

**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

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

**Sunday, 15 October 2023**

**Trinity 19**

## **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**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

**Isaiah 25.1-9**

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

## **Philippians 4.1-9**

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 22.1-14**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him

hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 617**

**BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC**

1. Come, sing the praise of Jesus,  
sing his love with hearts aflame,  
sing his wonderous birth of Mary  
when to save the world he came;  
tell the life he lived for others  
and his mighty deeds proclaim,  
for Jesus Christ is King.

*Praise and Glory be to Jesus,  
Praise and Glory be to Jesus,  
Praise and Glory be to Jesus,  
For Jesus Christ is King!*

2. There's joy for all who serve him,  
more than human tongue can say;  
there is pardon for the sinner,  
and the night is turned to day;  
there is healing for our sorrows,  
there is music all the way,  
for Jesus Christ is King.

3. To Jesus be the glory,  
the dominion and the praise;  
he is the Lord of all creation,  
he is guide of all our ways,  
and the world shall be his empire  
in the fullness of the days,  
for Jesus Christ is King.

[Jack Copley Winslow (1882-1974)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 448**

**ST BOTOLPH**

1. I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

5. Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

[Brian Wren (b. 1936)]

**THIRD HYMN****A&M 683****EWING**

1. Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blest,  
beneath thy contemplation  
sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, O I know not  
what joys await us there,  
what radiancy of glory,  
what bliss beyond compare.
2. They stand, those halls of Sion,  
conjubilant with song,  
and bright with many an angel,  
and all the martyr throng;  
the Prince is ever with them,  
the daylight is serene,  
the pastures of the blessèd  
are decked in glorious sheen.
3. There is the throne of David;  
and there, from care released,  
the shout of them that triumph,  
the song of them that feast;  
and they, who with their leader  
have conquered in the fight,  
for ever and for ever  
are clad in robes of white.
4. O sweet and blessèd country,  
the home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessèd country  
that eager hearts expect!  
Jesu, in mercy bring us  
to that dear land of rest;  
who art, with God the Father  
and Spirit, ever blest.

[Bernard of Cluny (12th Century)  
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)]

**COMMUNION MOTET**

If ye love me—Tallis

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir***COMMUNION HYMN****A&M 466****MELANIE**

1. The love of God comes close  
where stands an open door  
to let the stranger in,  
to mingle rich and poor;  
the love of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.
2. The peace of God comes close  
To those caught in the storm,  
Forgoing lives of ease  
To ease the lives forlorn;  
The peace of God is here to stay,  
Embracing those who walk his way.
3. The joy of God comes close  
Where faith encounters fears,  
Where heights and depths of life  
Are found through smiles and tears;  
the joy of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

*Cont.*

4. The grace of God come close  
To those who grace is spent,  
When hearts are tired or sore  
and hope is bruised or bent;  
The grace of God is here to stay,  
Embracing those who walk his way.

5. The Son of God comes close  
Where people praise his name,  
Where bread and wine are blest  
And shared, as when he came;  
the Son of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

[John L. Bell (b1949)  
And Graham Maule (b.1958)]

### **FINAL HYMN**

### **A&M 710**

### ***RECENT SQUARE***

1. Light's abode, celestial Salem,  
vision whence true peace doth spring,  
brighter than the heart can fancy,  
mansion of the highest King;  
O how glorious are the praises  
which of thee the prophets sing!

4. O how glorious and resplendent,  
fragile body, shalt thou be,  
when endued with so much beauty,  
full of health and strong and free,  
full of vigour, full of pleasure  
that shall last eternally.

2. There for ever and for ever  
alleluia is outpoured;  
for unending, for unbroken,  
is the feast-day of the Lord;  
all is pure and all is holy  
that within thy walls is stored.

5. Now with gladness, now with courage,  
bear the burden on thee laid,  
that hereafter these thy labours  
may with endless gifts be paid;  
and in everlasting glory  
thou with brightness be arrayed.

3. There no cloud or passing vapour  
dims the brightness of the air;  
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,  
from the Sun of suns is there;  
there no night brings rest from labour,  
for unknown are toil and care.

6. Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.

[Thomas A Kwmpis (c.1380-1471)  
Translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)]

# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 15 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  
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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 final harvest service for this year will take place at 1030 on Sunday 15 October at St Nicholas', Pinvin. If you can, please bring an item for Pershore Foodbank.

**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 & Causis 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.

## OTHER NEWS

**SHOEBOX SUNDAY AT THE ABBEY:** On **Sunday 05 November**, we will be holding our annual Shoebox Sunday. All children and families are very welcome to come along at **1030** at **St Andrew's** to help pack the boxes. We would be very grateful for **donations of empty shoe boxes** and items to help fill them, in particular; soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, felt tip pens & pads, and girl's and boy's toys. Sweets and chocolates with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the church during service times. Again, this year we will be supporting Teams4U. It costs £3.00 to send each shoe box - if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, 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 appreciated - please contact **Sam** on **01386 556083**.

