



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 18 June 2023
Trinity 2

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.
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THE COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever . **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 19.2-8a

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5.1-8

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our

sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9.35-10.8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 584

MICHAEL

1. All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

[Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 743

THAXTED

1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

THIRD HYMN

A&M 664

ST PETER

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.
3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.
4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.
5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

[John Newton (1725-1807)]

COMMUNION MOTET

The Lord bless you and keep you - John Rutter
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 441

SONG 46

1. Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
2. Saved by that body and that holy blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
3. Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.
4. Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the victim, and himself the priest.
5. Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

[John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)]

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

2. King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

4. Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

5. We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepard-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

[James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)]

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To find the recording visit 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

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

18 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 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.

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.



MINISTRY NEWS

GAIL ANDREWS: It is with great sadness that I am letting you know that Gail has tendered her resignation as Ministry Team Secretary. For over seven years Gail has been a much loved and valued member of the team. Gail has contributed so much to the life of the benefice, and I know that we will all have a long list of things that she has done for us, that we are incredibly grateful for. We are all going to miss her many gifts, her smile and enthusiasm very much and wish her well for the future. Gail's last day will be Friday 14 July. Donations for Gail's leaving gift can be put in an envelope marked "Gail's Gift" and left at the office. Alternatively you can make a contribution via BACS: Account Name: Pershore Parochial Church, Barclay Bank Plc, Sort Code: 20-98-61, Account No: 00695416. Please reference any BACS donation with "**Gail's Gift**". *Claire*

RICHARD ELLIOTT - FUNERAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT 1100 ON 29 JUNE, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, PINVIN: 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. *Claire*

VICKY DENNIS: We were all saddened to hear the news that Vicky had died. For many years Vicky had been a great supporter and volunteer at the Abbey and in the wider community. She was wonderfully independent and enthusiastic and her presence was sorely missed when ill health prevented her from getting out ana about as much as she would have liked. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at 1500 on 4 July at Pershore Abbey, to which everyone is warmly invited. *Claire*

ORDINATION BUS: The bus is now full. The cost is £10 per head and you can pay this into the office by cash, cheque or by BACS (please ensure you use the reference 'JPBUS'). Account Name: Pershore Parochial Church, Sort Code: 20-98-61, Account No: 00695416. I will take cash on the day, but would prefer to keep this to a minimum. Many thanks *Peter Stansbie—Bus Monitor (Honorary)*

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*

SUMMER SOCIAL AND IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 25 JUNE : Everyone is very welcome to come along to the Abbey for:

- **1530** Hot or cold drinks, cake, and a chance to chat. There will be some displays about the Iona Community, music, photos, and opportunities for quiet reflection or creative activity.
- **1700** Iona service - A small informal service using Iona Community worship materials with the theme of 'Our Lives as Community'.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS URGENTLY NEEDED! Pinvin CE Federation of Schools is supposed to have three Foundation Governors. These are people who can represent the Christian foundation of the schools and are able to promote its Christian values, as well as being able to carry out all the statutory requirements of a governor. There is currently only one Foundation Governor at the Federation, so if you think this is a volunteering opportunity that you would like to explore please get in touch with me. *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.

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)
- Hurst Road 1-28 (32 copies)
- Station Road 25-51 (odds) & 50-88 (evens) (34 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



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 to find out more and submit your letter now!

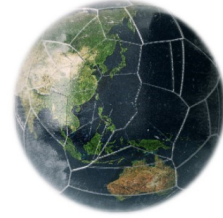
TAKE A WALK ON THE WILDSIDE: The Vale Landscape Heritage Trust, who provide Pershore Abbey's yearly rent of one pound of Pershore plums, have organised a number of walks around their wildlife reserves this June:

- **Wednesday 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.

PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON IN OUR BIODIVERSITY AREA WITH THE 2023 PLANT SURVEY AND PICNIC!



Come and join in a survey of the plant life, and hopefully some insects as well, present on the unmown biodiversity area adjacent to the Abbey.

As a result of autumn seed sowing a nice selection of native wild flowers are coming through around the perimeter.

