



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 16 July 2023
Trinity 6

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.10-13

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh

but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 283

REGENT SQUARE

1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.
3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b1926)
Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)
Last verse arrangement by John Barnard (b1948)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 387

SUSSEX

1. Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our age-long seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.
2. Words of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.
3. Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.
4. Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.

[Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983*)
Music: English traditional Melody
Adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)]

1. And can it be that I should gain
 an interest in the Saviour's blood?
 Died he for me, who caused his pain?
 For me, who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be
 that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
2. 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
 Who can explore his strange design?
 In vain the first-born seraph tries
 to sound the depths of love divine.
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
 let angel minds enquire no more.
3. He left his Father's throne above —
 so free, so infinite his grace —
 emptied himself of all but love,
 and bled for Adam's helpless race.
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
 for, O my God, it found out me!
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
 fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
 my chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
5. No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
 Alive in him, my living Head,
 and clothed in righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ,
 my own.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

Music: from Thomas Campbell *The Bouquet*, 1825

COMMUNION MOTET

Lord, I Trust Thee— G F Handel

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN**A&M 628****RIEVAULX**

1. Father of heaven, whose love profound
 a ransom for our souls hath found,
 before thy throne we sinners bend,
 to us thy pardoning love extend.
2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
 our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
 before thy throne we sinners bend,
 to us thy saving grace extend.

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3. Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy quickening power extend.

4. Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

[Edward Cooper (1770-1833)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 222

CHRISTCHURCH

1. You shall go out with joy
and come again in peace;
the mountains and the hills
shall sing and never cease;
the Son of God is Ris'n again,
his love has conquered death's domain.

3. The Word, like rain or snow,
has come down from above,
and now reveals to all
God's purposes of love;
the Word made flesh, once dead, now lives,
new life to all he freely gives.

2. The trees in every field
shall clap their hands, and say
'Come shout aloud and help
us celebrate this day!'
Jesus, the King, has burst the grave,
and lives once more to heal and save.

4. The myrtle for the briar,
the cypress for the thorn,
shall rise to tell the world
of its awaking dawn.
Jesus, the life, the Truth, the Way,
has ushered in God's great new day.

[N.T. Wright (*b.1948*)]

Words :© The Right Reverend N. T. Wright
Music: Charles Steggall (1826-1905)]

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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

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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

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.



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MINISTRY NEWS

YES, ANOTHER DIAMOND WEDDING. As our 60th anniversary approaches on 20 July, we invite you to celebrate with us after the 1030 service at the Abbey with a slice of our anniversary cake. The organ voluntary after the service will be the music with which we led the procession down the aisle after the wedding: Sigfrid Karg-Elert's Chorale Prelude on Nun Danket (Now thank we all our God). *Philip & Jacquie Hughes*



Many congratulations to Philip and Jacquie on this wonderful achievement! Thank you for sharing your cake with us! Claire

IONA SERVICE SUNDAY 23 JULY AT 1700—THEME IS EL SALVADOR' : The last Iona Service before the August break will be focussing on the people and recent events in El Salvador. The government of El Salvador has suspended some citizens' rights in order to round up and imprison 70,000 suspected gang members. Will this end the cycle of violence in the country? Everyone is very welcome to this small, informal and reflective service. If you would like a Zoom link, please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

CORRECTION—A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS WITH REVD PHILIP HUGHES: Revd Hughes will be organising a series of meetings on the theme of "Trees of the New Testament which help us to see Jesus as our Saviour and Redeemer" this Autumn.

- **Wednesday** series of five meetings will be held at 8, Ashdale Avenue at 1030 on Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27, and Oct. 4.
- **Friday** (*previously advertised incorrectly as a Thursday*) series will be held at 27 Bridge Street at 1915 (after choir practice) on September 1, 8, 15 and 22, and will close on October 6 following a gap for the Organ Festival.

Previous participants or new ones are equally welcome. Sessions will begin with tea/coffee, and will last approximately 1 hour. Parking on the odd side of Bridge St. where there is a single yellow line is free in the evening after 1800. *Philip Hughes.*

DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARIES: Are now available for collection at the back of the Abbey.

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.

OTHER NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PLUM FAYRE DAY—MONDAY 28 AUGUST: If you have the time to spare to help on Plum Fayre Day either in the Abbey or St Andrew's, we will have a sign up list available at the back of the Abbey from Sunday 23 July. *Thank you*

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

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

Monday 17 July

1030 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

18:00 Holy Redeemer Year 6 Leavers' Party
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Tuesday 18 July

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

12:00 Funeral Service for the late
Colin Smith (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Abbey Fabric Committee Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Wednesday 19 July

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Funeral service for the late
Michael Harris (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

15:00 U3A Singers (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Evesham Ramblers (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Thursday 20 July

10:00 Pinvin Federation Leavers' Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Abbey Park Middle School Leavers'
Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:30 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Friday 21 July

09:30 Scheduled Clean (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Orchard Primary Leavers' Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

21:30 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 22 July

09:00 Craft Fair (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Eco Church Litter Pick (*Abbey Park*)

12:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 23 July - Trinity 7

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise Outdoor Service
(*Abbey Park No livestream*)

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

14:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Patronal Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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