



The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick Sunday, 20 August 2023

Trinity 11

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.

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THE COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as

you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 15.10-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN A&M 223 MILES LANE

- All hail the power of Jesu's name;
 let angels prostrate fall;
 bring forth the royal diadem
 to crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown him Lord of all.
- 4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
- 2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light, who fixed this floating ball; now hail the Strength of Israel's might, and crown him Lord of all.
- 5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
- 3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all.
- 6. Let every tribe and every tongue to him their hearts enthral, lift high the universal song and crown him Lord of all.

[Edward Perronet (1726-1792) Music: William Shrubsole (1759-1806)

GRADUAL HYMN A&M 679 KILMARNOCK

- In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- Join hands, then, children of the faith, whate'er your race may be; who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.
- 2. In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.
- 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christlike souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

[John Oxenham (William Arthur Dunkerley) (1852-1941) Music: Melody and most of the harmony by Neill Dougall (1776-1862)]

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- Blessèd city, heavenly Salem, vision dear of peace and love, who of living stones art builded in the height of heaven above, and with angel hosts encircled, as a bride dost earthward move!
- 2. From celestial realms descending, bridal glory round thee shed, meet for him whose love espoused thee, to thy Lord shalt thou be led; all thy streets and all thy bulwarks of pure gold are fashioned.
- 3. Bright thy gates of pearl are shining, they are open evermore; and by virtue of his merits thither faithful souls do soar, who for Christ's dear name in this world pain and tribulation bore.
- 4. Many a blow and biting sculpture polished well those stones elect, in their places now compacted by the heavenly Architect, who therewith hath willed for ever that his palace should be decked.
- 5. Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three, and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

[Urbs beata Jerusalem Translated by John Mason Neale(1818-1866)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, Richard Farrant

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 292

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

 'Let us go to the house of God.'

 And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!

Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

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- 2. Like a temple of unity
 is the city, Jerusalem.
 It is there all tribes will gather,
 all the tribes of the house of God.
- 3. It is faithful to Israel's law, there to praise the name of God. All the judgement seats of David were set down in Jerusalem.
- For the peace of all nations, pray:
 for God's peace within your homes.
 May God's lasting peace surround us;
 may it dwell in Jerusalem.
- 5. For the love of friends and kin
 I will bless you with signs of peace.
 For the love of God's own people
 I will labour and pray for you.

[Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) based on Psalm 122 Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

FINAL HYMN A&M 806 CORVEDALE

- 1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

 There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.
- 2. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

 But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he would not own.
- 3. There is plentiful redemption through the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

 There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
- 4. If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

[Frederick William Faber (1814-1863]

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 20 AUGUST 2023

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

Worship God

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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**

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.

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

MINISTRY NEWS

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.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH AUTUMN STUDY GROUPS: Following the decision by General



Synod to allow the blessing of same sex relationships we thought it would be a good idea to run the Living in Love and Faith course again. This course enables people to think about Christian teaching and learning on identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. This autumn LLF study groups will take place at St Andrew's at 1900 on the following

Thursdays:

- 5 OCTOBER
- 19 OCTOBER
- 12 OCTOBER
- 26 OCTOBER

If you would like to know more about the course please contact me. Those who have participated before have found it a very worthwhile and thought provoking course. *Claire*

<u>CAFÉ CHURCH RETURNS ON 10 SEPTEMBER 0945:</u> After an August summer break, come and join in with our family friendly and informal café—style worship at St Andrew's Centre. All are welcome.

<u>HARVEST FESTIVALS</u>: During September and October we shall be celebrating Harvest in our churches. This year many of the harvests have been good, but others have struggled and in places across the world harvests have failed again. Our Harvest Services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and to give thanks for all who work in the farming community, both at home and abroad. This year our harvest services will take place on the following days:

St James', Birlingham	1030	24 September	Harvest Festival
St Mary's, Wick	1030	24 September	Harvest Festival
Pershore Abbey	1030	8 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
St Nicholas', Pinvin	1030	15 October	Harvest Festival

As we celebrate our plentiful harvest here in the Pershore Benefice we also remember that it is a time to share in that bounty and ask that people consider bringing non-perishable food donations for the Pershore Foodbank along to our services.

