



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 03 August 2025
TRINITY 7

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14: 2.18-23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.1-11

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! **Amen.**
For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12.13-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops? Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 532

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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| 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice: | 4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show: |
| 3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light: | 5 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: |

[William Henry Draper (1855-1933)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 601

BLESSED ASSURANCE

- 1 Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

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| 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love: | 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest —
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love: |
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[Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)]

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)
And Keith Getty (b.1974)]

COMMUNION HYMN**A&M 787*****NOTTINGHAM***

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Cont'd

5 Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

[Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 739

NUN DANKET

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

[Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)]

Organ Voluntary: Trio Sonata in Eb - JS Bach

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

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

03 AUGUST 2025

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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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

THE NEW BISHOP OF WORCESTER IS ANNOUNCED:

Hugh Nelson has been announced as the new Bishop of Worcester. Bishop Hugh is currently the Bishop of St Germans in the Diocese of Truro, a position he has held since 2020, serving as the Acting Bishop of Truro from Sept 2023 until May this year. He is also Bishop to the Armed Forces, providing spiritual and pastoral leadership to Anglican Chaplains serving in the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force, a role which he will continue to hold as Bishop of Worcester.

Ordained in 2008, Hugh served his curacy in six rural parishes in East Kent before serving for eight years as the parish priest of Goudhurst with Kilndown. Before ordination, Hugh spent 13 years living and leading the community of L'Arche London, part of an international network of ecumenical Christian communities where people



with and without learning disabilities share life together. Bishop Hugh is married to Lizzie, who is UK Director of Search for Common Ground, an NGO which works to transform conflicts and build peace. Hugh and Lizzie have four children in their teens and 20s. Hugh loves hanging out with his family, gardening and playing and watching football, rugby and cricket. He is delighted that he will be living opposite New Road Cricket Ground! We offer Bishop Hugh a warm welcome.

Please pray for Bishop Hugh

*Gracious and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,
you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
we thank you for calling your servant Hugh
to be Bishop of Worcester;
sustain him by your love,
strengthen him in faith
encourage him in hope
and grant him the needful gifts of grace;
that through his ministry among us
we may live and grow as Kingdom People
sharing faith, hope and love in Jesus' name.
Amen*

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 greatest amount of carbon we release to the atmosphere comes from our gas fired heating boiler, now over 20 years old. 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 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 after which, we will be able to apply to find funding. For more details speak to Judy Dale or Martin Fowler. *Judy Dale, Chair of Pershore Abbey Fabric Committee*



EARLY RISERS NEEDED: If you are an early riser, we need your help to marshal the Classic Car event on Monday 26 August. We need people on site from 0800 till 1200 to help with the smooth running of the day. If you can help please contact Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293.

PLUM FAYRE DAY HELP: The loan of garden furniture would be much appreciated for St Andrew's garden for the Plum Fayre Day refreshments on Monday 25 August. Please contact Jane Knox on 01386 556981. For those who have kindly offered cakes, please bring them on Sunday 24 August to either the 0800 or 1030 service - boxes will be at the back of the Abbey labelled either frozen or fresh. Additional offers of homemade cakes or monetary donations are always very welcome. *Thank you from the PASA Team*

TEDDY BEAR VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help with all of the teddy bear based activities taking place in the Abbey on August Bank Holiday Monday. 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 JULY & AUGUST BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire is on annual leave until Monday 18 August 2025

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*)

12:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 04 August

14:00 U3A History Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 05 August

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

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

Wednesday 06 August

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

11:00 Pershore Plus Volunteer Centre Lunch
Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

16:00 Private Tower Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

Thursday 07 August

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

Friday 08 August

09:30 Summer's Little Seeds (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Funeral for the late Robert Judge
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 09 August

10:00 Craft Fayre (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Summer Activity Morning Prep
(*St Andrew's Upper Room*)

11:00 Vigil for Peace
(*Pershore Abbey, St John Chapel*)

Sunday 10 August - Trinity 8

08:00 Eucharist (*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*)

17:00 Wholeness and Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)



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