



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

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

**Sunday, 10 September 2023**

**Holy Cross Day**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be our **Patronal Festival with the Friends of Pershore Abbey** and 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. At 0800 Service 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 God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

**Philippians 2.6-11**

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

**John 3.13-17**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

To find the recording visit [www.youtube.com](http://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 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**PLEASE REFER TO OUR SEPTEMBER MONTHLY EDITION  
FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION & NEWS**

**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 email your enquiry to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto: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.

## **PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN NOTICES**

**ECO TOILET PAPER AT THE ABBEY!** 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*

**HELPERS REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY AFTER SERVICE COFFEES:** Our willing team of helpers on the rota for serving coffees after the 10.30am Sunday services would like some additional volunteers. Do you think you would be able to help with this important time of fellowship, either to serve the coffees, or to use the dishwasher (in St Andrew's - full training available!)? Please speak to **Sara Speed** on **01386 710776** for more details.

**ABBAY FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN MEREDITH:** This week's display of Sunflowers in the Abbey, have been kindly provided by Chris, Helen and Richard Meredith in memory of Maureen who died on 8 September 2017.



**BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE COURSE:** Designed to help you learn more about the bible and the great themes of Christian faith and life, and to relate these to your own experience and locality. The course runs for 30 Sessions and will start on either **2 October** or **4 October** in St Stephen's parish in the Barbourne area. For more information about this course or to apply visit <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/bishops-certificate/>

**ITEMS FOR EVESHAM BAT CARE:** Following on from the Bat walk in August, Evesham Bat Care have advised that they can take the following items: empty toothpaste tubes and boxes, old toothbrushes including bamboo and electric tooth brush heads and used stamps with a 1cm boarder around. All these items can then be converted into funds for the centre. There will be a box at the back of the Abbey, which John Bragg has kindly agreed to take to the centre on our behalf. Please help if you can.

**HARVEST SUPPER SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1830 AMENDMENT:** Tickets will be £10 for adults & £5 for children. This includes a drink on arrival, shepherd's pie, apple crumble & cream, followed by tea/coffee & mints. (please let us know if you have dietary requirements). We require 8 volunteers to make a simple apple crumble for 8 servings (apples will be supplied). For tickets please see either **Julie or Bill Newman (640497)** along with the list for crumble makers. Thank you *The PASA team*.

## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **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)*

### **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 11 September**

09:00 Yoga Class *(St Andrew's Upper)*  
10:00 U3A Ukelele Group *(St Andrew's Main)*  
11:00 CTiP Meeting *(St Andrew's Upper)*  
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing *(St Andrew's Main)*  
14:30 Funeral Service for the Late  
John Bennett *(St Mary's, Wick)*  
19:00 Art & Craft Evenings *(St Andrew's Upper)*  
19:00 Pershore Community Choir  
*(St Andrew's Main)*  
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice *(St Andrew's)*

### **Tuesday 12 September**

11:00 CTiP Foodbank *(St Andrew's Main)*  
12:30 Funeral Service for the late Mary Wallen  
*(Pershore Abbey)*  
14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship 60th  
Anniversary Service *(Pershore Abbey)*  
14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship  
*(St Andrew's Main)*  
19:00 PCC Meeting *(St Andrew's Main)*  
19:15 Private Meeting *(St Andrew's Upper)*

### **Wednesday 13 September**

10:30 Bible Study Group *(8 Ashdale Avenue)*  
13:15 Craft & Chat *(St Andrew's Main)*  
15:45 V&W *(Vicars Vestry)*  
18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Britney Buckland  
& Joseph Jones *(Pershore Abbey)*

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

### **Thursday 14 September**

10:00 i-Sing Choir Rehearsal *(St Andrew's Main)*  
10:00 Abbey Pastoral Group  
11:00 Eucharist *(Roland Rutter Court)*

### **Friday 15 September**

09:30 Babies & Toddlers *(St Andrew's Main)*  
09:30 Flower Prep *(Pershore Abbey)*  
13:00 CTiP Foodbank *(St Andrew's Main)*  
18:00 Choir Practice *(St Andrew's Main)*  
19:15 Bible Study Group *(27 Bridge Street)*  
19:30 Bells Quarter Peal *(St Andrew's)*

### **Saturday 16 September**

10:30 Coffee Morning *(St Andrew's Main)*  
14:00 Wedding Service for Britney Buckland &  
Joseph Jones *(Pershore Abbey)*

### **Sunday 17 September Trinity 15**

08:00 Eucharist *(Pershore Abbey)*  
10:00 Private Party *(St Andrew's Main)*  
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft stall and  
*with LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)*  
10:30 Sunday Praise *(St Nicholas, Pinvin)*  
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism *(St Mary's, Wick)*  
16:00 Concert Use *(St Andrew's Main)*  
19:00 Chandos Symphony Orchestra Concert  
*(Pershore Abbey)*