



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 20 July 2025**  
**TRINITY 5**

## **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](https://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.

### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Genesis 18.1-10a**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

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

### **SECOND READING**

#### **Colossians 1.15-28**

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or

dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**Amen.**

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

### **THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 10.38-42**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 593**

**CAMBERWELL**

1 At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now:  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders,  
in their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death he passed:

4 Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory,  
of that perfect rest.

5 Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

6 In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
crown him as your Captain  
in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

7 Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

[Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)  
Music: John M Brierley (1932-2019)]

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| 1 O thou who camest from above<br>the fire celestial to impart,<br>kindle a flame of sacred love<br>on the mean altar of my heart!              | 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire<br>to work, and speak, and think for thee;<br>still let me guard the holy fire,<br>and still stir up the gift in me. |
| 2 There let it for thy glory burn<br>with inextinguishable blaze,<br>and trembling to its source return<br>in humble prayer and fervent praise. | 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,<br>my acts of faith and love repeat;<br>till death thy endless mercies seal,<br>and make the sacrifice complete.      |

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

**THIRD HYMN****A&M 672**

1. I will worship (I will worship)  
With all of my heart (with all of my heart).  
I will praise you (I will praise you)  
With all of my strength (all my strength).  
I will seek you (I will seek you)  
All of my days (all of my days).  
I will follow (I will follow)  
All of your ways (all your ways).

*I will give you all my worship,  
I will give you all my praise,  
You alone I long to worship,  
You alone are worthy of my praise.*

2. I will bow down (I will bow down)  
Hail you as King (hail you as king).  
I will serve you (I will serve you),  
Give you everything (give you everything)  
I will lift up (I will lift up)  
My eyes to your throne (my eyes to your throne).  
I will trust you (I will trust you),  
I will trust you alone (trust in you alone).

[Dave Ruis]

<p><b>If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion please let a sidesperson know</b></p>
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## **COMMUNION MOTET**

### **Jesu, the very thought of thee - Sir Edward Bairstow** *Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see  
And in Thy presence rest*

*O hope of every contrite heart  
O joy of all the meek  
To those who fall how kind Thou art  
Good to those who seek!*

*Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name  
O Saviour of mankind!*

*But what to those who find? Ah this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is  
None but His loved ones know*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **A&M 642**

1. God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;
2. God be in mine eyes,  
And in my looking;
3. God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;
4. God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking
5. God be at mine end,  
And at my departing.

[Horæ beatæ Mariæ Virginis, London 1514  
Music by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)]

## **FINAL HYMN**

### **A&M 713**

**SLANE**

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

[Joyce Placzek (Jan Struther) (1901-1953)]

**Organ Voluntary: Final - Marche Heroique—Sir Herbert Brewer**  
*The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

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## **PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY**

### **20 JULY 2025**

**As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:**

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

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#### **BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**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](mailto: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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Following on from our 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

## 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*

**ABBEY CHOIR:** I would like to thank Janet Stansbie, Di Jeffries, Mick Plank and Jean Andrews for their incredible service, commitment and Christian dedication to the Abbey and the Abbey Choir over a number of years. Janet, Di and Mick have decided to step down and Jean is taking time out while her voice recovers. As the Abbey Director of Music, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the choir that grew from the Abbey congregation, the Abbey family, that kept going to maintain a choir even when the numbers were small. I am proud to direct such a dedicated group of people from all around the country. I would like to extend the hand of welcome to any other members of our Abbey family who might like to consider joining the choir - all parts, SATB are welcome. There is flexibility within our Choir family. It is big enough to cope with holiday, illness and absence, so please do not feel it is an onerous commitment. Choir term ends at the end of July, but we restart in September. Please do consider if God is calling you to raise your voice to heaven with the choir of Pershore Abbey. Blessings, *James*

**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.*

**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](mailto: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. If you feel you could join others to help organise Iona services or would like to find out more about what this could involve, please contact Helen [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)



**A VERY BIG THANK YOU:** Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) would like to say a big thank you to those who supported this year's Carnival Teas - from cake makers and volunteers to donors and Carnival Tea frequenters! Together, we raised an impressive £958.38 - all between the hours of 1100 and 1430. Thank you. *Jane Knox*



**HELP NEEDED AT BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL:** Pershore based charity, Event Mobility, rent mobility scooters/wheelchairs to those that need them at many national events. Volunteers are needed for the Big Church Festival, 21-24 August. Volunteers would be required to camp at the event, arriving on 21 August and stopping until the end of the event when all scooters are returned on 24 August. Once the scooters are collected for the day, volunteers would have free access to the festival. If anyone can help, please contact Mark Wickam (Holy Redeemer Church) on 07817751715 before 3 August.



## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **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*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 21 July**

12:00 Funeral for the late Gwyneth Sigsworth  
(*Vale Crematorium*)  
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)  
16:00 PUC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)  
18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)  
19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 22 July**

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)  
11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)  
13:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Wednesday 23 July**

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)  
12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat  
(*St Andrew's Main*)  
14:00 Dementia Working Group (*Vicar's Vestry*)  
14:00 Pershore U3A Bridge Group  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)  
15:45 V&W Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)

### **Thursday 24 July**

10:00 Abbey Pastoral Group  
10:30 Support Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)  
14:00 SAEC (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Friday 25 July**

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 26 July**

14:00 Abbey Walking Church (*Abbey Park*)  
15:00 Abbey Walking Church Refreshments  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Sunday 27 July - Trinity 6**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM  
(*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)  
14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:00 Service of Holy Baptism  
(*St James', Birlingham*)  
14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)  
17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

