



PERSHORE BENEFICE

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**

Sunday, 30 July 2023

Trinity 8

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.

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.

THE COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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

1 Kings 3.5-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do

according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.26-39

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but

when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

This service is being live streamed to the Abbey’s YouTube Channel

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

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 696

WAREHAM

1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.
2. For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.
3. Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.
4. Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.
5. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

[William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: William Knapp (1698-1768)

Descant by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 797

YANWORTH

1. The Lord is King! He set the stars in space,
and fashioned all our varied human race.
Creator God whose hand sustains us still,
your kingdom stands, and all things serve your will.
2. The Lord is King! He sent his Son to earth,
his glory laid aside in human birth.
O Saviour Christ, who died and rose again,
your kingdom comes where in our lives you reign.
3. The Lord is King! He sent his Spirit here
To heal and save, to banish doubt and fear.
Spirit of truth, exalt the Living Word,
Whose kingdom grows till all shall own him Lord.
4. The Lord is King! From all in earth and heaven
Be blessing, honour, praise and glory given.
While earthly kingdoms fade and cease to be,
God's kingdom lasts for all eternity.

Brian Hoare (b.1935)

Music: John Barnard (b.1948)

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1832-1900)
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

COMMUNION MOTET

Ave Verum Corpus - W A Mozart

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 601

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest —
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

[Fanny Crosby (Frances Jane Van Alstyne) 1820-1915)
Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 644

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

2. God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

[Timothy Rees (1874-1939)
Music: Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)]

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

30 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*

MALVERN PRIORY CHOIR 5 AUGUST 1700: We are delighted to host Great Malvern Priory Choir for an Evensong at Pershore Abbey on Saturday 5 August at 1700. Please come along and join us.



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.*

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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ON MONDAY 28 AUGUST : If you have some spare time to help on Plum festival day to help in the Abbey with our booking in desk for the Teddy events and tour tours, please contact **Suzanne Clarke** on **01386 553293**. *Thank you.*

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CONTD

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*

ABBAY LINK VOLUNTEER DELIVERERS URGENTLY NEEDED: We urgently need volunteers to assist with deliveries for the following areas:

- Hurst Road 2-28
- Furlong Road 1-54
- Station Road 25-51 odds & 50-88 evens
- Avon Road 1-53 odds & 4-54 evens
- Abbots Road 1, 3 & 5, 4-26 evens
- St. Andrews Road 18, & 21-79 odds
- Stonewell Terrace 1-12

Delivery takes place only 4 times a year, and if anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

ECO NEWS

RESCHEDULED BAT WALK FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2010: Unfortunately the Bat walk scheduled for 14 July had to be cancelled because of the weather. However Evesham Bat Care are holding another walk on Friday 25 August to coincide with national Bat week. So why not start the Bank Holiday weekend with an insight into these fascinating nocturnal creatures at the onset of dusk. Starting from St Andrew's Gardens at 8.10pm Evesham Bat Care will take us around the Abbey with the help of their detectors. This is a free event but a donation would be appreciated towards the work of Evesham Bat Care.

BIODIVERSITY AREA: Over the next couple of weeks the wild flowers and grass will be removed from the Abbey's small meadow. This will be done in two stages with the outer perimeter, which has had the wild flowers, being cut a little later. This will also be left after being cut for a few days, to hopefully shed some seed. It has been a nice display this summer and plans are underway to develop it further in the autumn, so watch this space!

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
Malvern Priory Choir
Evensong



Saturday 5 August
1700
Pershore Abbey



Great Malvern Priory

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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 <i>with Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of Music and Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge</i>
Saturday 30 September at 1900 <i>Ticketed Event</i>	Festival Organ Recital <i>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</i>
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
www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

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

BAT WALK AROUND PERSHORE ABBEY

WE WILL WALK AROUND THE ABBEY ENVIRONS
 AT DUSK WITH EVESHAM BAT CARE

Come along and experience
 Pershore Abbey's nocturnal wildlife!



MEET IN ST ANDREW'S CENTRE GARDENS



FRIDAY 25 AUGUST
meet at 20:10

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

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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 30 July - Trinity 8

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist
with LIVESTREAM (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 31 July

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

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

Tuesday 01 August

AM - Lighting Engineers Pershore Abbey

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

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

Wednesday 02 August

11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Funeral Service for the Late
Bruce Baker (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Thursday 03 August

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 04 August

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells Surprise Major Practice
(*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 05 August

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

15:30 Rehearsal for Great Malvern Priory
Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong led by Great Malvern Priory
Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 06 August - Transfiguration of our Lord

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall and
with LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)



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