



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 24 August 2025

BARTHOLOMEW

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.

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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 650

Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)]

Please sit for the Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive 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.**

Remain seated for the Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5.12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. **Amen.**

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 587

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

[vs. 1-4: John Newton (1725-1807)
v 5: John Rees (1828-1900)]

Remain standing for The Gospel

The Gospel - Luke 22.24-30

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father

has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to preach peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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:

- 1 God, we praise you, God, we bless you!
 God, we name you sovereign Lord!
 Mighty King whom angels worship,
 Father, by your Church adored:
 all creation shows your glory,
 heaven and earth draw near your throne,
 singing, 'Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord of hosts, and God alone!'
- 2 True apostles, faithful prophets,
 saints who set their world ablaze,
 martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
 join one growing song of praise,
 while your Church on earth confesses
 one majestic Trinity:
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 God, our hope eternally.
- 3 Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
 everlasting Son of God,
 humble was your virgin mother,
 hard the lonely path you trod.
 By your cross is sin defeated,
 hell confronted face to face,
 heaven opened to believers,
 sinners justified by grace.
- 4 Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
 you will judge the world you made;
 Lord, in mercy help your servants
 for whose freedom you have paid.
 Raise us up from dust to glory,
 guard us from all sin today;
 King enthroned above all praises,
 save your people, God, we pray!

[Christopher Idle (b.1938)]

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the infinite and glorious Trinity,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 direct our life in good works,
 and after our journey through this world,
 grant us eternal rest with Batholomew and all the saints. **Amen.**

**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: Toccata in Bb minor—Louis Vierne

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

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

24 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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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.

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

ALM CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORKER COURSE: This autumn the diocese is hoping to run two cohorts of the ALM Children and Youth Worker Course, one in the north and one in the south of the diocese. If you feel called to work with and pray for children and young people, supporting them in their Christian faith journey through leading ministry in church, school and community, then this could be the course for you! It is delivered over 8 sessions, helping participants to reflect on their context and experience, consider a theology for children and youth ministry and learn the nuts of bolts of planning, leading and reflecting on ministry together. Our aim is to deliver sessions at a time and location convenient to the group members, beginning late September/early October. If you are interested in finding out more, please come along to our information session on Tuesday 16 September 1900 on Zoom to book your place: <https://forms.office.com/e/dbq765VCQv> Information about the ALM Children and Youth Worker course and a role description can be viewed [here](#). *Sam Andrews*

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER: A very big thank you to everyone who helped at this year's Summer Activity Morning at the Abbey and also the Summer's Little Seeds sessions at St Andrew's. These important activities couldn't happen without your support so from me and all the children who enjoyed the activities, thank you. *Sam Andrews*



THANK YOU: After many years Olive Hall will no longer be doing the washing from St Andrew's. Her last load will be after the Plum Fayre. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Olive for all that she has done in keeping the dishcloths, tea-towels and table cloths in such good order for us. I would also like to say thank you to those who have already stepped forward with offers of help to carry on this role. *Sam Andrews*

TEDDY BEARS WANTED FOR PLUM FAYRE: The Abbey is collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 26 August. Please place donations in the 'Teddy Box' at the back of the Abbey or phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293. Thank you.

GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD: Pershore Baptist Church is hosting a special cultural evening of traditional Thai dance, song and food at 1830 on Saturday 30 August. Tickets are £15, including a Thai meal, and are available at www.pershorebaptist.co.uk or by contacting the church treasurer treasurer.pershorebaptist@gmail.com

BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST - SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 1030: Join us at the Abbey for our Benefice Sung Eucharist when we will be welcoming those from our other churches in the Benefice. All welcome.

TEDDY PRAISE SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 1415: Join us at the Bandstand in Abbey Park for our annual Teddy Praise service - a short service for all the family, and their teddy bears! Children and adults alike are encouraged to bring along their favourite teddy! It is a fun service, which will be taking place as part of the Plum Festival weekend.



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 24 August - Trinity 10

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:00 Plum Festival Set Up (*St Andrew's*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 13:00 Plum Festival Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:00 Tower Tours (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:15 Teddy Praise (*Bandstand in Abbey Park*)
- 15:00 Hymns and Pimms (*St James', Birlingham*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 25 August - Bank Holiday

- Plum Festival Activities all day
- 09:30 Bells - Ringing for the Opening of the Fayre (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Bells - Friends of Madeline Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)
- 12:45 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:30 Abbey Eco Church Litter Pick (*Pershore Abbey—Meet at the West End of the Abbey*)

Tuesday 26 August

- 09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 27 August

- 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 U3A Bridge Club (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:45 V&W Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Thursday 28 August

- 09:00 Sound Engineers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 09:30 Support Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 29 August

- 13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:30 Bells - Roy Williams' Last Friday Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 30 August

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Sunday 31 August - Trinity 11

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

