



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 13 July 2025
TRINITY 4

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30.9-14

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying, The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

SECOND READING

Colossians 1.1-14

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in

the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **Amen.**

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10.25-37

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 664

ST PETER

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

6 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

[John Newton (1725-1807)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 580

RHUDDLAN

1 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

2 Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

3 Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
cheer the faint and feed the hungry
with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

[Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 675

BISHOPTHORPE

1 Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

2 Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

3 We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:

4 But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

5 The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

6 Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

7 Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

[John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)]

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

COMMUNION MOTET

Ubi Caritas - Ola Gjeilo

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.
Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites.
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:
Gaudium quod est immensum, atque
probum,
Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.*

Ubi Caritas—English Translation

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time, therefore, are gathered into
one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time we see that with the saints also,
Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good, Unto the
World without end. Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 756

1 Oh the mercy of God, the glory of grace,
that You chose to redeem us, to forgive and restore,
and You call us your children, chosen in him,
to be holy and blameless, to the glory of God.

*To the praise of his glorious grace,
to the praise of His glory and power
To Him be all glory, honour and praise
Forever and ever and ever amen*

2 Oh the richness of grace, the depths of His love,
in Him is redemption, the forgiveness of sin,
You called us as righteous, predestined in Him,
for the praise of His glory, Included in Christ.

3 Oh the glory of God , expressed in His Son,
his image and likeness, revealed to us all,
the plae of the ages, completed in Christ,
that we be presented, perfected in Him.

[Geoff Bullock (b.1956)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 644

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3 God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

[Timothy Rees (1874-1939)]

Organ Voluntary: Final - Sonata 1- Alexandre Guilmant

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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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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Following on from last week's Stewardship Sunday services at the Abbey, please see
below two helpful links.

[Pershore Abbey Legacy Leaflet](#)

[Pershore Abbey Parish Giving Leaflet](#)

Hardcopies of both leaflets are available at the back of the Abbey

*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: 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*

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. Please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or email at thespeeds94@gmail.com if interested.

UPDATE AND THANKS FROM STUART PIPER: I would like to thank to everyone at the Abbey for their kind thoughts and prayers whilst I recovered from my car accident at the end of last year. I have now attended a couple of ringing sessions at St Andrew's - it has been good to get back on the end of a rope. Generally, it's okay provided I keep to the lighter bells (3rd or 4th). With their weight and difficulty, I'm not even thinking about ringing in the Abbey yet! I thank Alistair, my deputy, who is looking after all things bells in my absence, and to all of the other ringers supporting him. *Stuart Piper*

CALLING ALL CAKE MAKERS: To all our wonderful volunteers and cake makers your help is needed please for St Andrew's teas on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August. Please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 to volunteer for the rota and Hilary Fowler on 01386 552243 for offers of cakes or donations. Looking forward to another successful Plum Fayre for Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's. *Thank you Jane Knox 01386 556981 PASA secretary.*

ABBAY LINK MAGAZINE: Deliverers are urgently needed for the following areas: Queen Elizabeth Drive (25 copies), Heathlands (10 copies), Hospital (10 copies), Wychavon Offices (2 copies), Station Road, 2, 4, 6 & 8 (4 copies). Delivery only takes place 4 times a year, and if anyone feels they can lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

A CUP OF COLD WATER is the theme of the Iona service at 1700 on Sunday 27 July in Pershore Abbey. If you could help read part of this service, set out chairs, or if you would like a zoom link for the service, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

NEXT STEPS FOR THE IONA SERVICE: Did you know that Iona services in Pershore Abbey have been mostly organised and led by lay people for over 30 years? Could you help carry on this valued worship time? Please speak to Helen Oldham to find out more.



ABBAY COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 19 JULY: Abbey Eco Church Group will be hosting July's parish coffee morning on Saturday 19 July from 1030 until 1200. Everyone is invited to pop into St Andrew's to enjoy coffee, cakes and a chat. There will even be an Eco Church Give and Take stall so bring along any books, plants or produce that you would like to give and, in return, take away something someone else has brought. No clothes or bric-a-brac please. We look forward to seeing you there.

NOTES FROM THE ABBEY PCC MEETING HELD ON 08.07.2025

The PCC met on 8 July with a busy agenda to work through. These are some of the highlights:

Safeguarding We completed the annual review of Church and Non-Church activities, as required by safeguarding protocols. Suzanne Clarke (*Parish Safeguarding Officer*) then led us through an online toolkit to consider ways to better support staff and volunteers in leadership roles. It was agreed that leaders of the various groups involved with vulnerable adults, or children and young people, should be offered the opportunity to meet and discuss their needs.

Welcoming and Inclusion The PCC discussed the importance of making everyone feel welcome and included whenever they attend services or visit the Abbey. We acknowledged that much has been done, but there is always room for improvement! Your ideas or comments would be welcome.

Mission Nicky von Benzon and Claire led the first “Walking Church” with 12 walkers and 3 dogs. It was interesting that 3 of the group were not involved in “church” but had seen the notices and decided to give it a try. All agreed it had been a most enjoyable experience – the next one will take place on 26 July, with Nigel Hawkes and Claire leading.

A meeting to discuss setting up a Dementia Church, and ways of making our buildings more dementia-friendly, is being planned. Anyone interested in joining the working group should contact Canon Claire.

James McDowall-Scott (*Director of Music*) has been working with Pershore High School and Pershore Choral, looking at ways of involving young people in choral music and possibly re-introducing choral scholarships. Sam Andrews (*Children & Families Worker*) will be running “Little Seeds” sessions on Friday mornings in August and there will be another Summer Activity Day on Tuesday 12 August in the Abbey. The “God and the Big Bang” team will be returning in September.

Heating Project The latest proposals for the new heating project were discussed – more from Judy Dale.

St Andrew’s Centre The Benefice Office had received a very complimentary email from a hirer who had been impressed by the condition and cleanliness of the facilities provided. Good to hear from a satisfied customer! The consultation stage of transferring the ownership of St Andrew’s Centre from the Church Commissioners to the PCC had been completed, but a final decision was awaited.

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 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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 14 July

09:30 Yoga (*St Andrew's Upper*)
10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
12:00 Funeral service for the late
Gillian Willis (*St Mary's, Wick*)
13:30 Pinvin C of E Academy Leavers' Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)
18:30 Holy Redeemer Yr6 End of Year Party
(*St Andrew's Main*)
18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)
19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 15 July

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)
11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 16 July

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*)
13:30 Orchard Primary Leavers' Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Thursday 17 July

10:30 Support Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
14:00 Abbey Park Federation Leavers' Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)
18:00 Wedding Rehearsal William Smaldon &
Isobel Lole (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 18 July

09:30 Babies & Toddlers Summer Clean
(*St Andrew's Main*)
10:00 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 Bells - Pershore Development Quarter
Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 19 July

09:30 Wedding Flowers Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Abbey Eco Church Coffee Morning
(*St Andrew's Main*)
13:00 Wedding Service William Smaldon &
Isobel Lole (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 20 July - Trinity 5

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade and with
LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Patronal Holy Communion
(*St James', Birlingham*)
10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
14:30 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)



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