



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 27 October 2024

BIBLE 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 810

1 Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, whose almighty word

2 Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

MOSCOW

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
 speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
 let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
 let there be light.

[John Marriot (1780-1825)
Music: Felce De Giardini (1716-1796)]

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins 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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 55.1-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 24 (Iona)

God it was

HOLY MANNA

- 1 God it was who said to Abram
'Pack your bags and travel on.'
God it was who said to Sarah
'Smile, and soon you'll bear a son.'
Travelling Folk and aged mothers,
Wandering when they thought they'd done-
This is how we find God's people,
Leaving all because of One.

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2 God it was who said to Moses,
'Save my people, part the sea!'
God it was who said to Miriam,
'Sing and dance to show you're free'
Shepherd-saints and tambourinists,
Doing what God knew they could-
This is how we find God's people,
Liberating what they should.

3 God it was who said to Joseph,
'Down your tools and take your wife'
God it was who said to Mary,
'In your womb I'll start new life.'
Carpenter and country maiden,
Leaving town and trade and skills-
This is how we find God's people,
Moved by what their Maker wills.

4 Christ it was who said, 'Zaccheus,
I would like to dine with you.'
Christ it was who said to Martha,
'Listening's what you need to do.'
Civil servants and housekeepers,
Changing places at a cost-
This is how Christ summons people
Calling both the loved and lost.

5 In this crowd which spans the ages
With these saints whom we revere,
God wants us to share their purpose
Starting now and starting here.
So we celebrate our calling,
So we raise both heart and voice
As we pray that through our living
More may find they are God's choice.

[Iona Community]

The Gospel – John 5.36b-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

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,
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**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

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
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:

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the Cross;
For all he loved his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
To live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth

[Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938)]

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Voluntary: Fiat Lux—Theodore Dubois

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

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27 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.

*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.*



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

27 OCTOBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all for your incredible kindness and support over the past few months which has certainly got me through my chemo treatment. I have now had confirmation that my surgery will take place on 21 November at Kidderminster Hospital. During my initial recovery I plan to work from home but I hope that it won't be too long before I shall be able to be with you all again. Please continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *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*

IONA SERVICE - JESUS AND OTHER FAITHS - 27 OCTOBER, 1700: This month's Iona service is an opportunity to reflect on and maybe rethink our ideas about how Jesus responded to those of other faiths and backgrounds to himself. Catherine Lack will be leading the service. She has a particular interest in interfaith issues and is Chair of Worcestershire Interfaith Forum. Everyone is most welcome. If you're unable to join in the Abbey, please email Helen for a Zoom link: iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk



ALL SOULS' SERVICE - 3 NOVEMBER: This year's service will take place at Pershore Abbey at 1700. We have written to those who have been bereaved in the last eighteen months and have shared with them that their loved one's name will be remembered at this quiet and reflective service. If your bereavement is from earlier and you would like your loved one to be remembered please let the office know, preferably by email by 30 October to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. There will also be sheets at the back of our churches over the coming weeks if you prefer to leave names that way. *Claire*

THE ABBEY'S SHOEBOX SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER: We will be holding our annual Shoebox on Sunday 3 November. All ages are very welcome to come along at 1030 to St Andrew's Centre to help pack the boxes. We would be very grateful for donations of empty shoe boxes and the following items to help fill them: Girl's and boy's toys, small soft teddies, tennis balls, soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, felt tip pens & pads. Sweets and chocolates with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the Abbey during service times. It costs a

minimum of £3.00 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*



ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 27 October - Bible Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

15:00 Autumn Walk Around Birlingham
(*St James, Birlingham*)

15:00 Light Party (*Pershore Abbey*)

Booking essential - Please call Sam Andrews on 07879310312

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 28 October

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

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

12:00 Funeral Service for the late

Barbara Luck (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:00 Abbey Misson Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:30 V&W (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

19:30 Abbey Bell Ringers AGM (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 29 October

Abbey Slab Cleaning ALL DAY

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 30 October

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Jake Mochan
and Faith Jones (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Thursday 31 October

Abbey Drainage Inspection - AM Only

Friday 01 November

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

14:00 Wedding Service for Jake Mochan and
Faith Jones (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 02 November

10:00 Weedy Pick (*St Andrew's*)

11:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Welsh Choir Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 03 November—4th before Advent

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Shoebox Sunday (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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*)

14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 All Souls' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)



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