

MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY Sunday, 25 JUNE 2023 TRINITY 3

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.

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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 650 Great is thy faithfulness

 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

- 2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
- Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside homas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)]

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

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 our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Hymn – 733 (CAHON) When God Almighty came to earth

- When God almighty came to earth,
 He took the pain of Jesus' birth
 He took the flight of refugee,
 And whispered: 'Humbly follow me'.
- When God Almighty went to work, Carpenter's sweat he didn't shirk, Profit and loss he didn't flee, And whispered: 'Humbly follow me'.
- 3. When God Almighty walked the street, The critic's curse he had to meet, The cynic's smile he had to see, And whispered: 'Humbly follow me'.

- 4. When God Almighty met his folk,
 Of peace and truth he boldly spoke
 To set the slave and tyrant free,
 And whispered: 'Humbly follow me'.
- 5. When God Almighty took his place
 To save the sometimes human race,
 He took it boldly on a tree,
 And whispered: 'Humbly follow me'.
- 6. When God Almighty comes again, He'll meet us incognito as then: And though no words may voice his plea, He'll whisper: 'Are you following me?'.

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The Gospel - Matthew 10. 24-39

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

Please sit or kneel as we offer God our Prayers and Thanks

At the end of each prayer when you hear 'God of love' 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 during which the collection will be taken:

HYMN 890 (CAHON) There are hundreds of sparrows

- 1. There are hundreds of sparrows, thousands, millions, they're two a penny, far too many there must be; there are hundreds and thousands, millions of sparrows, but God knows ev'ry one, and God knows me.
- 2. There are hundreds of flowers, thousands, millions, and flowers fair the meadows wear for all to see; there are hundreds and thousands, millions of flowers, but God knows ev'ry one, and God knows me.
- 3. There are hundreds of planets, thousands, millions, way out in spaceeach has a place by God's decree; where hundreds and thousands, millions of planets, but God knows ev'ry one, and God knows me.
- 4. There hundreds of children, thousands, millions, and yet their names are written on God's memory; there are hundreds and thousands, millions of children, but God knows ev'ry one, and God knows me.

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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, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

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

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Worship God

Welcome All

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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 <u>office@pershoreabbey.org.uk</u> 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 ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 25 JUNE 2023

MINISTRY NEWS

<u>CHURCH, PINVIN:</u> 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*

<u>VICKY DENNIS:</u> 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*

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

<u>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:</u> The Christian Aid team are delighted to advise that they raised a massive £2,250.90 from all of the events that were organised and would like to say a very big thank you to those who contributed.



<u>ORDINATION BUS:</u> 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.

Our meeting point for the bus will be at the Abbey Octagon and will leave at 9.15am promptly. Please ensure you arrive in good time to ensure a prompt departure. We will return back to the Abbey for 1pm. Many thanks Peter Stansbie—Bus Monitor (Honorary)

<u>SUMMER SOCIAL AND IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 25 JUNE :</u> 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'.

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 **BROADWAY** Road section of their car park, not Bengeworth Road as previously advised!

<u>ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FUTURE ISSUES:</u> 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.

ABBEY LINK IDEAS REQUESTED: I'm now starting work on the Autumn edition of Abbey Link and inviting everyone to make suggestions for articles. What would you like to see in the magazine? Do you have role in the church that you might like to talk about? (Nothing is trivial. Everyone contributes to the whole!) Or is there any subject you'd like to know more about? You could even consider writing something yourself, but just suggestions would be great! I can't promise to publish everything, but no idea is wasted. Thank you! Christopher Kimberley

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

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

ITS ALL ABOUT GIVE AND TAKE!

There will be an Abbey Eco Church Coffee morning in St Andrew'

15 July including a Give and Take Stall, so save the date

SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023 1000-1100

Meet at the West End of the Abbey

All Welcome - Equipment Provided

NEXT ABBEY
LITTER PICK DATE:

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!

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.

<u>TAKE A WALK ON THE WILDSIDE</u>: 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.

LET US PRAY FOR JAYNE PARKER



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, Sunday 2 July 2023

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

PIPE DREAMS FESTIVAL TICKET INFORMATION

A number of tickets for the Festival events taking place on 29 and 30 September have already been made available to those who pledged towards the Pipe Dreams scheme and our other project partners though direct mailings. If you have supported the project and have not received information on priority bookings, please let the office know as soon as possible, and by **Wednesday 28 June** at the latest.

