



PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 03 September 2023

Trinity 13

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

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15.15-21

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 12.9-21

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with

mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16.21-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 366

BLAENWERN

1. Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
Make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.
Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
Springing from the love we share.
2. Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.
3. Living God, your love has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.
Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that Christ may reign.

[Jan Berry (b.1953)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 653

BINCHESTER

1. Happy are they, they that love God,
whose hearts have Christ confest,
who by his cross have found their life,
and 'neath his yoke their rest.
2. Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
when they together sing;
and strong the prayers that bow the ear
of heaven's eternal King.
3. Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
and makes their loves his own:
but ah, what tares the evil one
hath in his garden sown!
4. Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
did not its sorrows prove
the path whereby the sheep may find
the fold of Jesus' love.
5. Then shall they know, they that love him,
how all their pain is good;
and death itself cannot unbind
their happy brotherhood.

[Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)
And Charles Coffin (1676-1749)]

THIRD HYMN**A&M 135****BRESLAU**

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

[Charles William Everest (1814-1877)]

COMMUNION MOTET

O for a Closer Walk with God - C V Stanford

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir***COMMUNION HYMN****A&M 358****BE STILL**

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found-
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

[David Evans (b.1957)]

1. The God of Abraham praise
 who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
 and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
 by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
 for ever blest.

2. The God who reigns on high
 the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry,
 'almighty King,
who was, and is the same,
 and evermore shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
 we worship thee.'

3. Before the Saviour's face
 the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
 for ever new;
he shows his prints of love —
 they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
 the slaughtered Lamb.

4. The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high;
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
 they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
 (I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
 and endless praise.

[Thomas Oliver (1725-1799)]

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[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

03 SEPTEMBER 2023

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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(excluding Bank Holidays)

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

Please email your enquiry to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

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.



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PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN NOTICES

MINISTRY NEWS

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*

OTHER NEWS

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

- High Street; Church Street to Head Street (Town Hall side)
- High Street; Cherry Orchard to Bridge Street (Tesco side)
- Old Music Hall & Lower Priest Lane Flats (school side)
- Broad Street (both sides)
- St Agatha's Close, Close and Mews
- Skylark Drive
- Kingfisher Fields
- Mayfield Road (both sides)
- Goldfinch Rise

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.

ABBAY 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 *Thank you.*

PLUM FESTIVAL THANK YOU: A very big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the; Classic Cars, Teddy activities in the Abbey, Tower Tours and St Andrew's teas. Your help over the Plum Festival weekend was much appreciated. It was a great weekend, and would not have been possible without your support. *Suzanne Clarke*

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped in any way on Plum Fayre Monday in St. Andrew's, we could not do it without you (& those who helped with the set up on Sunday). To all our wonderful volunteers who gave a warm welcome to our visitors & had such stamina to remain so cheerful throughout the day. (Our first visitors arrived at 9.50am & the last left at 4.15pm!) To the amazing cake makers, your cakes were received with enthusiasm & compliments on your home baking & to those of you who gave so generously to cover the cost of our "bought" home baked cakes. We say a "VERY BIG THANK YOU." *Sara, Jane, Julie & all the PASA committee.*

ABBAY ECO CHURCH

ECO TOILET PAPER AT THE ABBAY!: As part of our commitment to reduce our impact on the environment, we shall be using recycled toilet paper at the Abbey for the month of September. It is readily available at lots of supermarkets. Perhaps you might think about using it at home. *Claire*

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

(held in Choir Vestry during organ tuning)

ORGAN RETUNING FROM **THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER—FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**
THE ABBEY WILL BE OPEN BUT **TOTAL SILENCE** MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.

Monday 04 September

10:30 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 05 September

09:10 Foodbank Steering Group Meeting
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

11:30 Abbey Finance Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:00 Pershore United Charities Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:15 Abbey Eco Church Meeting
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Wednesday 06 September

10:30 Bible Study Group (*8 Ashdale Avenue*)

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

13:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Thursday 07 September

10:00 iSing Choir Rehearsal (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 John Betjeman Poetry
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 08 September

10:30 U3A Walking Group AGM
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 09 September

RIDE AND STRIDE DAY—PERSHORE ABBEY

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

18:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Rotary / Johns' Boys Choir
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 10 September - Holy Cross Day

08:00 Eucharist with LIVESTREAM
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Patronal Festival with LIVESTREAM
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)