

**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 01 September 2024**  
**TRINITY 14**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for **Pershore Abbey Community** [Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

#### **Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9**

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

#### **James 1.17-27**

A reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 99**

**(CRÜGER)**

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing:  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless name of love.

[James Montgomery (1771-1854)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 602**

**(FRANCONIA)**

1 Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King;

3 Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

**THIRD HYMN**

**A&M 790**

**(SANDYS)**

1 Teach me, my God and King,  
in all things thee to see;  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.

2 A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye;  
or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
and then the heaven espy.

4 A servant with this clause  
makes drudgery divine;  
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
makes that and the action fine.

3 All may of thee partake;  
nothing can be so mean  
which, with this tincture, For thy sake,  
will not grow bright and clean.

5 This is the famous stone  
that turneth all to gold;  
for that which God doth touch and own  
cannot for less be told.

[George Herbert (1593-1633)]

**COMMUNION MOTET**

**Missa Principis Pacis - Lloyd Webber**  
*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

Kyrie Eleison,  
Christe Eleison,  
Kyrie Eleison.

(Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy)

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 775**

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you;  
*Allelu-, alleluia;*

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and ye shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
Allelu-, alleluia:

3 We shall not live by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;  
Allelu-, alleluia

[Karen Lafferty (b.1948)]

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
    all ye who hear,  
    now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
    hast thou not seen  
    how thy heart's wishes have been  
    granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
    ponder anew  
    what the Almighty can do,  
    if to the end he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
    Let the Amen  
    sound from his people again:  
    gladly for aye we adore him!

[Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)]

*Voluntary: **Concerto in a minor JS Bach/ Antonio Vivaldi***

*The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 01 SEPTEMBER 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  
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**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.**

**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

**1 SEPTEMBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE:** Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. I wanted to let you know that my fifth cycle of treatment is scheduled for 19 September. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

**PLUM FESTIVAL THANK YOU:** A very big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the - Classic Cars, Teddy activities in the Abbey, Tower Tours, St Andrew's Teas, bell ringing and organ playing. Your help over the Plum Festival weekend was much appreciated. All the visitors seem to have had a really enjoyable time and this would not have been possible without your support. *Suzanne Clarke*

**PLUM FAYRE THANKS:** An enormous thank you to all of you amazing volunteers who helped in any way on Monday in St Andrew's. Thank you to the wonderful cake makers and generous donations; your cakes and donations were greatly appreciated and everything went towards making a most enjoyable Plum Fayre in St. Andrew's with many lovely comments about the excellent cakes and atmosphere. *Sara, Susan and the PASA Team*

**ABBEY CHORAL EVENSONG 1500, 1 SEPTEMBER:** After a well deserved summer break James and the Abbey Choir are back! This is a beautiful service full of heavenly music, which is a perfect way to end any Sunday.


**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:** If you would like to consider changing the way you give, then you can set up your regular giving by:

- ◆ Phoning **0333 002 1271**
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- ◆ Visit **[www.parishgiving.org.uk/pershore-abbey-worcester](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk/pershore-abbey-worcester)**

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We invite all our regular worshippers to contribute regularly to help the Abbey not only to survive but to flourish and plan confidently for the future.  
Do follow this link to set up and manage your regular giving online.  
*Thank You, Claire and the Churchwardens*

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## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **Sunday 01 September Trinity 14**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

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

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 02 September**

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

18:30 Read Easy Coach Meeting  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 03 September**

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

14:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)

14:45 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting  
(*Zoom*)

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

### **Wednesday 04 September**

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*)

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

### **Thursday 05 September**

10:00 We Buy Vintage Jewellery & Antiques  
Roadshow (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 06 September**

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells Surprise Major (*St Andrew's*)

### **Saturday 07 September**

10:00 Private Event (*St Andrew's Main & Upper*)

16:00 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

### **Sunday 08 September Trinity 15**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)



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