



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 22 June 2025

TRINITY 1

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

This week's 1030 service is a special outdoor service and will take place in Abbey Wildflower Area. The service will not be livestreamed. Instead, the 0800 Eucharist will be livestreamed and will be available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit www.youtube.com and search for [Pershore Abbey Community](#) Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Please take this sheet home with you and recycle when you have finished with it. If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

Please feel free to remain seated during our service if you find that easier

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 850 (CAHON) Jesus' love is very wonderful

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus's love is very wonderful,
Oh Wonderful love!

So high you can't get over it,
So low you can't get under it,
So wide you cant get round it,
Oh wonderful love!

Please sit for the Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
This is your world and we are your people:
Come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
And failed to strive for justice.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,
But have failed to share it with others.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

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

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen.

Remain seated for the Reading - Galatians 3. 23-end

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 545

Morning has broken

1 Morning has broken,
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken,
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

[Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

Remain standing for

The Gospel - Luke 8. 26-39 *(from The International Children's Bible)*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his followers sailed across the lake from Galilee to the area where the Gerasene people live. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man from the town came to Jesus. This man had demons inside him. For a long time he had worn no clothes. He lived in the burial caves, not in a house. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him. The man said with a loud voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please don't punish me!" He said this because Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. Many times it had taken hold of him. He had been kept under guard and chained hand and foot. But he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon out into the desert. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

The man answered, "Legion." (He said his name was "Legion" because many demons were in him.) The demons begged Jesus not to send them into eternal darkness. On the hill there was a large herd of pigs eating. The demons begged Jesus to allow them to go into the pigs. So Jesus allowed them to do this. Then the demons came out of the man and went into the pigs. The herd of pigs ran down the hill and into the lake. All the pigs drowned.

The men who took care of the pigs ran away. They told about this in the town and the countryside. And people went to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found

the man sitting there at Jesus' feet. The man was clothed and in his right mind because the demons were gone. But the people were frightened. The men who saw these things happen told the others all about how Jesus had made the man well. All the people of the Gerasene country asked Jesus to go away. They were all very afraid. So Jesus got into the boat and went back across the lake.

The man that Jesus had healed begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Go back home and tell people what God did for you." So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Please stand for our Affirmation of Faith

We say together:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on 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

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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:

Hymn 533

All things bright and beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

4 The tall trees in the greenwood,
the meadows where we play,
the rushes by the water
we gather every day:

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

5 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well:

[Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)]

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of community. We pray that you would bless all of our community and help us to build strong and supportive relationships with one another. Help us to be mindful of the needs of others, to offer support when it is needed, and to create spaces where everyone feels welcome and valued. May our communities be places of peace, hope, and love. **Amen.**

**May 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.

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

22 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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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 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.

*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: I recently 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*

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. It is a chance to meet other families and make new friends. Everyone is very 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*

HOUSE BIBLE STUDY GROUP: The study group that had been meeting at 19 Acorn Grove has now finished so there will be no meeting on Tuesday 24 June. *Peter Stansbie*

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.



ABBAY WILDFLOWER AREA: There is an increasing amount of Wall Barley in the wildflower area. Come and join us on Sunday 6 July 1400-1600 to help pull up this invader and collect some wildflower seed for the next sowing in October. Bring gloves and ideally a low stool to sit on while pulling the grass out. *Kevin O'Neill*

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR FURTHER NOTICES

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 23 June

ALL DAY Langstone Builders Pavement
Cleaning (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Bells - Friends of Madeline Quarter
Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*Zoom*)

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

19:00 Pershore Choral Quiz Evening
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrews*)

Tuesday 24 June

ALL DAY Langstone Builders Pavement
Cleaning (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

11:30 Q&M Roof Inspection (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Health & Safety Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 25 June

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:45 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

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

Thursday 26 June

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

10:30 DAWN Support Work Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 House Bible Study Group (*55 Bridge Street*)

Friday 27 June

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Roy Williams' Last Friday
Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 28 June

11:30 Burial of ashes of the late Janette Hurst
(*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

13:30 Blessing of Relationship (*St James', Birlingham*)

14:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Abbey Eco Church Wetlands Guided
Walk (*Pershore Wetlands*)

19:00 Epic Landscapes Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 29 June - Trinity 2

08:00 Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Service (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

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