



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 27 AUGUST 2023

TRINITY 12

## SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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### 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 678

### In Christ alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest draught and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

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2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townsend (b. 1963)  
And Keith Getty (b.1974)]

*Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence*

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'  
As sisters and brothers in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have  
used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to  
us.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

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**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Psalm 138**

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down towards your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Hymn 604**

## **Brother sister let me serve you**

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
And companions on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

[Richard A.M. Gillard (B.1953)]

## **The Gospel – Matthew 16. 13 – 20**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the

Messiah.

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 or kneel 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 506**

## **The church's one foundation**

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. '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.
4. 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)]

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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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# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 27 AUGUST 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.*





# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

**MARY WALLEN:** We were all saddened to hear that Mary died last weekend. She was an ever present figure at the Abbey and around town. Mary loved the silence and peace of the Abbey and came as often as she could. She was also a great volunteer and loved to meet new people. Mary will be dearly missed by all of us who had the good fortune of knowing her. Mary's funeral service will be at the Abbey on 12 September at 1230. Please remember all of Mary's family in your prayers. *Claire*

## 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.

**CAFÉ CHURCH RETURNS ON 10 SEPTEMBER 0945:** 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.

**HARVEST FESTIVALS:** 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:

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

### 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, 12, 19 and 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*

### 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*

### ABBEY CAR SHARE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!:

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](mailto:carshare@pershoreabbey.org.uk) *Thank you.*

## OTHER NEWS

### AUTUMN CLEAN ST ANDREW'S SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 0930-1130:

Can you spare an hour or so to help us with a 'deep clean' of St Andrew's on Saturday 9 September between 0930 and 1130? We want to reach the parts normal cleaning can't! St Andrew's has been very busy this year with church and community events and meetings and will be very busy on Plum Fair, so all help will be gratefully received. Please let Suzanne or Sam know if you can help, or just turn up on the day. *Thank you*

ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEER DELIVERERS URGENTLY NEEDED: We urgently need volunteers to assist with deliveries, only 4 times a year, 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

Please contact the **Abbey Office on 01386 552071** or **Roger Piper on 01386 553110.**

### FREE PROSTATE CANCER PSA TESTING 7 SEPTEMBER:

Kidderminster & Worcestershire Prostate Cancer Support Group has arranged a PSA Testing event to be held at Wychavon Civic Centre on Thursday 7 September. To book online, visit : <https://myspatests.org.uk>

## PLUM FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES AT PERSHORE ABBEY

Come along and join us at Pershore Abbey on **Monday 28 August** where we will have lots of fun activities for all the family. These include

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



# Pershore Abbey Teddy Praise

Bring along your teddies  
for this joyous service of thanks  
and friendship

**Sunday 27 August 2023  
1415**

**The Bandstand  
Pershore Abbey Park**



If attending **Teddy Praise**, please bring along something to sit on.

## 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.

## ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **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 (*Bandstand, Abbey Park*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 28 August - Bank Holiday**

**BENEFICE OFFICE - CLOSED**

### **PLUM FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES IN PERSHORE ABBEY AND ABBEY PARK**

10:00 Bells—Ringing in the Plum Festival  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

12:45 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Tuesday 29 August**

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

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

### **Wednesday 30 August**

10:00 District Civic Service Meeting  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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 31 August**

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### **Friday 01 September**

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:15 Bible Study Group (*27 Bridge Street*)

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

### **Saturday 02 September**

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### **Sunday 03 September - Trinity 13**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

16:00 Evensong Choir practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)



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