



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 22 October 2023

Trinity 20

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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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 365

Let us build a house where love can dwell

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome, in this place.*

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2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome, in this place.*

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees is:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome, in this place.*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear
the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome, in this place.*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome, in this place.*

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'

As sisters and brothers in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

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

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

and looking on your beauty

may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 45. 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him -
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 569

The Kingdom of God

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

The Gospel – Matthew 22. 15-22

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Reflection

Please stand for our 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

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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 484

You shall go out with joy

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field shall clap,
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
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and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944)
based on Isaiah 55.12

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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

22 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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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 THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT TODAY, PRAYING ESPECIALLY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE HOLY LAND. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID'S APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE:

Donations for humanitarian relief in Palestine/Israel can be made here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal>



PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN NOTICES

MINISTRY NEWS


SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO A WORLD OF CONFLICT is the theme of the Iona service at 1700 on Sunday 22 October in the Abbey. Everyone is very welcome to join this service, which is a response to the sense of grief being experienced by many people about the wars in Israel / Palestine and Russian / Ukraine. If you would like a Zoom link for the service, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

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 & Caius 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.

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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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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OTHER NEWS

ASHTON FREE CHURCH: On Wednesday 15 November at 1900, Ashton Free Church is hosting *Bwana Asifiwe: Reflections on Morogoro* in Ashton under Hill. Following a recent trip to Morogoro, Rev'd Katryn Leclezio will take you on a virtual trip with pictures and video clips. Open to all. Refreshments available.

PUMPKIN HEROES & LIGHT PARTY 29 OCTOBER: Children aged 4-10 years are invited to the Abbey 1500-1700 for this fun party of games, crafts and activities. Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate will be provided. To book your child's place contact **Sam Andrews** on **01386 556083**. Volunteers to help on the day and with some preparation beforehand would be appreciated - again, please contact **Sam Andrews** on **01386 556083**.



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.*



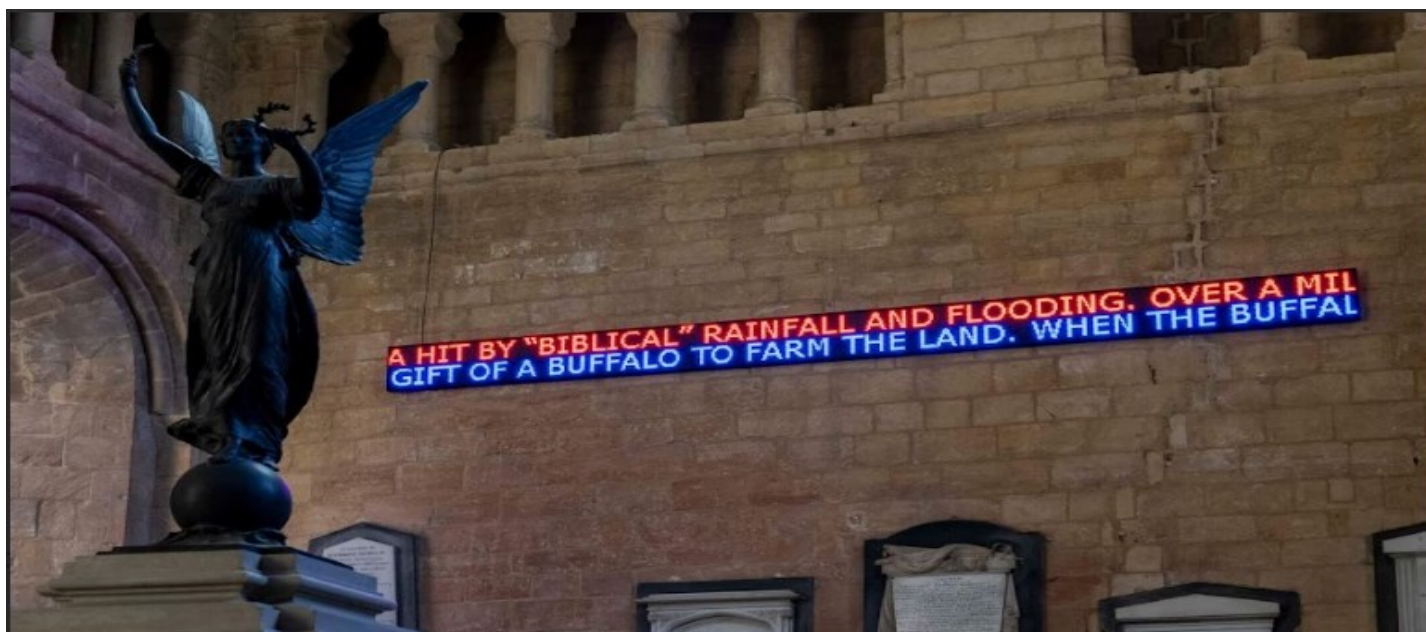
IDEAS FOR ABBEY LINK: The Abbey Link Winter edition is now in preparation and needs ideas. It is our opportunity to connect with the whole community in the Pershore benefice. I would be most grateful for ideas on topics to cover or nagging questions you would like answers to that are local to folk in 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.uk)



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DELUGE AT THE ABBEY

Deluge, the art installation that has been in place in the Abbey is designed to provoke thought and conversation about climate change. Mimicking the relentless scroll of news found on busy urban landmarks such as Times Square or Piccadilly Circus, *Deluge* comprises two lines of LED text. One line announces flooding events locally and around the globe, while the other relays age-old flood narratives and myths from various cultures and distant civilisations. *Deluge will remain at the Abbey until 30 November.*



Deluge 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. Hilary has exhibited across the UK and Internationally and her work is in public and private collections. Her work has recently been acquired by The Government Art Collection, Alnoba Sculpture Park USA and Manchester Art Gallery where it is on long term display in the main atrium.

ARTIST TALK at Pershore Abbey

Saturday 28 October 1500-1600

Join us for a conversation about art, faith and climate change with artist Hilary Jack and Claire Lording

DEULGE FAMILY WORKSHOP at Pershore Abbey

Wednesday 1 November 1200-1500

Come along and take part in this informal climate change themed workshop

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.



ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 23 October

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

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

10:30 Bells—Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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*)

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

Tuesday 24 October

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

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

18:00 Abbey PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 25 October

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

15:00 Funeral of the Late Clive Kateley (*Vale*)

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

Thursday 26 October

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

14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

Friday 27 October

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

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

15:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 28 October

10:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 *Deluge* Artist Talk (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 29 October - Trinity 21

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

10:30 Benefice Eucharist
(*St James', Birlingham*)

15:00 Pumpkin Heroes & Light Party
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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