**HARVEST SUPPER:** Harvest Supper was a very successful and enjoyable evening. The delicious hot meal of Shepherd's Pie was much appreciated and Apple Crumble is still a firm favourite. We were enjoyably entertained by 2 members of our Abbey Choir and their accompanist and a "non taxing" quiz at coffee time. The raffle was well supported, both on the night and with your donated prizes. Thank you everyone as £97 was made. In total £233 was raised for St. Andrew's. *Julie Newman & the PASA Team*

**IDEAS FOR ABBEY LINK:** Abbey Link Winter edition is now in preparation and needs ideas. It is our opportunity to connect with the whole community in the Pershore benefice. I would be most grateful for ideas on topics to cover or nagging questions you would like answers to that are local to folk in Birlingham, Pershore, Pinvin and Wick. There are bound to be many more stories than I get to hear about myself! If you would like to see it in the magazine, please get in touch, or even pen something yourself! With thanks, Christopher Kimberley ([editor@pershoreabbey.org](mailto:editor@pershoreabbey.org))



Pershore Benefice  
**ALL SOULS' SERVICE**



**SUNDAY 05 NOVEMBER**  
**17:00**  
 Pershore Abbey

A time to remember those we love  
 but no longer see

This service will be live streamed on the  
 Pershore Abbey YouTube Channel

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Pershore Abbey  
**REMEMBRANCE  
 SUNDAY**

Lest we forget



**SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER**  
 Pershore Abbey

**10:40 Remembrance Service**

This service will also be live-streamed on YouTube at  
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**PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS & EVENTS AUTUMN/WINTER 2023**

**SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1430**

**WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1930**

**PERSHORE CHORAL**

**FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 1930**

**WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR  
 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 1930**

**WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR  
 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 1930**

**PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR**

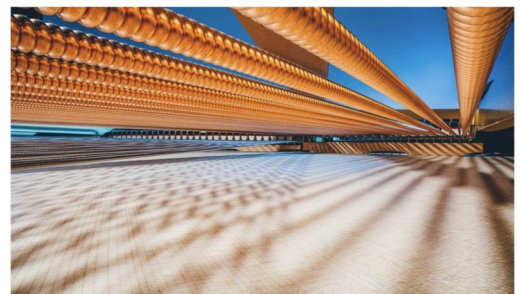
**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 1930**

**PERSHORE CHORAL**

*'An important contribution to the musical life of the area' [Robert Frupp]*

**pianoscapes**

*eclectic music for adventurous listeners...*



**Pianist CHRIS LONG presents**  
 an hour of improvisations and compositions -  
*no.60, 61 & 62 in this monthly series*

**15<sup>th</sup> October  
 19<sup>th</sup> November  
 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Andrew's Centre, Pershore  
 Sundays @ 2.30pm**

*Arrive from 2.00 for excellent homemade cake!*  
 Tickets £10 – email [chrislong2008@live.co.uk](mailto:chrislong2008@live.co.uk)  
[www.chrislongmusic.co.uk](http://www.chrislongmusic.co.uk)

# Pumpkin Heroes & Light Party

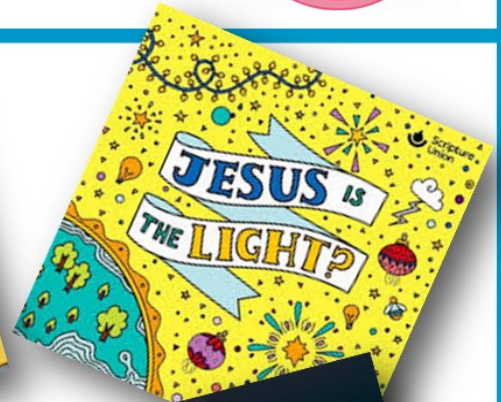
## @ Pershore Abbey



**World Vision**  
Hope and a future for all children



**Scripture Union**



## Sunday 29th October 2023

3pm to 5pm



for

**Games • Crafts • & Activities**

Hot Dog & Hot Chocolate provided

Children aged 4 to 10 years

To book your child's place contact:  
**Sam Andrews 07879310312**





**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

## ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **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*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 16 October**

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

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

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Art & Craft for Wellbeing  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

### **Tuesday 17 October**

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

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

### **Wednesday 18 October**

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

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

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

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

### **Thursday 19 October**

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

12:00 SOA National Trust Association Visit  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Friday 20 October**

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

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells—Quarter Peel (*St Andrew's*)

### **Saturday 21 October**

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's*)

### **Sunday 22 October—Trinity 20**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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