



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 13 October 2024
TRINITY 20 / PRISONS SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey **will not be livestreamed as we are currently without internet** however it will be recorded and available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

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We welcome The Venerable James Ridge, Chaplain General (Head of Faith Services) of HM Probation and Prison Service to our Prisons Sunday Service.

THE COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

Amos 5.6-7,10-15

A reading from the book of Amos.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4.12-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and

intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10.17-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion
please let a sidesperson know**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 559

RHUDDLAN

1 God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith —
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

2 Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood,
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood —
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.

3 Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed —
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

[Shirley Erena Murray (b.1931)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 669

KINGSFOLD

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

[Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)]

1 Father, lord of all creation,
Ground of being, life and love;
Height and depth beyond description
Only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;-
Yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.

2 Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
We, your people, make our prayer:
Help us love—as sisters, brothers-
All whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
Where no selfishness can sever
There your love the world may see.

3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
Wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning
To regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
Never more to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

[Stewart Cross (1928-1989)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Jesu Joy of man's desiring—JS Bach

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 557

1 Beauty for brokenness,
Hope for despair,
Lord, in your suff'ring world,
This is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
Justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset,
Your kingdom increase.

*God of the poor,
Friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray,
Melt our cold hearts,
Let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love
From a spark to a flame.*

2 Shelter for fragile lives,
Cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsmen,
Trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed,
Rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak.

4 Rest for the ravaged earth,
Oceans and streams,
Plundered and poisoned,
Our future, our dreams,
Lord, end our madness,
Carelessness, greed,
Make us content with
The things that we need.

3 Refuge from cruel wars,
Havens from fear,
Cities for sanctu'ry,
Freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields,
Scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
His cross for the pain.

5 Lighten our darkness,
Breathe on this flame,
Until your justice burns
Brightly again;
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways,
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise.

[Graham Kendrick (b.1950)
Arranged by John Barnard (b.1948)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 818

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

[Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)]

Voluntary: Postlude VI—CV Stanford

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

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

13 OCTOBER 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 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.

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

12 OCTOBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. I have now had my last round of chemo. I should be told when my surgery is due to take place when I see my consultant on 5 November. After surgery I will then have a couple of weeks to wait before I am told if I will need any further treatment. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

SARAH WILSON: We were all deeply saddened to learn that news that Sarah had died. Sarah served the Abbey in so many different ways over the years, and even when she was unable to attend she always wanted to know what was going on. We give thanks for her faithful service and pray for David and all her family as they mourn. Sarah's funeral service will be at the Abbey on **Monday 21 October** at 1100, to which everyone is warmly invited. *Claire*

A WARM WELCOME AT THE ABBEY FOR ALL: We take seriously our mission aim to be a warm and welcoming church to anyone who walks in through the Abbey doors. We do our best to look out for folks who are new to the congregation or perhaps just visiting for a while, but some times we do miss people. If you are new to the Abbey please do let one of the sidespeople, churchwardens or officiant at the service know that you are with us so that we can welcome you properly! *Claire*



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*

ACTING BISHOP OF WORCESTER: Bishop Martin has taken up the reins as Acting Bishop of Worcester, while continuing to be Bishop of Dudley, during the episcopal vacancy. All being well, a new bishop will be installed by Christmas 2025. Click here for more details:

[Bishop Martin becomes Acting Bishop of Worcester - Diocese of Worcester \(cofe-worcester.org.uk\)](http://cofe-worcester.org.uk)

THANK YOU: Everyone enjoyed last Saturday's Abbey Harvest Supper with Ken's cottage pie followed by apple crumble. We were suitably entertained by June, Duncan and Bill. Thank you also to crumble makers and those who donated wine for our welcoming drink. Our charity raffle for Onwards and Upwards was generously supported and raised an amazing £113. *From a grateful PASA team.*

OPEN DEANERY SERVICE: There will be a service of Holy Communion open to everyone who would like to join. The service will take place at All Saints Church, Evesham, at 1900 on Tuesday 12 November and will be led by Archdeacon Mark Badger. The service will be reflecting on: *Journeying Together Towards the Light*

LADIES RETREAT MORNING AT PERSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH: This will take place on Saturday 19 October, 0930-1300 £10 per person to include refreshments/brunch. For more details and to book please go to the Baptist Church website home page (pershorebaptist.co.uk) and click on the link in the events section.

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 13 October - Trinity 20/Prisons Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)
10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)
11:30 Harvest Festival Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)
14:00 Musyck Anon's Coffee Concert (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)
17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

There will be external building works undertaken by Treasure & Sons all week (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday 14 October

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)
10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:00 Cleaner Interviews (*St Andrew's Upper*)
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)
18:30 Bell Ringing (*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 15 October

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)
11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 16 October

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*)

Thursday 17 October

09:30 iSing Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)
11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:30 Friends of Pershore Abbey Memorial
Lecture (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 18 October

*Pershore Abbey will be lit up Pink for Breast
Cancer Awareness*
All Day -Dawson Steeplejacks (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
11:00 Visiting School Group (*Pershore Abbey*)
13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:30 Bells—Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 19 October

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)
13:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)
16:00 Philomusica of Gloucestershire &
Worcestershire Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 20 October - Trinity 21

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade Stall and
with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)



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