

PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 29 October 2023

Bible Sunday

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 0800 Service from the Abbey will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. You can join in live at 0800 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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8.1-4a

A reading from the Prophet of Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.12-17

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint

against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him .

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24.30-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever . **Amen.**

The 0800 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

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 810

MOSCOW

1. Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray;
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!
2. Thou, Who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight;
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind,
Let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!
4. Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light!

[John Marriott (1780-1825)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 388

ST BOTOLPH

1. Speak, O lord, as we come to you,
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.
2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
You majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Cont.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
 Help us grasp the heights of your plan for us.
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
 That will echo down through eternity.
 And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
 And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
 Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
 And the earth is filled with your glory.

[Keith Getty (b.1974)
 And Stuart Townsend (b.1963)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 383

RAVENSHAW

1. Lord, thy word abideth,
 and our footsteps guideth;
 who its truth believeth
 light and joy receiveth.

4. Who can tell the pleasure,
 who recount the treasure
 by thy word imparted
 to the simple-hearted?

2. When our foes are near us,
 then thy word doth cheer us,
 word of consolation,
 message of salvation.

5. Word of mercy, giving
 succour to the living;
 word of life, supplying
 comfort to the dying.

3. When the storms are o'er us,
 and dark clouds before us,
 then its light directeth,
 and our way protecteth.

6. O that we discerning
 its most holy learning,
 Lord, may love and fear thee,
 evermore be near thee!

[Henry William Baker (1821-1877)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Lord I trust thee—Handel

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 381

FRAGRANCE

1. God in his wisdom, for our learning,
 gave his inspired and holy word:
 promise of Christ, for our discerning,
 by which our souls are moved and stirred,
 finding our hearts within us burning
 when, as of old, his voice is heard.

Cont.

2. Symbol and story, song and saying,
life-bearing truths for heart and mind,
God in his sovereign grace displaying
tenderest care for humankind,
Jesus our Lord this love portraying,
open our eyes to seek and find.

3. Come then with prayer and contemplation,
see how in Scripture Christ is known;
wonder anew at such salvation
here in these sacred pages shown;
lift every heart in adoration,
children of God by grace alone!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 507

FULDA

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
he sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
this gospel message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

[Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938)]

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

29 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 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.

PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN NOTICES

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEFACTIVE 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: On **Sunday 05 November**, we will be holding our annual Shoebox Sunday. All children and families are very welcome to come along at **1030** to **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, 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. We will be supporting Teams4U. It costs £3 to send each box - if you prefer to contribute to this, please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*


ABBAY LINK MAGAZINE: Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine in the following areas:

- ~ High Street. Church Street to Head Street (Town Hall side) ~ Skylark Drive
- ~ High Street. Cherry Orchard to Bridge Street (Tesco side) ~ Goldfinch Rise
- ~ Old Music Hall & Lower Priest Lane flats (school side) ~ Kingfisher Fields
- ~ St Agatha's Court, Close and Mews ~ Mayfield Road (both sides)

Deliveries take place only 4 times a year. If anyone feels they could help, please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

**DELUGE FAMILY WORKSHOP
AT PERSHORE ABBEY**




Wednesday 1 November, 12 - 3pm
Persore Abbey, Worcestershire WR10 1BL
Free, drop-in



Join Meadow Arts and artist Lorna Rose for a free, family-friendly workshop exploring the artwork *Deluge* by artist Hilary Jack on display at Persore Abbey.


This drop-in session will be an opportunity to make your own text-based artwork to take home inspired by the themes of flooding and climate change. This activity is aimed at children aged 5+ but all ages are welcome.

www.meadowarts.org/whats-on

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Persore Benefice




ALL SOULS' SERVICE



SUNDAY 05 NOVEMBER
17:00
Persore Abbey

A time to remember those we love
but no longer see

This service will be live-streamed on the
Persore Abbey YouTube Channel

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Persore Abbey

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Lest we forget



 **SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER**
Persore Abbey
10:40 Remembrance Service

This service will also be live-streamed on YouTube at
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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>



ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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 & St Andrew's*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 30 October

09:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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*)

Tuesday 31 October

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

Wednesday 01 November

10:00 Meadow Arts Family Workshop
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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 02 November

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 03 November

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

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 04 November

09:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Pershore Rotary Social Club Race Night
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 05 November - All Saints' Day

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall
LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)

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

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

17:00 All Souls' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)



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