It is important to conduct a survey year on year. You may want to bring along a wild flower reference book and / or download an app onto your mobile phone. 'Plantnet' is a good free one'



**JOIN IN
WITH OUR
2023 PLANT
SURVEY
25 JUNE
1400**

ITS ALL ABOUT GIVE AND TAKE!
There will be an Abbey Eco Church Coffee morning in St Andrew's on 15 July including a Give and Take Stall, so save the date!

Bring a picnic along and enjoy a little time on a summer afternoon just outside the Abbey. Hear all about the project and our plans for the future - perhaps you have some ideas of your own?

If you would like to become involved contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

NEXT ABBEY


LITTER PICK DATE:

SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023 1000-1100

Meet at the West End of the Abbey

There will also be an Eco Church meeting on **Tuesday 5 September** at **1915** in **Pershore Abbey**, so please save the date and watch out for news on our **Eco Film** showing!

LET US PRAY FOR JAYNE PARKER



I lift up my eyes to the hills
from where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121: 1-2

Your prayers are asked for all those to be ordained this Petertide, among them

Jayne Parker

To be ordained Deacon by

**John, Bishop of Worcester,
With Martin, Bishop of Dudley**

In Worcester Cathedral

On Sunday 2 July 2023

Please also pray for Paul, Eve, Zoë, Rev Canon Claire Lording, the ministry team and the people of Pershore, Pinvin, Wick and Birlingham, amongst whom she will serve her curacy.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

PIPE DREAMS FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 1: We will be sharing ticket information over the next weeks through direct emails to our Pershore Pipers and other supporters and also through the Pershore Abbey website and Bulletin, so please do keep an eye out on how to obtain tickets for our Festival events.

WATERMUSIC IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN AID AND CHARITY: 16 July sees the return of the Watermusic Event in the riverside garden of 53 Bridge Street from 1600-1900. The evening will feature music, including a Ukelele band, refreshments and a raffle. Tickets are available from Blue at £7 or on the door at £9.

BAT WALK AROUND PERSHORE ABBEY 14 JULY: We will walk around the Abbey environs at dusk with Evesham Bat Care on Friday 14 July, meeting at 2115 at the St Andrew's Gardens. With Evesham Bat Care's knowledge and equipment, we will be able to hear and see bats as they become active. This is a free event but donations on the day will be welcomed towards the work of Evesham Bat Care. We hope you will join us for this fascinating opportunity to experience Pershore Abbey's bats.

CONCERTS AT PERSHORE ABBEY: With our concert programme now back in full swing, there are plenty of opportunities to experience a wide and varied programme of musical treats this summer!

SATURDAY JUNE 17 1900

Roger Gay Memorial Concert with the Oakville Singers

SATURDAY JULY 1 FROM 1000

Pershore Midsummer Brass

SATURDAY JULY 8 1930

Birmingham Festival Chorus

SATURDAY JULY 15 1930

Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra in aid of FOAG

For all concert and booking information scan the QR code, visit www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events or call the Pershore Abbey & Benefice Office on **01386 552071**



MONTHLY BULLETIN REQUEST

The next monthly bulletin will cover July and August. If you have an article or item that you would like to include in the Monthly Edition, please email the office with your copy by **Friday 23 June** at the latest.

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 19 June

- 10:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing private practice
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 20 June

- 09:20 Foodbank Steering Group Meeting
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Funeral Service for the late
Michael Middleton (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Vocal High Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:30 Pinvin PCC (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

Wednesday 21 June

- 11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:00 U3A Singers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 19:00 Read Easy Coach Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 22 June

- 16:00 Wedding Rehearsal Adam Bilborough
and Georgia Harley (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 18:00 Wedding Rehearsal Neil Andrews and
Michelle Lambley (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 23 June

- 09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 24 June

- Pershore Abbey to be lit up Green in aid of
St John Ambulance*
- 12:30 Wedding Service Adam Bilborough and
Georgia Harley (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:00 Wedding Service Neil Andrews and
Michelle Lambley (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 25 June - Trinity 3

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)
- 10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 14:00 Abbey Bio Diversity Area Plant Survey
- 15:30 Iona Social (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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