



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 22 September 2024

TRINITY 17 / FAIRTRADE & CLIMATE 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 812

### Through all changing scenes of life

### WILTSHIRE

1 Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.

2 O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.

3 The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.

4 O make but trial of his love,  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide!

5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.

6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

[Nahum Tate (1652-1715)  
And Nicholas Brady (1659-1726)]

*Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence*

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have  
used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Collect for the day**

Glorious God, the whole of creation proclaims your marvelous work: increase in us the capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Reading: James 3.13-4, 3, 7-8a**

A reading from the Letter to James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn 386 (CAHON)**

#### **Let there be love**

Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes,  
may now Your love sweep this nation;  
cause us oh Lord to arise,  
give us a fresh understanding,  
brotherly love that is real,  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.

## **The Gospel – Mark 9.30-37**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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**

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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 536**

## **Creator God, the world around**

**(MELITA)**

1 Creator God, the world around  
declares your glory — flower and tree,  
the evening sky and torrent's sound  
and mountain stream and rolling sea.  
Yet all this beauty cannot show  
a God whom we can truly know.

2 Composer God, all music sings  
your power, your praise, your majesty:  
in drum and trumpet, flute and strings,  
in choir and song and symphony.  
Yet music which inspires our praise  
can never fathom all your ways.

3 Designer God, in shape and form  
the beauty you inspire is shown;  
in line and colour, etched or drawn,  
in sculpture, painting, glass and stone.  
Yet all these talents can't express  
the full truth of your loveliness.

4 Mysterious God, though all the arts  
of nature and of human skill  
may move us, yet our longing hearts  
are never satisfied until  
in Jesus Christ you show your face:  
a God of love and truth and grace.

[Brian Hoare (b.1935)]

Music by: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## **Thanksgiving and Blessing**

Almighty God, who longs for all your children to live together in peace, we thank you for the ways in which Fairtrade binds us together in this community as we seek to follow your commands, and for the ways it binds us together with brothers and sisters around the world. Strengthen the bonds of trust and affection between us. Help us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. **Amen.**

Creator God, giver of life,  
you sustain the earth and direct the nations.  
In this time of climate crisis  
grant us clarity to hear  
the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor;  
challenge us to change our lifestyles;  
guide our leaders to take courageous action;  
enable your church to be a beacon of hope;  
and foster within us a renewed vision  
of your purposes for your world. **Amen.**

And may God the Holy Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters of creation  
and formed the world from chaos,  
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by and for whom all things were made. **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.**

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# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 22 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  
weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

**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 accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office for support.*





# BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST



**SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

**10:30**

**St Mary's, Wick**

**Join us as we come together for our Benefice Service**

**ALL WELCOME**

**The only service this Sunday at the Abbey will be the  
0800 Eucharist, which will be livestreamed.**



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## PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

**22 SEPTEMBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE:** Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. I wanted to let you know that my sixth and final cycle of treatment is scheduled for 9 October. I will also hopefully know in the next couple of weeks when my surgery will take place. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

**BENEFICE EUCHARIST:** There will be a Benefice Eucharist at 1030 on 29 September at St Mary's Church, Wick. It is always lovely to come together as a Benefice to worship together and this time it will be even more special as we shall be celebrating Canon Chris Terry's 40th Anniversary of ordination as a priest. A wonderful achievement! Please note, the only other service in the Benefice on 29 September will be the 0800 Eucharist at the Abbey, which will be livestreamed. *Claire*

**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)

**BBC RADIO 3'S EVENSONG SERVICE AT PERSHORE ABBEY 25 SEPTEMBER AT 1500:** We are delighted to host BBC Radio 3's Evensong Service at 1500 at the Abbey. We welcome back Matthew Martin and the choir of Gonville and Caius College, who sang at our Organ Festival last year. This is a service open to all so please do come along. There will be no said

Evening Prayer at 1700 on this day.

**BISHOP JOHN FAREWELL:** We say farewell to Bishop John at 1600 on Sunday 29 September at his final service in the Cathedral ahead of his retirement at the beginning of October. "By the time I leave I shall have been here nearly 17 years, the longest I have lived anywhere in my life. I have lived through the best of times and the worst of times in my personal life during those years and am more grateful than I can say for all the love and support I have received." *Bishop John*



**BISHOP JOHN'S LAST SERVICE—TRANSPORTATION 29 SEPTEMBER:** Hopefully a good number of people will be attending the service at Worcester Cathedral on Sunday 29 September at 1600. If anyone travelling to the Cathedral by car is able to offer a lift to someone without their own transport, and also anyone who would like a lift, please contact Churchwarden Martin Fowler (01386 552243) and he will do his best to make suitable arrangements.



