



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 24 September 2023

CLIMATE SUNDAY



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.

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 545

Morning has broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

[Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

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

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 146

Alleluia.
Praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live will I praise the Lord;
as long as I have any being,
I will sing praises to my God.

Put not your trust in princes,
nor in any human power,
for there is no help in them.

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;
on that day all their thoughts perish.

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
and bread to those who hunger.

The Lord looses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow;
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.

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

Hymn 557

Beauty for brokenness

1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion, we pray:
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain,
Come, change our love from a spark
To a flame.*

2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
3. Refuge from Cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.
4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
Plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
Make us content with the things that we need.

Cont.

5. Lighten our darkness, breath on this flame,
Until your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

[Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
Arranged by John Barnard (b.1948)]

The Gospel – Matthew 20.1-16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

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

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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 532

All creatures of our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

5. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

[William Henry Draper (1855-1933)]

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Lord of life and giver of hope, we pledge ourselves to care for creation, to reduce our waste, to live sustainably, and to value the rich diversity of life. May your wisdom guide us, that life in all its forms may flourish, and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise . **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

24 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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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 BULLETIN NOTICES

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEFICE OFFICE TELEPHONE LINE: Due to a change in internet provider, we have been experiencing some issues with the telephone line into the Benefice Office. Whilst these are being resolved, please either visit the office in person or contact the office via email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk and we will respond to you as quickly as possible. Please do be patient, as the email volume is increasing due to this issue, and may take slightly longer to respond. Thank you. *Elizabeth*

BENEFICE OPEN HOURS: Please note that the Benefice opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am—12noon. If you require any information or assistance, please can we ask you to visit the office during these times. You can still telephone 01386 552071 or alternatively send us an email to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you are unable to visit the office during these times. *Elizabeth and Fiona*

IONA WORSHIP SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1700 - THEME SHARED JOURNEY: Everyone is welcome to join in this time of informal worship and reflection about the Iona services and the difference they make on our journey. There'll be a chance to share some light refreshments. If you would like a Zoom link for the service, please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

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.

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/>

ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1830: 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.*



60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Many congratulations to Canon Dick Etheridge who celebrates this amazing milestone in his life as a faithful disciple of Christ on 29 September. Dick has been a faithful priest in God's Church and has inspired all those whom he has ministered alongside. We give great thanks today for his ministry and continuing presence amongst us. *Claire*

ECO CHURCH

LITTER PICK: There will be a litter pick on Saturday 23rd September at 10:00 at the Abbey followed in St Andrew's at 11:15 by a cup of tea and some inspiring litter pick short films (under 12 mins total) on Elizabeth, Lyra and the two Ladies. Join us at 10:00 or 11:15.

WICK WALK: Bill Newman will lead a walk around the Wick area, with commentary. Starting at St. Mary's, Wick Parish Church Saturday 30th September at 1415. Parking on the road near the church. The walk is flat, under 2 miles and involves no stiles. All welcome.

OTHER NEWS

ABBEY 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)
- Mayfield Road (both sides)
- Broad Street (both sides)
- St Agatha's Close, Close and Mews
- Skylark Drive
- Kingfisher Fields
- 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.

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 *Thank you.*

WELCOME DIRECTORY FOR PRISON LEAVERS: The Abbey PCC has decided that it would like the Abbey to be included in the Welcome Directory, so we put in our registration, which has resulted in us being included. This directory is available in all prisons and lets prisoners know where they can join a faith community that believes in being welcoming, accepting and safe to all those who leave prison. Prison leavers who are welcomed into a faith community are much less likely to re-offend. Our inclusion in the directory is another sign of us wanting to be the best sort of welcoming church that we can be. If you would like to know more about the directory please get in touch or visit www.welcomedirectory.org.uk *Claire*



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

MEADOW ARTS' ART INSTALLATION COMING TO ABBEY

Deluge is a collaborative project between Meadow Arts, Pershore Abbey and Pershore High School, with funding from Max Literacy and the Elmley Foundation. *Deluge*, by Hilary Jack, will be in the Abbey from the end of September to the end of November. It will be displayed on the South Transept wall. The piece will help us to reflect on the climate crisis, ancient stories of flooding and ones much close to home.

About the Artist: Hilary Jack works across media in research-based projects, site referential artworks, sculptural installations, and interventions. Her work has an activist element which comments on the politics of place, socio-political and environmental issues. Found objects are important elements within her practice often triggering ideas for new work exploring recurring environmental themes. Hilary has exhibited across the UK and Internationally and her work is in public and private collections.

Meet the Artist: Come and meet Hilary Jack and discuss issues relating to *Deluge* on Saturday 28th October, 1500. More information to follow.



JOIN OUR CHOIR

Come and join our friendly and dedicated choir, which leads the singing at our Sunday services.



To find out more, please contact:
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PIPE DREAMS ORGAN FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 29 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

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| Friday 29 September at 1900
<i>Ticketed Event</i> | Festival Choral Concert
with Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of Music and Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge |
| Saturday 30 September at 1900
<i>Ticketed Event</i> | Festival Organ Recital
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 |
| Sunday 1 October at 1030 | Festival Eucharist with Bishop John |
| Sunday 1 October at 1700 | Festival Evensong |

TICKETED EVENTS BOOKING INFORMATION

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

BOX OFFICES: BLUE, Broad Street, Pershore OR
The Benefice Office (Tues-Thurs, 1100–1200 noon)

Cost: £15 each

We are unable to accept card payments

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ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 24 September -Climate Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise *with LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St James', Birlingham*)

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St Mary's, Wick*)

15:00 Iona Social Tea (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 25 September

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

16:00 Funeral Service for the late Alan Groves
(*Vale Crematorium*)

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

19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Tuesday 26 September

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

12:00 Funeral Service for the late Dave Boulter
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Pershore Civic Society Talk
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 27 September

09:00 Flower preparation (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:15 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V&W (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Thursday 28 September

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

13:15 Organ Festival School's Event (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Foodbank Training (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:30 Concert use (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Caius College Rehearsals (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Organ Festival Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Concert Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 29 September

09:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Caius College Rehearsals (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

16:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Organ Festival Choral Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 30 September

17:30 Private Event (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Organ Festival Recital Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 1 October—Trinity 17

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Choir Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Organ Festival Sung Eucharist with
Bishop John & *LIVESTREAM*
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:45 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

17:00 Festival Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)