



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 28 September 2025

TRINITY 15 / CLIMATE SUNDAY



SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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To help us mark Climate Sunday, we welcome Liz Etheridge, the Senior Environment Officer at Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Council, to our 1030 service.

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 536

Creator God the World around

MELIT

1 Creator God, the world around
declares your glory — flower and tree,
the evening sky and torrent's sound
and mountain stream and rolling sea.
Yet all this beauty cannot show
a God whom we can truly know.

2 Composer God, all music sings
your power, your praise, your majesty:
in drum and trumpet, flute and strings,
in choir and song and symphony.
Yet music which inspires our praise
can never fathom all your ways.

3 Designer God, in shape and form
the beauty you inspire is shown;
in line and colour, etched or drawn,
in sculpture, painting, glass and stone.
Yet all these talents can't express
the full truth of your loveliness.

4 Mysterious God, though all the arts
of nature and of human skill
may move us, yet our longing hearts
are never satisfied until
in Jesus Christ you show your face:
a God of love and truth and grace.

[Brian Hoare (b. 1935)]

Please sit for the Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

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

Glorious God, the whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us the capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain seated for the Reading

Reading - Psalm 104. 14-23

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney. You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. People go out to their work and to their labour until the evening.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 3 *Iona book*

All the wonder

Ar hyd y nos

1 All the wonder that surrounds us
springs from God's care:
all that marvels or confounds us, raw,
rich or rare;
touch and texture, sights and voices,
nature's countless forms and choices,
all in which the heart rejoices
springs from God's care.

3 How can we revere God's goodness
meant for all time?
How ensure that each uniqueness
keeps in its prime?
How can we revere with pleasure
all God gives for life and leisure?
How preserve each earthly treasure
meant for all time?

2 Every creature, every human
lives by God's grace:
every family, man and woman,
culture and race;
those whom fortune seems to favour,
those exploited for their labour,
those who need to know a neighbour
live by God's grace.

4 God has willed that peace and justice
walk hand in hand.
These, with love, shall build foundations
on which we'll stand:
Love for lover, friend and stranger,
love defying death and danger,
love as firstborn in a manger -
heaven close at hand.

Known Unknowns (John L Bell & Graham Maule/Wild Goose Resource Group)

The Gospel

Matthew 6. 25-30

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than

they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith?

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

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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 765

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

[Joachim Neande (1650-1680)

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)]

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the earth and direct the nations. In this time of climate crisis grant us clarity to hear the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor; challenge us to change our lifestyles; guide our leaders to take courageous action; enable your church to be a beacon of hope; and foster within us a renewed vision of your purposes for your world. **Amen.**

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless us with wonder at creation's glory. May God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling. May God bless us with courage at this critical hour. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon us and on all creation, this day and for the future to come. **Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary: Lobet Den Herrn—Karg Elert

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

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 28 SEPTEMBER 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

ABBAY IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 1700: The theme of this informal service is 'Departures and Journeys' and uses Kathy Galloway's inspirational songs and prayers. Do come along to celebrate Kathy's life and legacy as former leader of the

Iona Community, and passionate campaigner for social justice including in Palestine and Israel. Kathy says “A blessing on our departures; for without them, we cannot walk the way.”

HARVEST FESTIVALS: Harvest services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God. If you can, please bring non-perishable food donations for Pershore Foodbank to the Abbey Service. Our harvest services will take place on the following days:

Pershore Abbey	1030 05 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
St Nicholas', Pinvin	1030 05 October	Harvest Holy Communion
St Mary's, Wick	1130 12 October	Harvest Festival

ABBEY HARVEST LUNCH - SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER, 1230 AT ST ANDREW'S:

Tickets are on now sale priced £10 (the same as last year!). This includes shepherd's pie and mixed veg (kindly made by Ken Tallis), apple crumble and cream, and a drink. If anyone has any dietary requirements please let Jane Knox know asap on 01386 556981. If anyone would like to make a crumble (for 8), please sign up with Mary Cope. Please can the crumbles have a basic crumble topping and be cooked beforehand as we can only re-heat on the day. Apples will be provided by Kevin O'Neill for those who need them. Thank you. *The PASA team.*



ABBEY LIGHT PARTY - 31 OCTOBER: Children aged 5-10 years are invited to the Abbey 1500-1700 for this fun party. Volunteers to help on the day and with some preparation beforehand would be appreciated - please either see me in church or contact me on 07879 310312. *Many thanks, Sam Andrews*

HELP NEEDED AT BABIES & TODDLERS: We have a thriving group of 20–25 families that meets on Friday mornings (term time) at St Andrew's Centre, providing play activities for babies and pre-schoolers. It also serves as a friendly support to their parents and other carers. I urgently need an extra volunteer to help set up child size tables and chairs/play equipment at 0900, and to return at 1130 to help clear away. The monthly rota is for 1 in 4 Fridays. Should you be interested in helping, please contact me on 01386 710776. Thank you. *Sara Speed*

THE ABBEY'S SHOEBOX APPEAL: We are looking for helpers to come to St Andrew's Centre at 1000 on Saturday 1 November to help pack this year's shoeboxes. We would be very grateful for donations of the following items: Girl's and boy's toys, small soft teddies, tennis balls, soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, felt tip pens and pads, and sweets with a long sell by date (March 2026). Please place items in the box at the back of the Abbey during service times. It costs a minimum of £3.50 to send each shoe box; if you would prefer to contribute to this any



funds would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. We are hoping to pack and send 100 boxes, which will be blessed on Sunday 2 November during the 1030 service. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

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ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 28 September - Trinity 15 / Climate Sunday

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*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 29 September

10:00 Autumn House Group (58 Three Springs Road)

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*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 30 September

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

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

11:00 Funeral for the late Anne Cole
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Autumn House Group (*19 Acorn Grove*)

14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (*Zoom*)

Wednesday 01 October

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*)

12:00 Funeral for the late Eric Smith (*Vale*)

14:00 Autumn House Group (*25 Rushers Close*)

14:00 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Thursday 02 October

09:45 i-Sing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

19:00 Autumn House Group (*41 Westcott Way*)

Friday 03 October

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's*)

19:00 Candlelight Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Surprise Major Practice
(*St Andrew's*)

21:00 Candlelight Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 04 October

10:00 Valuation Day in support of St Mary's,
Wick (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Pershore Rotary's Celebration of Autumn
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 05 October - Trinity 16 /

Fairtrade Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Harvest All Age Eucharist with
LIVESTREAM and Fairtrade Stall
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Harvest Holy Communion
(*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

12:30 Abbey Harvest Lunch (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice
(*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