**ABBEY ALL AGE HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Our Harvest Services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and to give thanks for all who work in the farming community, both at home and abroad. Please bring a non-perishable food donations for the Pershore Foodbank along to the Abbey All Age service as they will be used in the service! This year our Harvest services will take place on the following days:

<b>Pershore Abbey</b>	1030	Sunday 6 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
<b>St Nicholas', Pinvin</b>	1030	Sunday 6 October	Harvest Holy Communion
<b>St Mary's Wick</b>	1130	Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR OUR NEW BISHOP:** please get involved! There will be a further opportunity to contribute to the discernment process for the next Bishop of Worcester on Tuesday 1 October, 7-8pm via Zoom with the Archbishop's and Prime Minister's Appointment Secretaries. All are welcome to attend. If



you would like to attend this public meeting and contribute further to the conversation about discerning who should be the next Bishop of Worcester , please email your name and email address

to [bishop.consultation@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:bishop.consultation@cofe-worcester.org.uk) by midday on 1 October. A Zoom link will be sent to you nearer the time. You can find further details via the website: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/join-the-conversation.php>

**PERSHORE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER:** Tickets available at the back of the Abbey or from Julie Newman (01386 640497) for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 5 October at 1830 in St. Andrew's. £10 (£5 children) to include cottage pie and mixed vegetables, apple crumble and cream and a drink on arrival. A list will be available for anyone to volunteer to make an apple crumble (basic topping to serve about 8 portions) please. If anyone can volunteer on the night to help clear up in the kitchen afterwards that would be most appreciated as some of the PASA team are sadly away! Thank you.



**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT GANDERTON COURT WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER:** Ganderton Court invites you to their Macmillan Coffee Morning from 1000-1200 for tea, coffee, tasty cakes and tombola. All welcome. If you are able to attend and would like to make a donation, please see Di Jefferies.

**SUNDAY COFFEES—HELP NEEDED!:** I am very grateful for the continued support of the volunteers in the Sunday Coffees team, but we really do need more help in providing this time of fellowship. We are especially in need of helpers to operate the dishwasher in St Andrew's (tuition provided!), plus others to serve teas & coffees. With a full team, the duty would be on one Sunday morning as part of a 5 to 6 weeks rota. Please contact Sara Speed (710776), or talk to any member of the team, for further information .

**PLUM FESTIVAL UPDATE:** The plum festival team, after a much deserved rest, have come together and can advise that we raised the incredible sum of £9,053 from the activities and car show that took place over the plum festival weekend. Again we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and to those that came and enjoyed the weekend. *Suzanne*



Perschore Abbey  
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## VACANCY

# ST ANDREW'S CLEANER

We need a cleaner for St Andrew's Centre to maintain the cleanliness of the building for a busy and growing range of users.

There is flexibility over when the hours are worked but they need to be mainly before 8.45 am and cover at least 5 days including one weekend day.

*Pay:* Real living wage: Currently £12 per hour

*Hours:* 8 hours per week

*Holidays:* 28 days inclusive of statutory holidays.

Closing date for applications: 3 October 2024

For a full job description  
and application form please contact our office on :

**01386 552071** (*please leave your name & contact details*)

Or email: **office@perschoreabbey.org.uk**

An application pack may also be collected from the Benefice Office

**Perschore Abbey and Benefice Office**  
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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 22 September - Trinity 17/Fairtrade & Climate Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

13:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 23 September**

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

10:00 Evensong Rehearsals (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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*)

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

### **Tuesday 24 September**

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

10:00 Evensong Rehearsals (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

15:00 Radio 3 Set up (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Pershore Civic Society (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 25 September**

09:00 Lunch Preparation (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

11:15 Morning Praise Planning (*Vicar's Vestry*)

12:00 Radio 3 Rehearsals (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:00 Pershore U3A Bridge Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:00 Radio 3 Evensong Live Broadcast  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Thursday 26 September**

09:30 SAEC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 V&W (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:00 iSing Choir Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 27 September**

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 28 September**

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### **Sunday 29 September - St Michael and All Angels**

08:00 Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM*  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Eucharist (*St Mary's, Wick*)

14:00 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

16:00 Bishop John Farewell Service  
(*Worcester Cathedral*)



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