



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 26 May 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY

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 276

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

(NICAEA)

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Cont'd

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

[Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)]

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.'
So let us confess our sins to God,
who forgives us in Christ.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.
Amen.

Collect for the day

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 494

I, the Lord of sea and sky

(HERE I AM LORD)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

[Daniel L. Schutte (b.1947)]

The Gospel – John 3.1-17

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
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 268 Affirm anew the three-fold name (ST MATTHEW)

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| 1 Affirm anew the three-fold name
of Father, Spirit, Son,
our God whose saving acts proclaim
a world's salvation won.
In him alone we live and move
and breath and being find,
the wayward children of his love
who cares for humankind. | 3 Confirm our faith in this our day
amid earth's shifting sand,
with Christ as Life and Truth and Way,
a Rock on which to stand;
the one eternal Son and Lord
by God the Father given,
the true and life-imparting Word,
the Way that leads to heaven. |
| 2 Declare in all the earth his grace,
to every heart his call,
the living Lord of time and place
whose love embraces all.
So shall his endless praise be sung,
his teaching truly heard,
and every culture, every tongue,
receive his timeless word. | 4 Renew once more the ancient fire,
let love our hearts inflame;
renew, restore, unite, inspire
the Church that bears your name;
one name exalted over all,
one Father, Spirit, Son,
O grant us grace to heed your call
and in that name be one. |

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever. **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.

Organ Voluntary: Fugue in Eb-BWV 552—JS Bach
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

26 MAY 2024

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & 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.

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.

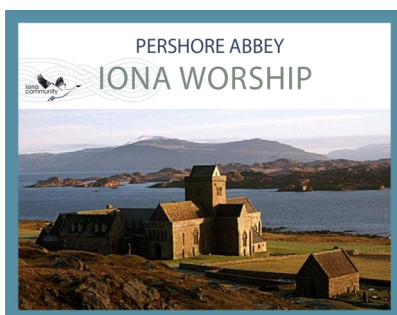
We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Many thanks to you all for the lovely messages and good wishes I have received since I shared my health news. I feel completely upheld by all your thoughts and prayers, and for that I am truly grateful. I am sorry to share that a diagnosis of breast cancer has now been confirmed. Further test results will confirm what type of treatment I will need. Please be assured I will let you know what my treatment will be as soon I know. Please continue to remember me and all health professionals in your prayers. With many thanks for all your care and concern. *Claire*

A MESSAGE FROM SUZANNE CLARKE: It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as Churchwarden here at Pershore Abbey for the last 6 years. I have enjoyed having had the opportunity to meet so many different people in the church and wider community. Thank you to everyone for all the support and encouragement during this time, and also for my lovely gifts. I am looking forward to enjoying my retirement. Best Wishes to Sam and Martin. *Suzanne Clarke.*

THE REVD JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION: It would be wonderful if as many people as possible could attend Jayne's Ordination at the Cathedral on 29 June at 1400. A bus has been booked, leaving the Abbey at 1230. It will then leave the Cathedral at 1630. The cost will be £8. To book your place please use the sign up sheets at the back of all the churches or let the Office know.



IONA SERVICE FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND THE STORIES OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE - SUNDAY 26 MAY, 1700: Using Iona Community worship materials, there'll be time and space to listen to and share stories, reflect and ask questions. Everyone is very welcome. If you would like to join by Zoom, please email Helen for a link. iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN: There will be a special service in the Abbey on Thursday 20 June at 1900 to mark 30 years since women were first ordained priest. In 1994, 22 women were ordained in the Diocese of Worcester to serve in parishes across Worcestershire and Dudley. Those pioneers will be guests of honour at the service alongside the many women who have been ordained since and all those who have supported them along the way. Bishop John will preach at the service, Archdeacon Nikki Groarke will lead the prayers and there will be interviews with one of the first women ordained in our diocese as well as one of the most recently ordained. There will be cava and cake after the service! All welcome.



PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH: The Abbey will be lit up on FRIDAY 31 MAY in support of IPWSO. Prader-Willi Syndrome is a complex genetic condition where 1 on 15,000 to 25,000 children are born with this condition. For more information on this syndrome, please visit the IPWSO website, which can give information and help on coping with this condition: [https://ipwso.org/pws-](https://ipwso.org/pws-information/what-is-pws/)



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EVESHAM BAT CARE: A reminder to everyone that we have a box at the back of the Abbey (near the Font) where some of your dental care items can be placed for recycling, which also raises funds for Evesham Bat Care. The items they will accept is detailed on the box; they also take used stamps with a 1cm border. Please note they are no longer able to accept toothpaste tubes, if in doubt, leave it out. Many thanks, *Sam Andrews*.



PRAY YOUR PART: GENERAL ELECTION 2024: The General Election will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. In the run-up to and into



the campaign period, the Church of England would like to invite everyone to join us in prayer for our nation and play your part as citizens and voters. A series of daily thematic reflections written by bishops, drawn from the Bible and exploring major themes will be published shortly, covering the final three weeks up to polling day. You can sign up for daily election reflections which will be available for three

weeks in the run up to Election Day by visiting the website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024> Also available as a booklet, through an app, in audio form for smart speakers, as free opt-in emails and through social media.

PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND—PERSHORE CARNIVAL

HELP FOR CARNIVAL REFRESHMENTS PLEASE: On Monday 27 May refreshments are being served 1030-1430 in St. Andrew's. To all you wonderful helpers and cake makers please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 to volunteer to help on the day and Hilary Fowler on 01386 552243 for offers of cakes - or monetary offerings are very acceptable. Sign-up sheets will be in the Abbey after the Sunday morning service. Offers of garden furniture would also be appreciated, in case of sunny weather. If you are able to lend any chairs etc please contact Sara Speed. *Thank you from the PASA Team.*

PERSHORE CARNIVAL BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27 MAY: This years theme is "Musicals" and the Pershore Abbey team will again be entering into the 'Walking Float' category. Huge thanks to Beth and Eloise Seale who have been working hard to put together lots of costumes. Come and cheer the Team on as we do our best to entertain everyone, and may the best team win!

TOWER TOURS AND PEREGRINES: Following discussions with our outside advisers we have taken the difficult decision not to allow Tower Tours this Carnival weekend. With the wonderful new chicks we have to ensure that we protect them and do not disturb their parents. We know that the tours are very popular and are sorry to have to do this, but we must look after the birds and listen to the advice we are given. We are hopeful that we will be able to start the tours again later in the year. *Peter Stansbie*

Pershore Carnival 2024 Programme of Events Monday 27th May

- 10:00 Stalls and activities and funfair open
- 11.00 Registration for Fun Dog Show open
- 11:00 Punch and Judy Show (in KidZone)
- 12:00 Procession departs Market Car Park
(arriving at Abbey Park at approx 12:45pm)
- 1.00 Live music from the bandstand - Samba Band
- 1.30 Live music - i-Sing Choirs
- 1:45 Punch and Judy Show
- 2.00 Fun Dog Show opens (in front of Abbey)
- 2.15 Presentations to procession winners
- 2.45 Live music - Loren Howland
- 3:30 Punch and Judy Show
- 3.45 Live music - Route 33



Pershore Abbey

CARNIVAL TEAS



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carnival**



Monday 27 May
1030 - 1430
St Andrew's Centre

*Pop in for some refreshment and a great selection of
delicious homemade cakes & treats*

ALL WELCOME
(including dogs in designated areas!)

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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 May - Trinity Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Carnival Teas Set Up (*St Andrew's Main*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 27 May—BANK HOLIDAY

10:30 Carnival Teas (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

Tuesday 28 May

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

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

19:00 Abbey PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 29 May

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

Thursday 30 May

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Friday 31 May

Abbey lit up in Orange for Prader-Willi Syndrome

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 01 June

14:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:45 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)

Sunday 02 June—Trinity 1

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

13:15 Breathworks Class (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)



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