

**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

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

**Sunday, 08 October 2023**

**All Age Harvest Eucharist**

## **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.

### **THE COLLECT**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Deuteronomy 8.7-18**

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

## **Luke 12.16-30**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told the people a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.’

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

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

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## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 282**

***ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR***

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all be safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!
2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.
4. Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified  
in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

[Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

Descant by John Barnard (b.1948)

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 284**

***AR HYD Y NOS***

1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

**THIRD HYMN****A&M 287****BUNESSAN**

1. Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer,  
for all things living  
thou madest good:  
harvest of sown fields,  
fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.
2. Bless thou the labour  
we bring to serve thee,  
that with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
we would work with thee;  
harvesting, milling  
for daily bread.
3. Father, providing  
food for thy children,  
thy wisdom guiding  
teaches us share  
one with another,  
so that rejoicing  
with us, our brother  
may know thy care.
4. Then will thy blessing  
reach every people;  
freely confessing  
thy gracious hand.  
Where thy will reigneth  
no one will hunger;  
thy love sustaineth;  
fruitful the land.

[Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)]

**COMMUNION MOTET**

Look at the world - John Rutter

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir***COMMUNION HYMN****A&M 285****GOTT WILL 'S MACHEN**

1. God, whose hand is all creation,  
take the gratitude we give;  
take the finest of our harvest,  
crops we grow that we may live.
2. Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,  
hopes and fears of sun and rain,  
all our thinking, planning, waiting,  
ripened in this fruit and grain.
3. All our labour, all our watching,  
all our calendar of care,  
in these crops of your creation,  
take, O God: they are our prayer.

[Lesley Thomas John Arlott (1914-1991)  
Music: John Ludwig Steiner (1688-1761)]

1. We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

2. He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

3. We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

[Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)]

*Translated by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)]*

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# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 08 OCTOBER 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 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 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

## MINISTRY NEWS

**HARVEST FESTIVALS:** Our harvest services will take place on the following days:

<b>Pershore Abbey</b>	1030	08 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
<b>St Nicholas', Pinvin</b>	1030	15 October	Harvest Festival

If you can, please bring an item for Pershore Foodbank to the Abbey Service - you will need it in the service!

**ABBEY ORGAN FESTIVAL:** A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Abbey Organ Festival possible. It was a glorious weekend of music and joy which will live on in our memories for many years to come. Thank you to Nick Freestone, Matthew Martin, the Choir of Gonville & Caus College and Robert Quinney for their particular contributions. And a special thank you to everyone who has supported our Pipe Drums Organ Project in any way over the past eight years! *Claire*

**BENEFICE EUCHARIST 29 OCTOBER:** Please note that on Sunday 29 October, the only service in the Abbey will be the 0800 Eucharist *with Livestream*. There will be no 1030 services held at the Abbey, St Mary's, Wick or St Nicholas', Pinvin on this date. Instead, there will be a 1030 Benefice Eucharist at St James', Birlingham.

**SHOEBOX SUNDAY AT THE ABBEY 05 NOVEMBER:** We are collecting again this year for Teams4U for items to fill our shoes boxes, we would be grateful for any donations - items needed include; Felt tips, crayons, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, pads, flannels, soap, small soft toys, tooth paste, sweets (sell by date 2024) It costs £3 to transport each shoeboxes, so any monetary donations would be welcomed! *Suzanne*

**PUMPKIN HEROES & LIGHT PARTY 29 OCTOBER:** Children aged 4-10 years are invited to the Abbey 1500-1700 for this fun party. Volunteers to help on the day and with some preparation beforehand would be appreciate - please contact me on 01386 556083. *Sam Andrews*



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL  
A Living Gently Event

# Big Green

## ECO FAMILY FAIR

Saturday 7 October 2023  
10am - 4pm

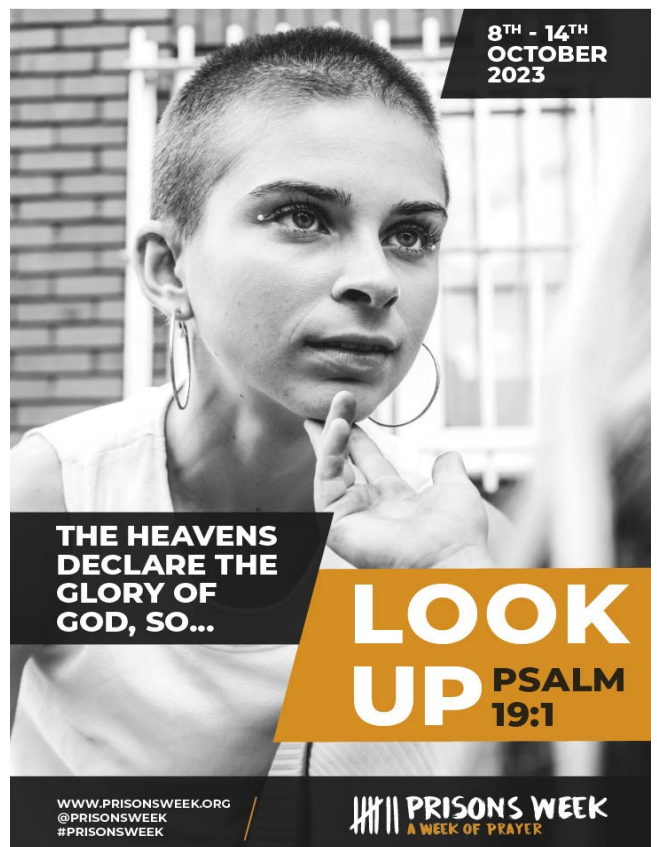
Official Opening with Youth Choir at 11am

Family friendly craft and nature activities - green products for sale - information and advice for sustainable living.

Get ready for:  
Campfire story time, get your apples pressed,  
Worth the Weight vintage clothes, musical entertainment, foraging, Repair Café,

Transition Worcester, RSPB, Green Peace, Viva, Ariel Bikes, Walcot Nursery, Green Christian and more...

[www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



8<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD, SO...

# LOOK UP

PSALM 19:1

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PRISONSWEEK  
A WEEK OF PRAYER

## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **Sunday 08 October—Trinity 18**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Harvest All Age Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* (*Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

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

17:00 Wholeness and Healing Service (*Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 9 October**

10:00 U3A Ukelele Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*St Andrew's*)

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

### **Tuesday 10 October**

09:30 Bells—Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 11 October**

13:00 Bring your own Craft & Chat  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

### **Thursday 12 October**

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

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

19:00 LLF Course Study Group (*St Andrew's  
Main*)

### **Friday 13 October**

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

09:30 Foodbank Training (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 Organ Practice (*Abbey*)

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

14:00 Funeral Service for the late John  
Buchanan (*Vale Crematorium*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Abbey*)

19:30 Sea Cadets (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Saturday 14 October**

10:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Abbey*)

### **Sunday 15 October—Trinity 19**

08:00 Eucharist (*Abbey*)

09:30 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft & with  
*LIVESTREAM* (*Abbey*)

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

**PLEASE SEE OUR OCTOBER MONTHLY BULLETIN  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND NOTICES**