



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 09 July 2023
Trinity 5

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey 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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THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9.9-12

A reading from the Book of Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 7.15-25a

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do

the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 362

NATIVITY

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.
2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'
3. Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.
4. Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.
5. The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Henry Lahee

GRADUAL 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)

Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877)

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia, his the triumph,
 his the victory alone:
 hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus out of every nation
 hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia, not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now;
 alleluia, he is near us,
 faith believes, nor questions how:
 though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?
3. Alleluia, bread of angels,
 thou on earth our food, our stay;
 alleluia, here the sinful
 flee to thee from day to day:
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia, King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own;
 alleluia, born of Mary,
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
 thou within the veil hast entered,
 robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
 thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
 Music: Melody by Roand Huw Prichard (1811-1887)

COMMUNION MOTET

Fairest lord Jesus—Silesian Folk Song arr. Martin How
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

1. Body broken for our good,
 and that body's precious blood:
 we receive them to our shame,
 who dishonour Jesus' name.
 Every day more blood is shed;
 flesh is broken, left for dead.
 Where earth's children bleed and die,
 it is Christ we crucify.

Cont.

2. Yet your love, God, draws us near,
though unworthy to be here;
we have nothing good to bring,
yet you give us everything!
Here you give us Christ who died,
resurrected, glorified;
his humanity, divine,
here is ours in bread and wine.

3. Time, with energy and health,
talent, poverty or wealth:
all are yours, Lord, taken up
in the sign of bread and cup.
Though we may be broken too,
and our lives poured out for you,
make of us the living sign
of your love in bread and wine.

Alan Gaunt (b.1935)

FINAL HYMN

A&M 595

SLANE

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Translated by: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified by: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)

Music: Irish Traditional Melody

harmonised by: Erik Routley (1917-1982)

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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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**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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.

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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*

OTHER NEWS

KEEPING US ALL SAFE IN THE ABBEY AND ST ANDREW'S: Our buildings are well equipped to deal with any risk from fire - you will have seen carefully placed fire extinguishers and alarm call points, and we have smoke alarms and emergency lighting too. They are all regularly maintained but some also need to be checked at intervals between time. We urgently need a volunteer who could make these interim checks. Might this be You? Please contact: *Judy Dale, Chair of Fabric* .

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.*

ECO CHURCH

PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH COFFEE MORNING: There will be an Abbey Eco Church Coffee morning in St Andrew's on 15 July including a give and take stall. Bring along any books, plants or produce that you want to give and then in return take something that someone else has brought. No clothes or bric-a-brac please!



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

WATERMUSIC IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN AID AND CHARITY: **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.

Please see our July/August Monthly bulletin for all other notices and events

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 09 July - Trinity 5

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

10:30 Pet Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 10 July

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

13:00 Art and Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)

16:15 Funeral Wake for the late
Elizabeth Prentice (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:45 Art & Craft (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

Tuesday 11 July

09:30 Bells VoE Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

12:00 Funeral Service for the late
Kathleen Payne (*Vale Crematorium*)

14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 12 July

ALL DAY –PERSHORE ABBEY—COLLECTION
OF THE BRADFORD ORGAN & AMPLIFIERS

09:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

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

19:00 Deanery Service (*Bengeworth*)

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

Thursday 13 July

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

14:00 Service of Thanksgiving for the late
Anne Bremer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Wick PCC (*Wick*)

Friday 14 July

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

10:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

21:00 Bat Walk (*Abbey Park*)

Saturday 15 July

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

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

19:30 Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra
Concert in aid of FOAG (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 16 July - Trinity 6

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*)

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



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