



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 27 July 2025

TRINITY 6

## SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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### 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 584

### All my hope on God is founded

1 All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

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4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

[Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste* by Joachim Neander (1650-1680)]

### *Please sit for the Prayers of Penitence*

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.' So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

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**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *Remain seated for the Reading* - **Colossians 2.6-15**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn 816**

## **Thy kingdom come, O God**

**ST CECILIA**

1 Thy kingdom come, O God,  
thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with thine iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.

2 Where is thy reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?

3 When comes the promised time  
that war shall be no more,  
and lust, oppression, crime  
shall flee thy face before?

4 We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.

5 Men scorn thy sacred name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.

6 O'er lands both near and far  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O Morning Star,  
arise, and never set!

[Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)]

*Remain standing for*

## **The Gospel - Luke 11.1-13**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you

pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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 775

## Seek ye first

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)]

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

### ***Organ Voluntary: Sortie in Eb—Lefebure-Wely***

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

## PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

### 27 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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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:** 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*

**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)

**ABBEY ECO CHURCH MUCKNELL ABBEY VISIT:** All spaces for our visit to Mucknell Abbey on Thursday 4 September have now been taken. Thank you. *David Oldham*



**PICTURE OF THE WEEK:** We made it as Picture of the Week on the Diocesan Mailing for celebrating Recognise Week - a national week of recognition and thanks for all those who work and share in ministry with children, young people and their families. Well done team! *Claire*

**SUSTAINABLE HEATING FOR THE ABBEY:** Since 2020 the Church of England has been looking to all churches to reduce their carbon emissions towards 'Net Zero' by 2030. The Abbey has had some success in moving to LED lighting, but the greatest amount of carbon we release to the atmosphere comes from our gas fired heating boiler, now over 20 years old and needing replacement. This is an opportunity for us to introduce more ECO friendly, sustainable ways of heating, and for several years the Fabric Committee has been investigating options, seeking advice from architects, consultant engineers and the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee). There are limitations as to what would be permitted, considering archaeology, architecture, and acceptability. The recommendation is that we continue with underfloor heating, using energy from solar panels and two air source heat pumps (ASHPs) working in a hybrid system with a smaller condensing gas boiler-needed in very cold weather. The only visible part of this would be the ASHPs which would need to be tucked outside the Abbey building at ground level, near the boiler house. The PCC has agreed that we move forward to seek the necessary permissions from Wychavon Planning and the Chancellor of the Diocese after which, if successful, we will be able to apply to find funding for the project. More detail to follow but do ask Judy Dale or Martin Fowler. *Judy Dale, Chair of Pershore Abbey Fabric Committee*

**TEDDY BEAR VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers to help with all of the teddy bear based activities in the Abbey. If you would like to help please contact Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293.

**TEDDY BEARS WANTED FOR PLUM FAYRE:** The Abbey is collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 26 August. Donations would be very much appreciated. Please place in the 'Teddy Box' at the back of the Abbey or phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293.



**PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR FURTHER NOTICES**

## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire will be on annual leave from Monday 28th July to Monday 18th August.

### **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*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 28 July**

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)  
10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)  
10:30 Bells - Friends of Madeline Quarter  
Peal (*St Andrew's*)  
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*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 29 July**

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

### **Wednesday 30 July**

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)  
12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
15:45 V&W Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)  
19:00 Wedding Blessing Choir Rehearsal  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Thursday 31 July**

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

12:30 Wedding Blessing Rehearsal for  
Frank Rodford and Matilde Renard  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 01 August**

09:30 Summer's Little Seeds (*St Andrew's Main*)  
13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)  
15:00 Wedding Flower Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:30 Bells - Surprise Major Practice  
(*St Andrew's*)

### **Saturday 02 August**

12:00 Wedding Blessing for Frank Rodford and  
Matilde Renard (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 03 August- Trinity 7**

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fair Trade stall and  
with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)  
14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)



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