



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 08 September 2024**  
**TRINITY 15**

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

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### **THE COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

**Isaiah 35.4-7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**James 2.1-10, 14-17**

A reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 7.24-37**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

### **A&M 357**

1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him, and rejoice.

2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore.

[William Kethe (d.1594)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

### **A&M 587**

### **(AMAZING GRACE)**

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

[John Newton (1725-1807)]

**THIRD HYMN****A&M 712****LIVING LORD**

1 Lord Jesus Christ,  
 you have come to us,  
 you are one with us,  
 Mary's Son;  
 Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
 pouring your love and goodness in;  
 Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
 living Lord.

2 Lord Jesus Christ,  
 now and every day,  
 teach us how to pray,  
 Son of God.  
 You have commanded us to do  
 this in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
 into our lives your power breaks through,  
 living Lord.

3 Lord Jesus Christ  
 you have come to us,  
 born as one of us,  
 Mary's son.  
 Led out to die on Calvary,  
 risen from death to set us free,  
 living Lord Jesus, help us see,  
 you are Lord.

4 Lord Jesus Christ,  
 I would come to you,  
 live my life for you,  
 son of God.  
 All your commands I know are true,  
 your many gifts will make me new,  
 into my life your power breaks through,  
 living Lord.

[Patrick Appleford (b.1925)]

**COMMUNION MOTET**

**The Secret of Christ—Richard Shephard**  
*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

*I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.*

*I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.*

*And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.*

*And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

*In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

*And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him*

*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;*

*Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:*

*That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

## A&M 479

1 Go peaceful, In gentleness  
Through the violence of these days.  
Give freely, Show tenderness  
In all your ways.  
*God speed you, God lead you,  
and keep you wrapped around his heart:  
may you be known by love.*

2 Through darkness, In troubled times,  
Let holiness be your aim.  
Seek wisdom, Let faithfulness  
Burn like a flame.  
*God speed you, God lead you,  
and keep you wrapped around his heart:  
may you be known by love.*

3 Be righteous, speak truthfully  
in a world of greed and lies.  
Show kindness, See everyone  
through heaven's eyes.  
*God hold you, Enfold you,  
and keep you wrapped around his heart:  
may you be known by love,  
may you be known by love.*

[ Paul Field (b.1954)]

## FINAL HYMN

## A&M 742

## LYNGHAM (DESERT)

1 O for a thousand tongues, to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free:  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

6 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

*Voluntary: Fantasia in c BWV573—J S Bach*

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

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# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 08 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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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

**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*

**PERSHORE ABBEY BABIES AND TODDLERS:** Please note, our Babies and Toddlers group will restart in St Andrew's Centre on Friday 13 September following a summer break. Please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 for more details.



**WHERE JOURNEYS MEET - SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 1700 - IONA SERVICE:** Welcome back to the Iona services as our journeys meet after the summer break. There'll be a time of worship using Iona Community materials, with light refreshments, and a chance to chat and put our heads together about future services. Everyone is most welcome. If you're unable to join in the Abbey, please email Helen for a Zoom link. [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)



**THANK YOU:** Wow what a wonderful cake Hilary, and with such fantastic decorations, sugar flowers and little sports pictures. Thank You. It was a very memorable occasion and I was so pleased to be able to share my cake with you all, my special Abbey friends, after the Service. Thanks too Claire for the beautiful bouquet (it came on holiday with me). Flowers and birds are two of my favourite things. Have just returned from a Fun Family Holiday bringing an end to all my wonderful birthday celebrations. *Julie Newman*

**CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR - SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 1500:** Christ Church Choir will be presenting a Heritage Day Coffee Concert of choral and organ music entitled "Wings of Faith" at 1500 on Sunday 15 September. The concert will take place at Christ Church, Malvern Road, Cheltenham GL50 2JH and the organist will be the Abbey's Director of Music, James MacDowall-Scott. Entry is free, donations welcome. Homemade refreshments will be available afterwards

**BBC RADIO 3'S EVENSONG SERVICE AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** We are accommodating the students from Gonville and Caius College when they visit us for the BBC Radio 3's Evensong Service on 25 September. We still need two more beds for students. If you think you might be able to offer a bed and some meals for two or three days please get in touch with me as soon as you can. Thank you. *Claire*

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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 08 September Trinity 15**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*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*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 09 September**

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

10:00 PASA Harvest Meeting (*Choir Vestry*)

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

19:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Lucien Ireland  
& Sophie Coleridge (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Tuesday 10 September**

09:30 Bells VoE Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

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

14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Wick PCC (*Wick*)

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

### **Wednesday 11 September**

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

11:00 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

11:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 BYO Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 PCC Finance Sub Committee Meeting  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

16:00 Wedding Flower Preparation  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Thursday 12 September**

10:00 Wedding Flower Preparation  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 13 September**

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Breathworks Class (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Saturday 14 September**

All Day Ride+Stride (*Benefice Churches*)

09:00 Wedding Preparation (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Wedding Service of Lucien Ireland &  
Sophie Coleridge (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 15 September—Holy Cross**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Abbey Patronal Eucharist with *Fair Trade*  
*stall and LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:00 Friends of Pershore Abbey AGM  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)