MINISTRY NEWS CONTD

TERRY PALMER: Many congratulations to Terry who has been warmly recommended by a



Church of England national selection process to train for ordination! This is such good news! Terry has grown in his sense of calling and vocation as he has shared in ministry across the benefice. We are all delighted that his sense of calling to the priesthood has been affirmed. Terry now begins three years of training at Ripon College Cuddesdon, where he will be completing a part-time course as he continues his demanding full-time job at Arnold Laver. Please remember Terry and Jodie in your prayers as they begin a new chapter in their journey of faith. *Claire*

ECO NEWS

RESCHEDULED BAT WALK FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2010: Evesham Bat Care are holding another walk on Friday 25 August to coincide with national Bat week. 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.

<u>CLIMATE SUNDAY:</u> This will take place on **24 September**. Through our worship and the words we share, we will be giving thanks to God for creation and reflecting on how we can be the best stewards of God's earth.



At time of global climate crisis we are called to action, so that those who comes after us have a world to cherish. Come and be a part of the challenge around our benefice.

NEXT ABBEY ECO LITTER PICK 23 SEPTEMBER AT 1000: Come along and help us make a difference to our church and our worlds. Litter picking equipment and bags will be provided—all we ask is an hour of your time. We will follow this month's litter pick with an Eco film on the environment at St Andrew's Centre.

To keep up to date with all our eco news, and events you can visit our website https://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/eco-church/

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

A THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FROM ROGER BATTY: Stevie Quick is already doing a great job as the new Events Coordinator and I wish him well; I'm sure he'll get the same friendliness, help and support that I had from everyone at the Abbey. I can't leave without saying thank you for that, particularly to those who managed events so well when I could not be there. I am referring to Judy Dale, Suzanne Clarke, Sam Andrews, Hilary Fowler, Robin Hancox, Peter Stansbie, Bob Gilmor, Martin Fowler and Bill Newman. Also huge thanks to Sarah, Gail and Elizabeth in the office for their patience, kindness and humour... and of course their immense help. I'll be in Pershore from time to time so I'll see you around. Roger.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CONTD

<u>PLUM FESTIVAL CAKE MAKERS:</u> To those who have offered to make cakes, please bring them to either the 0800 or 1030 service on **Sunday 27th August**. There will be boxes marked "fresh" & "frozen". If your cake is coming out of the freezer, please can you put it in the appropriate box and then we know which to use first. If you have any problems delivering your cake please ring Jane on 556981. Please label your cake containers so we know who to return them to. Cakes are still welcome or donations, please see **Sara Speed** after this mornings service to be added to our reserve list for St Andrew's.

If on the Plum Fayre weekend any volunteers for St Andrew's cannot make their session on the Monday please ring Jane Knox on 556981 (Sunday) or 07870 227636 (Monday).

There are still slots to be filled on Monday 28th in St. Andrew's & help is needed for clearing up at the end, after 4pm. Please see **Sara Speed**. A plea for garden furniture (tables & chairs), if you are able to lend for the St. Andrew's garden please ring Jane & she will arrange collection on Sunday 27th August ready for the Plum Fayre on Monday 28th. Thank you to all who are helping in anyway, we really appreciate it. *Sara & Jane, PASA (Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's)*

<u>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ON MONDAY 28 AUGUST:</u> 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 tower tours, please contact **Suzanne Clarke** on **01386 553293**. *Thank you*.

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.*

<u>CHILDREN'S TRAIL BACK IN THE ABBEY FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS:</u> Our children's trail is back in the Abbey for the school holidays, so do take a look and encourage our younger visitors to become "Abbey Explorers"!

<u>SUMMER ACTIVITY MORNING @ PERSHORE ABBEY:</u> Thank you to everyone who supported the event, supplying egg boxes and volunteering their time. Thank you also to Rotary Club of Pershore for kindly funding the event. *Sam Andrews*

OTHER NEWS

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

- · Station Road 25-51 odds & 50-88 even
- · Avon Road 1-53 odds & 4-54 evens

· High Street (Town Hall side)

- · Head Street to Broad Street
- · Ashdale Avenue 7-37 (odds) & 14-50 (evens)· Kingfisher Fields.
- · Skylark Drive

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.

