



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 04 August 2024**  
**TRINITY 10**

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

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### **THE COLLECT**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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**

**Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

## **Ephesians 4.1-16**

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

## **John 6.24-35**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the

true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 394**

**WOODLANDS**

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 743**

**THAXTED**

1 O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

[Michael Perry (1942-1996)]

### **THIRD HYMN**

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

### **A&M 641**

3 Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.

[John Newton (1725-1807)]

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

### **The Goldberg Variations—J S Bach**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **A&M 358**

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one is here  
Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
in faith receive from Him,  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

[David Evans (b. 1957)]

1 How shall I sing that majesty  
 which angels do admire?  
 Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
 sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
 Thousands of thousands stand around  
 thy throne, O God most high;  
 ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
 thy praise; but who am I?

2 Thy brightness unto them appears,  
 whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
 a sound of God comes to my ears,  
 but they behold thy face.  
 They sing, because thou art their Sun;  
 Lord, send a beam on me;  
 for where heaven is but once begun  
 there alleluias be.

3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
 inflame it with love's fire;  
 then shall I sing and bear a part  
 with that celestial choir.  
 I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
 with all my fire and light;  
 yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
 Lord, treasure up my mite.

4 How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
 which doth all beings keep!  
 Thy knowledge is the only line  
 to sound so vast a deep.  
 Thou art a sea without a shore,  
 a sun without a sphere;  
 thy time is now and evermore,  
 thy place is everywhere.

[John Mason (c.1645-1694)]

*Voluntary: Grand Choeur Dialogue—Eugene Gigout*  
*The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

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

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**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

**28 JULY - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE:** Thank you all so much for all your kindness since I began my chemotherapy. It has made such a difference and has enabled me to get through my first and second cycle of treatment well. I wanted to let you know that my third cycle of treatment is scheduled for 6 August. I shall be on my usual summer holiday from 22 July until 12 August, so please don't worry if you don't see me around for a few weeks. Your prayers have been so important, so please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

**PLUM FAYRE VOLUNTEERS:** Calling all our lovely Plum Fayre volunteers and cake makers... please can you help with refreshments on Monday 26 August in St. Andrew's? If so please see Sara Speed (01386 710776) and Susan Denley for offers of homemade cakes please or monetary donations are always very welcome. *Thank you from the PASA team.*



**TEA PARTY AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, PINVIN:** On Saturday 17 August, 1400-1700, St Nicholas Church, Pinvin is hosting Pinvin Poppies WI Tea Party in aid of Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven. Everyone welcome, includes raffle and tombola.

**BISHOP JOHN RETIREMENT COLLECTION:** Buckets will be available at the back of the Abbey at our services this week for donations towards a retirement gift for Bishop John.

**ABBAY LINK MAGAZINE DELIVERERS URGENTLY NEEDED:** Deliveries take place only 4 times a year, and if anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110. Deliverers are needed for the following areas:



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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 04 August Trinity 10**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 05 August**

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

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 06 August**

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

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

### **Wednesday 07 August**

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

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

14:00 Funeral for the late Helen Whitwell  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

### **Thursday 08 August**

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

17:00 Summer's Little Seeds Set Up  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Friday 09 August**

09:30 Summer's Little Seeds  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Bells - In memory of John Alexander  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

12:00 Funeral of the late John Alexander  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Bells - In memory of John Alexander  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 10 August**

10:00 Craft in Action (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

### **Sunday 11 August Trinity 11**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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



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