



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 06 July 2025
TRINITY 3 / STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

God of grace, ever creating and restoring, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66.10-14

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her – that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

SECOND READING

Galatians 6.7-16

A reading from the Letter to the Galathians

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we

will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised – only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. **Amen.**

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10.1-11,16-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’ The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, around your table we taste your generosity and your sacrificial love; help us to be rooted, grafted and built in you, that in all we are and all we do, we may show forth abundant thanksgiving and live lives of immeasurable gratitude; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 748

WOLVERCOTE

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

5 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

[John Earnest Bode (1816-1874)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 625

Faithful One, so unchanging,
ageless One, you're my rock of peace.
Lord, of all I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
my hope is in you alone.

[Brian Doerksen (b.1965)]

- 1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.
- 5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

[John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)]

COMMUNION MOTET**The Peace of God—Alan Bullard**

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*The peace of God be with you,
The peace of Christ be with you,
The peace of Spirit be with you,
Until the day, until the day at the end of our lives.*

*The grace of God be with you,
The grace of Christ be with you,
The grace of Spirit be with you,
For ever and ever and ever, and for eternity.*

The peace of God be with you for eternity.

- 1 Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice that calls us to care
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

- 2 Feel for the people we most avoid –
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.
- 3 Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.
- 4 Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

[John L. Bell (b1949) and Graham Maule (B.1958)]

FINAL HYMN**A&M 510****KELVINGROVE**

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my love be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
will you set the prisoners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

[John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)]

Organ Voluntary: Toccata—Gaston Bellier

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

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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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.

*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*

ABBEY 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*

ABBEY ECO CHURCH LITTER PICK AND FILM EVENT: All are welcome to join the next Litter Pick which will take place on Saturday 5 July. The Abbey Litter Pickers will meet by the buttresses at the West End of the Abbey at 1000 for an hour of litter picking. All equipment is provided and refreshments will be provided afterwards at St Andrew's Centre at 1100 when a short film about the Borneo Rainforest will be shown.



HELP NEEDED AT ABBEY BABIES & TODDLERS: After giving many years of service to the Babies & Toddlers Group, David and Sandra Long have decided that they wish to "retire". The group is very grateful for their support. I am now seeking to recruit a volunteer to take over David's duty (2nd Friday of the month, school terms only). This would involve helping to set up child-size tables and chairs (before 0930) and helping to clear away at 1130 – takes about 30 mins each time. I already have a volunteer to take over from Sandra, but would welcome any offers of "stand-by" help to act as a reserve to cover holidays, sickness, etc. This would be to help serve refreshments, chat to parents, tidy kitchen at the end of the sessions. Interested? Please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or email at thespeeds94@gmail.com



THANK YOU ST NICHOLAS, PINVIN!: It was wonderful to gather as a Benefice Family to share in our Benefice Eucharist last Sunday. Our worship was joyful and full of praise. And the al fresco hospitality shared by St Nicholas was simply amazing! Thank you for such a memorable time together. *Claire*

PLEASE SEE OUR JULY & AUGUST 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 06 July - Stewardship Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 07 July

ALL DAY - Gary Owens Organ Tuning
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 08 July

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

11:00 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)

14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Abbey PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 09 July

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

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

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

19:15 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (*Zoom*)

Thursday 10 July

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

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

11:00 Eucharist (*Rolan Rutter Court*)

Friday 11 July

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

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

13:00 Organ Workshop - Pershore High
School (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 12 July

11:00 Valuation Day (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Worcester Male Voice Choir Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 13 July - Trinity 4 / Recognition of all those involved in ministry with children and young people, and their families

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

13:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)

14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