OTHER NEWS CONTD

<u>ABBEY CAR SHARE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!</u>: Drivers urgently needed as we have a couple, who live in Pershore, who would love to come to church but are unable to get to services under their own steam A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to be drivers on our Car Share scheme. . If you think you can help please contact Marcus on 01386 554547 or carshare@pershoreabbey.org.uk *Thank you*.

A WORD FROM OUR NEW BOOKSTALL MANAGER: Hello, my name is Sally and I've just



taken on the role of Bookstall Manager from Jean Andrews. She will be a hard act to follow but I'm going to continue stocking a wonderful selection of cards and other items for visitors to the Abbey to browse. Our cards are very competitively priced so do make us your first stop when buying!

The Bookstall volunteers who welcome our visitors are a vital part of Abbey life so a sincere thank you to everyone on the rota. I'll be trying to say hello personally to you all over the next few weeks.

If you have a couple of hours to spare have you considered becoming a Welcomer? You meet some lovely visitors and get to enjoy the Abbey in a different way. If so, I'd love to hear from you as we do have some slots- your commitment could be as little as 2 hours a month! Please get in touch with me. The bookstall now has its own email, so you can contact me on pershoreabbeybookstall@gmail.com, call me on 07858 506218 or say hello in person. I look forward to serving you and the Abbey in the future. Sally Whyte

ORGAN UPDATE AND ABBEY CLOSURES

During the settling in period of our new pipe organ, we are now at a stage where additional works and re-tuning is required. Therefore, subject to confirmation, we have scheduled works to take place from Monday 07 September through to Friday 22 September. Works will take place from 0700—1800 daily.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE ABBEY WILL BE OPEN BUT **TOTAL SILENCE** MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.

It is vital that our expert team are able to work in an environment of absolute silence to bring our organ to life and give it the 'voice' that will resound through Pershore Abbey for generations to come. Thank you so much for your continued patience, understanding and support as we complete this important final stage of the installation of the new organ.

Sunday services will be unaffected by this work and the Daily Offices will be held in the choir vestry. Please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for any updates. Thank you.

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS & EVENTS AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1900

PERSHORE ROTARY CONCERT
WITH JOHNS' BOYS MALE CHORUS

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1900

CHANDOS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
RUSSIAN CLASSICS

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1930

Free entry with donations to St Richard's Hospice

"IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE"

MASTERWORKS CHORALE CHARITY CONCERT

28 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER

PIPE DREAMS ORGAN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1430

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1930 PERSHORE CHORAL

FRIDAY 08 DECEMBER 1930

WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY 09 DECEMBER 1930

WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 1930

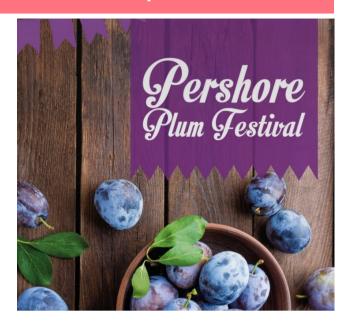
PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR

SATURAY 16 DECEMBER 1930

PERSHORE CHORAL

SATURDAY 06 JANUARY 1430

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



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MONDAY 28 AUGUST

- TOWER TOURS
- TEDDY ZIP WIRE
- TEDDY PARACHUTE DROP
 - CLASSIC CARS
- PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR
 - PERSHORE ARTS
 - REFRESHMENTS IN ST ANDREW'S CENTRE
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ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 20 August - Trinity 11

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

08:30 Private Hire (St Andrew's)

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

10:30 Sunday Praise (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (Pershore Abbey)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (St Mary's, Wick)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer 0830 Matins 1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 21 August

19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (St Andrew's Upper)

19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (Pershore Abbey)

Tuesday 22 August

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

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

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

Wednesday 23 August

AM - BT Engineer—Benefice Office

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

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

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

Thursday 24 August

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Friday 25 August

10:30 Organ Practice (Pershore Abbey)

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

19:30 Bells Quarter Peal (St Andrew's)

Saturday 26 August

10:00 Bells Quarter Peal for the plum Festival (Pershore Abbey)

Sunday 27 August - Trinity 12

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)

13:00 Plum Festival Set Up

(Pershore Abbey & St Andrew's)

14:15 Teddy Praise (Band Stand, Abbey Park)







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Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube

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