises,  
save your people, God, we pray!

[Christopher Idle (b. 1938)]

Based on Te Deum laudamus (A Song of the Church)

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### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 725**

**ST FRANCIS**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

[Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)]

from a prayer attributed to: St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)]

### **THIRD HYMN**

**A&M 301**

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY**

1. God, whose city's sure foundation stands upon his holy hill, by his mighty inspiration chose of old and chooseth still men and women from each nation his good pleasure to fulfill.
2. Here before us through the ages, while the Christian years went by, saints, confessors, martyrs, sages, strong to live and strong to die, wrote their names upon the pages of God's blessed company.

3. Some there were like lamps of learning shining in a faithless night, some on fire with love, and burning with a flaming zeal for right, some by simple goodness turning souls from darkness unto light.
4. As we now with high thanksgiving their triumphant names record, grant that we, like them, believing in the promise of thy word, may, like them, in all good living praise and magnify the Lord!

[Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)]  
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### **COMMUNION MOTET**

*Ave Verum by Mozart Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 620**

**ST BOTOLPH (SLATER)**

1. Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth, your arms stretched out above through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.
2. Still east and west your love extends and always, near and far, you call and claim us as your friends and love us as we are.

3. Where age and gender, class and race, divides us to our shame, you see a person and a face, a neighbour with a name.
4. May we, accepted as we are, yet called in grace to grow, reach out to others, near and far, your healing love to show.

[Brian Wren (b. 1936)]  
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### **FINAL HYMN**

**A&M 812**

**WILTSHIRE**

1. Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.
2. O magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt his name; when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.

3. The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliverance he affords to all who on his succour trust.
4. O make but trial of his love, experience will decide how blest are they, and only they, who in his truth confide!

5. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; make you his service your delight, your wants shall be his care.

6. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

[Nahum Tate (1652-1715)  
and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726)]

A New Version of the Psalms of David, 1669, 1698

Psalms 34

Pershore Abbey CCLI No. 46441

## PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

### 11 JUNE 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.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**RICHARD ELLIOTT:** It was with great shock and sadness that we heard that Richard had died on 6 June. Richard was known and loved by many people. He was a perfect gentleman who quietly served the communities that were at his heart. He will be remembered for many things but his contribution to the Pinvin CofE Federation of Schools as a governor for over twenty years stands out as an incredible example of service to our young people and those who work in our schools, as does his decades of work with St John Ambulance. Richard was also passionate about Pinvin and St Nicholas Church. Richard will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Please remember Stella and the family in your prayers. Details of Richard's service will follow. *Claire*

**ABBEY FLOOR CLEANING AND REPAIR:** This essential project begins at 0830 on Monday 12 June and is expected to last 4 days. To enable this to happen we will unfortunately need to limit access to most of the Abbey building, but you will be able to light a candle or leave a prayer at the pricket stand - enter through the Wick door which will be signposted. We hope also to open the west door with a little space to view and also enable access to the Bookstall. We apologise for any inconvenience. *Judy Dale*

**CAFÉ CHURCH ST ANDREW'S 11 JUNE 0945:** Come and join in with our family friendly and informal café-style worship in St Andrew's with songs, a talk, prayers, tea and toast!

**WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE PERSHORE ABBEY 11 JUNE 1700:** Join us for our regular Wholeness & Healing service and don't forget, you can also receive the ministry of healing prayers with two of the Wholeness & Healing team in the St John Chapel after communion has been received at every 3rd Sunday 1030 Eucharist.

**FINAL CALL FOR BUS SIGN UP SHEET FOR JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION:** If you have not already done so, please can you ensure your name has been added to the list for bus transport to Jayne's ordination on **2 July** by the end of **Sunday 11 June**. You can sign up in your church using the sheet provided or email **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**.

**ORDINATION LUNCH:** Jayne is inviting everyone to share in a buffet lunch after her ordination on **2 July**. The lunch will be held at Pershore Abbey. It would be helpful if you could let the office know if you would like to join the lunch no later than **22 June**. *Claire*

**CANON NEWS:** You may remember that last March I was collated as a Canon of Worcester Cathedral. This was when the Bishop read out a legal document making me a Canon. However, I was unable to be placed in my stall (the Installation bit) because the Cathedral was in the middle of repairing the part of the Cathedral where the stalls are located. The repairs are now finished and I, along with two other Canons, will be formally installed as a Canon on 14 June at 1730 Evensong. All welcome to attend. *Claire*

**DEANERY SERVICE OF CELEBRATION 12 JULY 1930, AT ST PETER'S, BENGEWORTH:** A service to celebrate the many and various types of ministry taking place across the Pershore & Evesham Deanery. You are asked to bring a small symbol representing the type of ministry you undertake in your parish - you can be as creative as you wish to be in choosing your item! We look forward to this celebratory worship together with Archdeacon Robert Jones before his retirement this Autumn. Parking is available courtesy of Lidl in the Bengeworth Road section of their car park.

**COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 17 JUNE ST ANDREW'S 1030 - 1200 NOON:** Come along and enjoy refreshment & company at the Pershore Abbey & St Andrew's Social Committee Coffee Morning, this month hosted by the Abbey Flower Guild. All welcome.

**MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR THE LATE JENNIFER MORGAN 18 JUNE 1500, ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:** If you would like to join in this celebration with Jennifer's family and friends, please RSVP to Helen Matthews via the office.

**ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FUTURE ISSUES:** Thank you to everyone who helped deliver the latest edition of Abbey Link. We still need people to take on delivery of the following areas for future issues:-

- Avon Road 1-53 (odds) & 2-54 (evens) (54 copies)
- Station Road 25-51 (odds) & 50-88 (evens) (34 copies)
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- 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.



**GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK FATHER'S DAY WICK WALK SUNDAY 18 JUNE AT 1430:** Bill Newman will lead a walk around the paths through farmland around Wick in our Great Big Green Week Father's Day Walk. Bill is an experienced farmer with insights to share. Please meet outside Wick Parish church (St. Mary's WR10 3NZ). On the road parking is invariably available on the St. Mary's side of the main street.

The walk is flat, road and tracks, no stiles and under an hour's walking. For more details see Bill or David Oldham or email [ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk)



**BE PART OF THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK AND WRITE A LETTER TO TOMORROW:**

Letters to Tomorrow is a project to explain your hopes for future generations if our leaders step up to protect the environment – and your fears about what life could be like if we don't slow down climate change. Your letter could be to your friend, child or even your future self. Please consider sending it to your MP as well. Visit [www.letterstotomorrow.com](http://www.letterstotomorrow.com) to find out more and submit your letter now!

**VIEWING OF 'LAUDATO SI' FRIDAY 16 JUNE 1930, BROMYARD ROAD METHODIST CHURCH:** Bromyard will be showing the moving and positive film on the Pope's encyclical 'Laudato Si' on environmental challenges. Angela Gerrard can provide transport from the Abbey at 18:50. Please contact Angela or email David Oldham on [ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org](mailto:ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org) to book your seat. *David Oldham*

**TAKE A WALK ON THE WILDSIDE:** The Vale Landscape Heritage Trust, who provide Pershore Abbey's yearly rent of one pound of Pershore plums, have organised a number of walks around their wildlife reserves this June:

- **Wednesday 14 June - Hipton Hill - 1900:** There will be a few different butterflies to see as well as Pyramidal Orchids and other wildflowers.
- **Wednesday 28 June - Fladbury Meadows - 1900:** Meet at Mill Bank Meadows just south of Fladbury next to the Severn Trent Water pumping station.

No need to book on the walks. There is no charge but all donations welcome. If you want more information email [valetrust@outlook.com](mailto:valetrust@outlook.com).

## ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

### **Sunday 11 June - St Barnabas**

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with MU Presentations (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

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

17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Removal of pews for floor cleaning (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 12 June**

#### **All Day Abbey Floor Cleaning**

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing

(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing private practice

(*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Art & Craft Evening (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 13 June**

#### **All Day Abbey Floor Cleaning**

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

14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship

(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 14 June**

#### **All Day Abbey Floor Cleaning**

10:00 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)

13:15 BYO Pershore Craft & Chat

(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

19:00 Craft Happy Sea Glass Workshop

(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

### **Thursday 15 June**

#### **All Day Abbey Floor Cleaning**

15:00 Funeral of the late May Hanson

(*Vale Crematorium*)

### **Friday 16 June**

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

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

16:00 Replacement of pews (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Saturday 17 June**

10:30 PASA Pershore Parish Coffee Morning

(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Concert & Toilet Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Oakville Singers Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 18 June - Trinity 2**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall

(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

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

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

14:30 Big Green Walk (*Meet @ St Mary's, Wick*)

15:00 Memorial Gathering for Jennifer Morgan

(*St Andrew's Main*)



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