



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 29 September 2024
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

Today's 1030 Benefice Eucharist Service at St Mary's, Wick will not be livestreamed however the 0800 Eucharist Service from the Abbey will be and will be available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community** [Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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TODAY'S BENEFICE EUCHARIST: 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! *Claire*



THE COLLECT

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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

Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 12.7-12

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 1.47-51

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 826

DARWALL'S 148th

1 Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

[Richard Baxter (1615-1691)
And John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 756

1 Oh the mercy of God, the glory of grace,
that You choose to redeem us, to forgive and restore,
and You call us your children, chosen in him,
to be holy and blameless, to the glory of God.

*To the praise of his glorious grace,
to the praise of His glory and power
To Him be all glory, honour and praise
Forever and ever and ever amen*

2 Oh the richness of grace, the depths of His love,
in Him is redemption, the forgiveness of sin,
and You called us as righteous, predestined in Him,
for the praise of His glory, Included in Christ.

3 Oh the glory of God , expressed in His Son,
his image and likeness, revealed to us all,
the plan of the ages, completed in Christ,
that we be presented, perfected in Him.

[Geoff Bullock (b.1956)]

THIRD HYMN**A&M 604*****SERVANT SONG***

- 1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
And companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

[Richard A. M. Gillard (b.1953)]

COMMUNION MOTET**If ye love me—Thomas Tallis***Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

COMMUNION HYMN**A&M 322*****SOLOTHURN***

- 1 Around the throne of God a band
of glorious angels ever stand;
bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
and on their heads are crowns of gold.
- 2 Some wait around him, ready still
to sing his praise and do his will;
and some, when he commands them, go
to guard his servants here below.

- 3 Lord, give thy angels every day
command to guide us on our way,
and bid them every evening keep
their watch around us while we sleep.
- 4 So shall no wicked thing draw near,
to do us harm or cause us fear;
and we shall dwell, when life is past,
with angels round thy throne at last.

[John Mason Neale (1818-1866)]

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,
 in flame 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)
Music: Kenneth Naylor (1931-1991)]

Voluntary: Fantasia in c BWV573—J S Bach

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

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

29 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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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 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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND HOPE: Almighty God, we pray for peace in our world, where there is often conflict and strife. Bring an end to violence and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

THE BIBLE FOR ALL: Come and join this short study course as we explore the Bible together. The course is two sessions long and will take place at St Andrew's on 3 and 10 October at 1430-1600, or if an evening suits you better, on 1 and 8 October 1900-2030. For more info contact me. No previous knowledge is assumed or needed! *Claire*



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

29 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 few 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*

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 speak to 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:

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

ABBEY SUNDAY COFFEES - HELP NEEDED!: I am very grateful for the continued support of the volunteers in the Abbey Sunday Coffees team, but we really do need more help in providing this time of fellowship. We especially need help 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 week rota. Please contact Sara Speed (710776), or talk to any member of the team, for further information.

WICK LADIES AFTERNOON CLUB, MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: All are invited to the Wick Club on Tuesday 8 October between 1430-1630 to support the Macmillan Tea, Coffee and Cake afternoon. Do come along if you can to support this event and enjoy some friendly chat and wonderful homemade cakes.

LIGHT PARTY - 27 OCTOBER: Children aged 5-10 years are invited to the Abbey 1500-1700 for this fun party. Volunteers to help on the day and with some preparation beforehand would be appreciated - please contact me on 07879 310312. *Sam Andrews*

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 30 September

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

10:30 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)

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

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

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

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

Tuesday 01 October

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

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

19:00 The Bible for All Course (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Pinvin PCC (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

Wednesday 02 October

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

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

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

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

13:00 Organ Workshop for Schools
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Thursday 03 October

09:30 iSing Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 The Bible for All Course (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Ben Mountford and
Nicole Mountford (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 04 October

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

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

16:00 Harvest Supper Set-up (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 05 October

09:00 Harvest Supper Set-up (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Wedding Service for Ben Mountford and
Nicole Mountford (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Harvest Supper (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 06 October - Trinity 19

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 All Age Harvest Festival with Fairtrade
stall & with *LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)*

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

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

14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)



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