



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 26 November 2023

Christ The King

## SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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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 691**

**Jesus Shall Reign**

***(Truro)***

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

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2 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

4 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.

5 Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

[Isaac Watts (1674-1748)]

*Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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 the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.  
**Amen.**

## **Reading: Psalm 95. 1-7**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice!

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Meekness and majesty,  
Manhood and deity,  
In perfect harmony,  
The man who is God.  
Lord of eternity  
Dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility  
And washes our feet.

*Oh what a mystery,  
Meekness and majesty,  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God,  
This is your God.*

2 Father's pure radiance,  
Perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience  
To death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
Conquering through sacrifice;  
And as they crucify  
Prays Father forgive.

3 Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible;  
Love indestructible  
In frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity  
Stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity  
To the heights of His throne.

[ Graham Kendrick (b.1950)]

## The Gospel – Matthew 25. 31-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 227**

### **Crown him with many crowns**

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

- 2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

[Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)]

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

## 26 NOVEMBER 2023

**As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:**

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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**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 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

**BENEFICE EUCHARIST THANK YOU:** A big thank you to members of the congregation of Wick, Pinvin and the Abbey for supporting Birlingham at the Benefice Eucharist at St James'. It was wonderful to have the church filled with people and music. Unfortunately someone left behind a lovely scarf which was a mixture of Autumnal colours. Please ring 01386 750936 to arrange collection. *Adrienne Woodward*

**ABBEY ECO CHURCH:** The next Abbey Eco Church meeting is 1915 on 29 November in the Upper Room at St Andrew's Centre. New members always welcome.

**IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 17:00:** As the delegates gather for COP28, the Iona service reflects on how the whole of creation, including ourselves, needs healing and reconciliation with God. This is a small informal service with some music and prayers from the Iona Community, times of quiet and time to share your thoughts if you'd like to. Everyone is very welcome. Please email [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) if you would like a Zoom link for the service. *Helen Oldham*

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 03 DECEMBER:** Come along to Pershore Abbey at 1500 for this enjoyable festive service. The service will include favourite advent carols and will feature the Abbey Choir singing beautiful advent anthems.



**CHRISTMAS TREE SUNDAY AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** So many people enjoy the Christmas trees which decorate the Abbey during December. As with everything else, the cost of them is going up. To help fund them, **03 December 2023** will be Christmas Tree Sunday, as well as Advent Sunday! On this day, there will be a box at the back of the Abbey labelled *Christmas Trees*. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of our Christmas trees, any donations will be gratefully received. Thank you. *Claire*

**ABBEY LINK MAGAZINE URGENTLY NEEDS DELIVERERS:** If you are willing and able to help distribute this quarterly publication, please contact **Roger Piper on 01386 553110**.

**FOLLOW THE STAR:** The Church of England's 2023 Christmas Campaign booklet, *Follow the Star*, offers a musical journey to the heart of Christmas. Copies are £1.00. If you would like a copy, please contact the Office on 01386 552071 or alternatively, visit: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/follow-the-star>



**EDIBLE NATIVITY SUNDAY 03 DECEMBER:** Join us at 1030 as we tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a fun way, making an edible nativity! If you would like your child to attend, please contact the Office on **01386 552071** or [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)  
**Booking is essential as places are limited.**

## Christmas Bunting Making



Saturday 2nd December

10am

Pershore Abbey

You are very warmly invited to bring your gift tag to Pershore Abbey to hang up and help create some bunting to decorate our children's area.

Please bring a grown up with you.

Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you.



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## CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION MORNING

Saturday 02 December

10:00

Pershore Abbey

Come along and help dress the Abbey Christmas Tree

All ages welcome!

Refreshments will be served

We look forward to welcoming you



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## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

15:00

Pershore Abbey

A wonderful chance to sing your favourite Advent Carols and to hear the Abbey Choir sing some beautiful anthems

Organist: Matthew Martin / Director of Music: Paul Trepte

This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

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## LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS



SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

17:00

St Andrew's Centre

A service of reflection with prayers for Wholeness and Healing.

This is a service for people who would like to find some peace and quiet during this busy Christmas time.



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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 26 November—Christ The King**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

11:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 27 November**

09:00 Organ Tuning (*Pershore Abbey*)

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*)

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

18:30 Bell ringing private practice  
(*St Andrew's*)

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

19:30 Bell ringing practice (*St Andrew's*)

### **Tuesday 28 November**

09:00 Inkberrow School Visit (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Slab Cleaning (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

15:30 V&W (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

19:30 Pinvin PCC (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

### **Wednesday 29 November**

09:00 Slab Cleaning (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Funeral of the late David Evans  
(*Cemetery Chapel*)

11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

19:15 Abbey Eco Church Group  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

### **Thursday 30 November**

09:30 SAEC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

09:45 i-Sing Choir Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:30 Burial of Ashes of the late Clive Kateley  
(*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

12:00 Monks' Day (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 01 December**

09:00 De-installation of *Deluge* Exhibition  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 02 December**

10:00 Christmas Tree Decoration Morning  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 03 December—Advent Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Edible Nativity (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

15:00 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey*)