



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 15 June 2025
TRINITY SUNDAY

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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SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Everyone is very welcome to stay after the Abbey's 1030 Sung Eucharist on Sunday 15 June to celebrate David's 80th Birthday. There will of course be cake! *Ann Bray*



THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 5.1-5

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. **Amen.**

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

THE GOSPEL

John 16.12-15

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 277

ST PATRICK

- 1 I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
- 2 I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

3 I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

4 I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

[attributed to St Patrick (372-466)]

Translated by: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 276

NICAEA

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

[Reginald Heber (1783-1826)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 268

KINGSFOLD

1 Affirm anew the three-fold name
of Father, Spirit, Son,
our God whose saving acts proclaim
a world's salvation won.
In him alone we live and move
and breath and being find,
the wayward children of his love
who cares for humankind.

2 Declare in all the earth his grace,
to every heart his call,
the living Lord of time and place
whose love embraces all.
So shall his endless praise be sung,
his teaching truly heard,
and every culture, every tongue,
receive his timeless word.

3 Confirm our faith in this our day
amid earth's shifting sand,
with Christ as Life and Truth and Way,
a Rock on which to stand;
the one eternal Son and Lord
by God the Father given,
the true and life-imparting Word,
the Way that leads to heaven.

4 Renew once more the ancient fire,
let love our hearts inflame;
renew, restore, unite, inspire
the Church that bears your name;
one name exalted over all,
one Father, Spirit, Son,
O grant us grace to heed your call
and in that name be one.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Hymn to the Trinity - Tchaikovsky *Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

Blessed angel spirits offer praise undying,
ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Saints and martyrs praise thy name,
Trinity life-giving,
earthborn sorrow leaving before thy throne.
Ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Father omnipotent,
mighty in glory,
Christ thy son our saviour,
who died that we might live,

Holy Spirit, mystic dove dwelling with us
evermore;
we praise thee, blessed Trinity.

With the angels' sacred hymn all thy might
proclaiming,
with the mystic cherubim in songs of praise
we join.

Holy, holy, holy,
join we all in songs of praise for ever:
Hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 775

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia;
- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:
- 3 We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu-, alleluia

[Karen Lafferty (b.1948)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 589

ANGEL VOICES

- 1 Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.
- 3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.
- 5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

[Francis Pott (1832-1909)]

Organ Voluntary: Symphonie VI—Louis Vierne

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

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

15 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.

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.

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 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*



DAVID BRIGGS ORGAN RECITAL FRIDAY 20 JUNE 1930: Everyone is welcome to attend this exciting event. Known for his unbridled virtuosity and passion for making organ music vibrant and accessible to a wide and diverse audience, David Briggs is one of the most sought after concert organists of his generation. Tickets are £20 (includes a glass of wine) and are available from the Abbey Office and the Abbey Bookstall.

FUN AT THE ABBEY SUNDAY 22 JUNE 1030: The event will start with a special outdoor Morning Praise Service by the wildflower meadow, followed by games for all ages at 1130. Lastly, everyone is encouraged to bring along a picnic for 1200. The event is a chance to meet other families and make new friends. All welcome.

IONA WORSHIP AT PERSHORE ABBEY SUNDAY 22 JUNE 1700: The theme for this month's service will be: Peace, Justice and Reconciliation. Everyone is welcome.



WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO JOIN OUR ABBEY TEAM? For many, enjoying a cup of tea after the 1030 service is an important part of church life, but we could really do with some help. Would you be willing to be on our rota, just once every 4-6 weeks? Whether to load the dishwasher (4-minute cycle), transport mugs from the Abbey to St Andrew's, or to serve the hot drinks, your help would be appreciated. Please call me on 01386 710776 or email me at **thespeeds94@gmail.com**. *Sara Speed*

BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT PINVIN SUNDAY 29 JUNE 1030:

All are invited to attend this special service at St Nicholas', Pinvin. Refreshments will be available 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.



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 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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 16 June

09:30 Yoga Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)
10:00 House Bible Study Group
(*58 Three Springs Road*)
10:00 Foodbank Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:00 Bookstall Welcomers' Meeting
(*Pershore Abbey*)
18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 17 June

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)
11:00 Funeral for the late Stuart Brown
(*St James', Birlingham*)
11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:00 House Bible Study Group (*19 Acorn Grove*)

Wednesday 18 June

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
11:00 Pershore Plus Volunteer Centre Lunch
Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
18:30 House Bible Study Group (*41 Westcott Way*)

Thursday 19 June

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
10:30 House Bible Study Group (*55 Bridge Street*)

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

10:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:00 CTiP Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 20 June

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
09:45 Ukrainian Women's Empowerment
Network (*St Andrew's Upper*)
13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:30 David Briggs Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 21 June

09:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)
13:30 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:00 The Elgar Chorale of Worcester
Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 22 June - Trinity 1

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Outdoor Morning Praise, Abbey Games
and Picnic (*Pershore Park*)
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)
17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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