



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 23 JULY 2023

TRINITY 7

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

WELCOME TO OUR OUTDOOR SERVICE BY THE ABBEY'S BIODIVERSITY AREA

Please feel free to remain seated during our service if you find that easier

Today, the 0800 Service will be live-streamed for you to view on our YouTube channel.

You can join in live at 0800 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.

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 765

Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Cont.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

Tune: Lobe Den Herren
[Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)]

Please sit

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
Come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
And failed to strive for justice.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,
But have failed to share it with others.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.

Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

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

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons: as we thank you for your harvest may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name for ever.
For great is your steadfast love towards me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving-maid.
Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

At the end the reader will say:

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 536

Creator God

Creator God, the world around
declares your glory — flower and tree,
the evening sky and torrent's sound
and mountain stream and rolling sea.
Yet all this beauty cannot show
a God whom we can truly know.

Composer God, all music sings
your power, your praise, your majesty:
in drum and trumpet, flute and strings,
in choir and song and symphony.
Yet music which inspires our praise
can never fathom all your ways.

Designer God, in shape and form
the beauty you inspire is shown;
in line and colour, etched or drawn,
in sculpture, painting, glass and stone.
Yet all these talents can't express
the full truth of your loveliness.

Mysterious God, though all the arts
of nature and of human skill
may move us, yet our longing hearts
are never satisfied until
in Jesus Christ you show your face:
a God of love and truth and grace.

Tune: Melita
[Brian Hoare (b. 1935)]

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The Gospel

Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the

householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 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 533

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:
2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

Cont.

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

4. The tall trees in the greenwood,
the meadows where we play,
the rushes by the water
we gather every day:

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well:

Tune: All things bright and beautiful
[Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)]

Creator God, you give seed for us to sow, and bread for us to eat; make us thankful for what we have received and generous in supplying the needs of others so all the world may give you thanks and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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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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

23 JULY 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 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

NEW TEAM MEMBER FOR BENEFICE OFFICE: Fiona Hoggard will be joining our Office team from August 02 following Gail's departure. Fiona will join Elizabeth as our Ministry Team Secretary. Some of you may know Fiona from her time running '3 Little Pigs' in the High Street. I am sure we will all give Fiona a warm welcome, and some time to find her feet in the job as she becomes a vital member of the Abbey and Benefice Team. *Claire*

IONA SERVICE SUNDAY 23 JULY THEME: 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

MORNING PRAYER WILL BE IN THE CHOIR VESTRY ON JULY 24 to JULY 26: Work will be taking place on areas of the paved Abbey flooring from Monday July 24 to Wednesday July, starting each day at 0830. Therefore Morning Prayer for these 3 days will be in the **choir vestry**. Please note that Evening Prayer will remain in the apse. *Judy Dale*

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHDEACON ROBERT JONES: We received a lovely card from Archdeacon Robert, who would like to say a few words—"Thank you so much for the warm welcome and generous hospitality of the Abbey for the Churchwardens' Admission Service. Please pass on my gratitude to the many people in the home team who made us all feel at home too! God Bless." *Robert*



JAYNE PARKER CONTACT DETAILS: Jayne can now be contacted on the curate's email address which is: curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk. As many of you are aware Jayne is a self-supporting minister and so I have a secular job to attend to during the week. It is my intention to have a day a week to be present in the benefice and we are currently experimenting with how this will work best. We hope to be able to confirm this in September."

A MESSAGE FROM GAIL ANDREWS: Thank you so much for the past seven years - I have loved my time here and all the amazing opportunities that it has afforded me and wonderful experiences I have shared with you along the way. I will miss you all dreadfully, but hope none of us will be strangers. *Love Gail.*



A fabulous collection of £390 was presented to Gail on her last day with us. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PLUM FAYRE DAY—MONDAY 28 AUGUST: Refreshments of tea and cakes will be served in St Andrew’s Centre, so we are looking for helpers for sessions between **10:00** and **16:00** on **Monday 28 August**. If you think you can help please contact **Sara Speed** on **01386 710776**. *Thank you.*

We would also be very grateful for any cakes, or, if you don’t want to make a cake, a donation would also be very much appreciated. If you are able to provide a cake for the Plum Fayre day please contact **Jane Knox** on **01386 556981**. *Thank you*

We will also have sign up sheets available at the back of the Abbey this Sunday.

