



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 16 June 2024
TRINITY 3

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Ezekiel 17.22-24

A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4.26-34

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion
please let a sidesperson know**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 721

LOVE DIVINE

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

2 Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.

4 Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

5 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;

6 Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 4

MELCOMBE

1 New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

2 New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

3 If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

4 The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we need to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

5 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

[John Keble (1792-1866)]

Music: Melody and bass by Samuel Webbe, *the elder* (1740-1866)
Harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)]

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
 he is my light, my strength, my song;
 this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
 firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my All in All,
 here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
 fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones he came to save:
 till on that cross as Jesus died,
 the wrath of God was satisfied -
 for every sin on him was laid;
 here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day
 up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory
 sin's curse has lost it grip on me,
 for I am his and he is mine -
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 this is the power of Christ in me;
 from life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man
 can ever pluck me from his hand;
 till he returns or calls me home,
 here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)
 And Keith Getty (b.1974)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Thou visitest the earth—Maurice Greene

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Thou visitest the earth
 And blessest it
 And blessest it
 And crownest the year
 The year with thy goodness
 And crownest the year
 The year with thy goodness
 Thou visitest the earth
 And blessest it
 And blessest it
 And crownest the year
 The year with thy goodness*

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 Thou visitest the earth
 (Thou visitest the earth)
 And blessest it
 And crownest the year
 The year with thou goodness*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 805

1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy one.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
til the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for Sinners slain:

3. When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
In that holy place.

[Keith Green (1953-1982)
And Melody Green (b. 1946)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 715

LORD OF THE YEARS

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Voluntary: Crown Imperial—William Walton
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary
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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

16 JUNE 2024

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, 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@persoreabbey.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.

*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.*



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

TREATMENT PLAN UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: I have now had some test results which have confirmed that the first stage of my treatment for breast cancer will be chemotherapy. After this has been completed I will have surgery. I don't have firm dates for when my chemotherapy will start but I imagine it will be in the next few weeks. My treatment will have an impact on my work as I will have to pace myself and make sure that I am looking after myself as much as I can. I will share with you how this will all look once I know. Thank you again for all your care and concern. You are all an incredible source of strength. Please continue to pray for me and all health professionals. *Claire*

ELECTION HUSTINGS UPDATE: We had hoped to have our Hustings on June 18. However, for very good reasons, this is now not convenient for some of our candidates. Churches Together in Pershore, in partnership with the High School, are now looking for an alternative date to hold the Hustings. We will let you know the new date as soon as we can. Thank you for your understanding.

IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 23 JUNE: The Iona Service on Sunday 23 June at 1700 will be a time of quiet reflection and prayer in preparation for the general election. Everyone is very welcome. If you would like to join by Zoom, please email Helen for a link. iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

BUS FOR REVD JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION - 29 JUNE: A coach will be leaving the Abbey at 1230 and returning from the cathedral at 1630. If you are joining us on the bus, please pay your £8 per person to the office either in person or by BACS (preferred). Money will not be taken on the bus. Thank you. *Peter Stansbie*

ABBEY ECO CHURCH VISIT: There are six places available for a 1000 to 1200 Tuesday 19 November visit to the EnviRecover EfW plant in Hartlebury that Pershore waste is taken to. It is burnt there to extract energy from our waste. If interested contact David Oldham or email ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk by 23 June as the spaces get booked up early. There are at least 2 cars available to give lifts, so feel able to sign up if you do not have transport, but mention it. First come first served.

WICK CONFETTI SERVICE - TUESDAY 25 JUNE - 1900: With kind permission from Charles Hudson, Wick will be holding an evening service in the Confetti Fields at 1900 on Tuesday 25 June. Please enter the Confetti Fields by Cooks Hill, turning left by the new houses following the Confetti Fields Service signs. *Penny Gordon, Churchwarden*



CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN - THURSDAY 20 JUNE: There will be a special service in the Abbey at 1900 to mark 30 years since women were first ordained priest. Bishop John will preach at the service and Archdeacon Nikki Groarke will lead the prayers. There will be cava and cake after the service too! All welcome.

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION & OTHER NOTICES

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 16 June Trinity 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

15:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 17 June

10:00 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:30 Private Guided Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:15 Art and Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Felicity Aston
and Kerry Johns (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 18 June

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

12:00 Funeral Service for the late Jon Harris
(*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Health & Safety Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Wednesday 19 June

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

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

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

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

Thursday 20 June

09:30 Flower Guild preparation (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 Wedding Service for Felicity Aston and
Kerry Johns (*Pershore Abbey*)

16:00 PASA Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 30th Anniversary of Women in
Priesthood Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 21 June

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

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 22 June

12:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Birlingham Village Fete (*Birlingham
Cricket pitch*)

19:30 Farmers Overseas Action Group
Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 23 June Trinity 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

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

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)



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