



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 08 June 2025
PENTECOST

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. Visit www.youtube.com and search for [Pershore Abbey Community](#)
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THE COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and

smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

THE GOSPEL

John 14.8-17

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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 242

DIADEMATA

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come!
in flame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
With wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.

2. Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again,
the miracles of love.

3. Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

4. Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.

5. Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
All other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love!

[Michael Forster (b.1946)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 249

1. Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude:
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
turn my strivings into works of grace;
breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

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3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
 Giving life to all that God has made,
 show your power once again on earth,
 Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
 May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
 lead us on the road of sacrifice,
 that in unity the face of Christ
 may be clear for all the world to see.

[Keith Getty (b. 1974) & Stuart Townend (b. 1963)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 265

LAUDS

1. There's a spirit in the air,
 telling Christians everywhere:
 'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
 living, working, in our world!'

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
 tell the world what God has done:
 God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live tomorrow's life today!

5. When a stranger's not alone,
 where the homeless find a home,
 praise the love that Christ revealed,
 living, working, in our world.

3. When believers break the bread,
 when a hungry child is fed,
 praise the love that Christ revealed,
 living, working, in our world.

6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
 guide our thoughts and change our ways.
 God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live tomorrow's life today!

4. Still the Spirit gives us light,
 seeing wrong and setting right:
 God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live tomorrow's life today!

7. There's a Spirit in the air,
 calling people everywhere:
 Praise the love that Christ revealed,
 living, working, in our world.

[Brian Wren (b.1936)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Come Down, Oh Love Divine—William Harris
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

1. *Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

2. *O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my
 path illuming.*

3. *Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.*

4. *And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 74

Like a candle flame,
Flickering small in our darkness,
Uncreated light shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, alleluia,
Come to save us, alleluia*

2 Stars and angels sing,
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows;
Can this tiny spark set a world on fire?

3 Yet his light shall shine
From our lives, Spirit blazing,
As we touch the flame of his holy fire.

[Graham Kendrick (b.1950)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 264

WALK IN THE LIGHT

1. The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

2. Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
Walk, walk in the light.

4. We know his death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light.

3. He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light,
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.

5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
Walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
Walk, walk in the light.

6. The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

[Damian Lundy (1944-1996)]

Organ Voluntary: Sinfonia from Cantata 29—JS Bach, arr. Harvey Grace
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

08 JUNE 2025

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

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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 AND UKRAINE. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE.

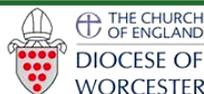
We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place and for all those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

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.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for those you call to faithfully lead and shepherd your church. As we seek a new Bishop of Worcester, help us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit's guidance, give us heavenly wisdom, and bless our diocese that we might enter a new season of growth and fruitfulness as Kingdom People.

For your glory and in the name of Christ. Amen

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Canon Claire Lording for support.



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

JUNE - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: This week I saw my oncologist who shared the news that unfortunately I have been diagnosed with secondary breast cancer in some of my bones. This type of cancer is treatable but not curable. I will be starting a new regime of chemotherapy. I will also be having some other treatments which are all designed to contain this cancer. I am very much hoping that I will be able to carry on working but I do realise that I will have to listen to my body. I realise that this will come as a shock to you all but I remain positive and am incredibly grateful for the care I continue to receive from all those looking after me. Thank you so much for all your continuing prayers, love and support, which mean the world to me. Please continue to pray for me, for all being treated for cancer and all health professionals. *Claire*

ST ANDREW'S PASTORAL SCHEME: Please see the notice at the back of the Abbey and on our [website](#) regarding proposals for the Abbey to be responsible for St Andrew's Centre.

ST ANDREW'S PARKING: St Andrew's is a very busy place these days and the car park is small. We allocate 2 places for hirers and our staff and Vicar also park there. This means that those who are involved at the Abbey, rather than St Andrew's, shouldn't use it. If you have mobility issues, please talk to one of our friendly Churchwardens who can give advice. It would be lovely if we could have more parking space but sadly this is not possible. So please help us to honour our commitment to our hirers. Thank you.

BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT PINVIN SUNDAY 29 JUNE: All are invited to attend this special service, to be held at St Nicholas', Pinvin, at 1030 on Sunday 29 June. As well as warm hearts, the congregation at St Nicholas' will be offering refreshments and good conversation after the service, allowing you time to explore the church. The only service this Sunday at the Abbey will be the 0800 Eucharist, which will be livestreamed.

CONFETTI FIELDS SERVICE: We are delighted to say we will have the Confetti Fields Service again this year, by kind permission of Charles Hudson. This special Service of Evening Praise will take place at 1900 on Friday 20 June and will be a relaxed service suitable for families and followed by refreshments. Entrance for this event is via Yock Lane only. Please follow signs onto the Flower Field Car Park. There will be a large marquee and some seating available but bring chairs if possible. *Penny Gordon*



PLEASE SEE OUR JUNE BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 08 June - Pentecost

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 All Age Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Pet Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)

10:30 Outdoor Eco Service (*Court House Woodland Garden, Birlingham*)

13:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 09 June

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

10:00 House Bible Study Group
(*58 Three Springs Road*)

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

14:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Wick Fabric Committee (*St Mary's*)

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

19:00 House Bible Study Group (*Wick Club, Wick*)

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

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

Tuesday 10 June

09:30 Bells - Vale of Evesham Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

10:30 Baptism Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:00 House Bible Study Group (*19 Acorn Grove*)

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

16:00 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

17:45 Baptism Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wednesday 11 June

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

14:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 House Bible Study Group (*41 Westcott Way*)

Thursday 12 June

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 DAWN Support Work Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

11:00 Funeral of the late Elizabeth Crowther
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 John Betjamen Society (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 13 June

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 14 June—King's Birthday

12:30 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Worcester Philharmonic Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 15 June—Trinity Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade stall and
with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

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