We are very pleased to announce that the remainder of the tickets for the following events will go on sale on **Monday 11 July**:

- Friday 29 September at 1900 Festival Choral Concert
 with Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of Music and Choir of Gonville & Caius
 College, Cambridge
- Saturday 30 September at 1900 Festival Organ Recital
 with Robert Quinney, Organist and Tutor in Music, New College, Oxford,
 Associate Professor, Faculty of Music, University of Oxford and former Sub-Organist,
 Westminster Abbey

Tickets cost £15 each and are limited to 4 per sale for each event. They will be available from BLUE (Broad Street, Pershore) or directly from the Benefice Office during normal opening hours (Tues - Weds 1100-1200). Payment for tickets purchased through the office must be made in cash or by cheque. Tickets can not be ordered in advance of 11 July and will not be available to buy before this date.

There are **NO TICKETS** required for the Festival Eucharist or Festival Evensong on **1 October** and we do hope that as many people as possible will join us as we all come together for the final day of the Festival in celebration of our Pipe Dreams journey.

VACANCY - PART TIME OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

We need a capable self-starter to work in our busy office serving the Abbey, Birlingham, Pinvin and Wick churches for 16 hours a week over three days, of which Friday must be one. A mix of Office and home working is available. Excellent interpersonal and IT skills are needed.

Closing date for applications is **3 July 2023.** For a full job description and application form please contact our office on 01386 552071 (please leave your name & contact details) or email **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**

OTHER NEWS

TRAIDCRAFT/FAIRTRADE STALL - NEW LEADER REQUIRED: As Traidcraft is no longer a shop we can buy from, we are changing our Abbey stall to a stall selling Fairtrade products. The Abbey is now looking for a new person to manage this Fairtrade Stall, oversee the ordering of new products and run/oversee the Rota for the volunteers. Dora is stepping down after many years, and would be happy to help train the new person. Products will be sourced from ethical sites that sell Fairtrade products that the Abbey congregation have purchased in the past, and new products to bring a new look to the stall. Please have a deep think about your own Fairtrade purchasing, your ethical beliefs, and whether you are able to take this new role on. If you would like more information please email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

<u>WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON THE FAIRTRADE STALL?</u>: We know our congregation customers have always bought the basics - tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits and honey. We have also had good sales of chocolate, cocoa and seasonal items.

As we will be buying Fairtrade products from new sources, we need to know if these basics will still be on your Abbey shopping list, and what other products you are likely to need and to buy. It's all about you as our Fairtrade customers and friends.

There is a form at the back of the Abbey for you to fill in and there will also be forms available on our stall for you to take away, so please do fill them in so we know what items you wish us to stock. *Thank you*, *Dora*.

TEDDY BEARS WANTED FOR PLUM FAYRE: Once again the Abbey is collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 28 August. Donations would be very much appreciated, please place in the "Teddy Box" at the back of the Abbey or phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293. *Thank you.*

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<u>WATERMUSIC IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN AID AND CHARITY:</u> 16 July sees the return of the Watermusic Event in the riverside garden of 55 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.

<u>JESUS REVOLUTION - NUMBER 8 FRIDAY 14 JULY & SATURDAY 15 JULY 1930:</u> Set in the 70s this drama tells the story of the movement Time magazine dubbed, a 'Jesus Revolution'. Tickets available from **Number 8** at £9/£8.50.

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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 Plant Survey (Abbey Wildflower Area)

15:30 Iona Social (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 26 June

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

10:30 Bells Quarter Peal (St Andrew's)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (St Andrew's Main)

14:00 Abbey Mission Group Meeting (St Andrew's Upper)

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

18:45 Art & Craft for Wellbeing - Evening (St Andrew's Upper)

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

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

Tuesday 27 June

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

13:30 PUC Meeting (St Andrew's Upper)

14:00 Funeral Service for the late Terry Woodcock (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (St Andrew's Main)

18:30 Wedding Rehearsal for Lauren Oliver & Charles McGorrigan (Pershore Abbey)

19:00 Confetti Fields Service (Wick)

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

Wednesday 28 June

12:00 Monks' Day—Orchard Primary School (Pershore Abbey)

13:00 Bring your own Craft & Chat (St Andrew's Main)

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

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

Thursday 29 June

09:30 Organ Festival meeting (Zoom)

11:00 Funeral Service for the late Richard Elliot (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

13:00 Wedding Service for Lauren Oliver and Charles McGorrigan (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 31 June

Cherry Picker at Abbey—ALL DAY

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 01 July

Pershore Midsummer Brass Concert—ALL DAY (Pershore Abbey)

13:00 Concert Use (St Andrew's Main)

13:00 Service of Thanksgiving for Pat and Geoffrey Taylor (St James', Birlingham)

Sunday 02 July - Trinity 4

LIMITED SUNDAY SERVICES DUE TO JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION SERVICE

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)

10:30 Jayne Parker Ordination (Worcester Cathedral)

13:00 Jayne Parker's post ordination Lunch (Pershore Abbey)

14:00 Service of Holy Baptism (St James', Birlingham)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (Pershore Abbey)

17:00 Evensong (Pershore Abbey)