SUMMER ACTIVITY MORNING PERSHORE ABBEY ON TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 0930-1200: A drop in event (no need to book) for children up to 11 years old with an accompanying adult including games, dressing up, a trail and crafts. I will need some dozen sized egg boxes for one of the crafts, please leave in the box at the back of the Abbey. Many thanks *Sam Andrews*

OTHER NEWS

NEW BOOKSTALL MANAGER: After many years of faithful service as our bookstall manager, Jean Andrews is stepping down. Jean has been wonderful with her ordering choices and has enabled there to be a fantastic selection of cards and items for folks to buy on the bookstall. She has also worked alongside Anita encouraging and supporting our volunteer welcomers. Our new Bookstall Manager is Sally Whyte, who many of you will know as bookstall volunteer and Abbey sidesperson. We very much look forward to seeing Sally take over this role in the coming weeks. *Claire*

ST ANDREW’S CARPARK CLOSURE ON THURSDAY 27 JULY 1430 ONWARDS: St Andrew’s rear carpark will be closed in order to paint the floor bricks which will make the car parking spaces easier to see. Please ensure that all vehicles are removed prior to this time. Thank you. *Sam Andrews*

WATERMUSIC CONCERT: Many thanks to all who supported WaterMusic last Sunday. £525 has been sent off to Christian Aid and £250 to Medecins sans Frontier. *Sarah*

A ‘THANK YOU’ FROM PHILIP & JACQUIE: ‘We wish to thank Claire, and everybody very much for helping us to celebrate our diamond wedding anniversary. For the lovely flowers, for your cards, kind words, Hilary for making the beautiful cake (we have never seen one vanish so quickly), and Matthew on the organ for evoking those memories with his rendering of Nun Danket. It was overwhelming.’ *Philip & Jacquie*

Summer Activity Morning @ Pershore Abbey



kindly funded by **Rotary**
Club of Pershore 



Tuesday 15th August 2023
Drop in between 9:30am to 12pm

for
Games • Crafts • Trail • & More

Children up to 11 years old
with an accompanying adult

If you want to find out more contact:
Sam Andrews: candfw.pershoreabbey@gmail.com

Pershore Abbey AUTUMN 2023 CONCERT PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 1900

Pershore Rotary Concert —
John's Boys Male Chorus

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1900

Chandos Symphony Orchestra — Russian Classics

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1930

Masterworks Chorale -
Sound Escapes Performance Tours

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 1900

Festival Choral Concert with Gonville & Caius
College Choir, Cambridge

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1900

Festival Organ Recital with Robert Quinney

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 1400

Worcester Federation of Women's Institutes

For full details and booking information visit
www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events
or call the Pershore Abbey & Benefice Office 01386 552071

PERSHORE ABBEY PIPE DREAMS ORGAN FESTIVAL THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ORGAN FESTIVAL AS WE COME TOGETHER
TO CELEBRATE OUR PIPE DREAM BECOMING A REALITY

ORGAN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 28 September	School Outreach Event
Friday 29 September at 1900 <i>Ticketed Event</i>	Festival Choral Concert with Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of Music and Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge
Saturday 30 September at 1900 <i>Ticketed Event</i>	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
Sunday 1 October at 1030	Festival Eucharist with Bishop John
Sunday 1 October at 1700	Festival Evensong

TICKETED EVENTS BOOKING INFORMATION

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM **11 JULY**

Cost: £15 each

Tickets are limited to 4 per event and will not be available before this date

BOX OFFICES: BLUE, Broad Street, Pershore OR
The Benefice Office (Tues-Thurs, 1100—1200 noon)

We are unable to accept card payments

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Pershore Abbey Malvern Priory Choir Evensong



Saturday 5 August
1700
Pershore Abbey



Great Malvern Priory

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ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Due to clergy and staff holidays in July / August, please call the answerphone service on 01386 552071 for full contact details should you need a priest in an emergency

Sunday 23 July - Trinity 7

08:00 Eucharist with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Morning Praise Outdoor Service (*Abbey Park*)
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*)

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 24 July

ALL DAY—Floor Cleaning Pershore Abbey
10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
10:30 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)
13:15 Art and Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)
19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Upper*)
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 25 July

ALL DAY—Floor Cleaning Pershore Abbey
11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 26 July

ALL DAY—Floor Cleaning Pershore Abbey
13:15 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 27 July

ALL DAY—Architect St Andrew's
11:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:00 Funeral Service for the late Mo Hulme
(*Vale Crematorium*)
14:00 Emergency Lighting tests
(*Pershore Abbey & St Andrew's*)
14:30 St Andrew's Car Park CLOSED

Friday 28 July

13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
13:15 Funeral for the late Jack Jones
(*Pershore Abbey*)
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
21:30 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 29 July

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Sunday 30 July - Trinity 8

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist
with LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)



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