



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 05 October 2025**  
**TRINITY 16**  
**FAIRTRADE SUNDAY / ALL AGE HARVEST**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

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### **THE COLLECT**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Phillippians 4.4-9**

A reading from the Letter to the Phillippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **John 6.25-35**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What

sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## **HYMN SHEET**

### **FIRST HYMN**

**A&M 282**

***ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR***

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all be safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

2 All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified  
in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

[Henry Alford (1810-1871)]

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

**A&M 284**

***AR HYD Y NOS***

1 For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

[Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)]

1. Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer,  
for all things living  
thou madest good:  
harvest of sown fields,  
fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.
2. Bless thou the labour  
we bring to serve thee,  
that with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
we would work with thee;  
harvesting, milling  
for daily bread.
3. Father, providing  
food for thy children,  
thy wisdom guiding  
teaches us share  
one with another,  
so that rejoicing  
with us, our brother  
may know thy care.
4. Then will thy blessing  
reach every people;  
freely confessing  
thy gracious hand.  
Where thy will reigneth  
no one will hunger;  
thy love sustaineth;  
fruitful the land.

[Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)]

**COMMUNION MOTET****Thou Visitest the Earth — Maurice Green**

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

*Thou visitest the earth  
And blessest it  
And blessest it  
And crownest the year  
The year with thy goodness  
And crownest the year  
The year with thy goodness  
Thou visitest the earth  
And blessest it  
And blessest it  
And crownest the year  
The year with thy goodness*

*And crownest the year  
The year with thy goodness  
Thou crownest the year  
The year with thy goodness  
Thou crownest the year  
The year with thy goodness  
Thou visitest the earth  
(Thou visitest the earth)  
And blessest it  
And crownest the year  
The year with thou goodness*

**COMMUNION HYMN****A&M 285****GOTT WILL'S MACHEN**

1. God, whose farm is all creation,  
take the gratitude we give;  
take the finest of our harvest,  
crops we grow that we may live.

Cont'd

2. Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,  
hopes and fears of sun and rain,  
all our thinking, planning, waiting,  
ripened in this fruit and grain.

3. All our labour, all our watching,  
all our calendar of care,  
in these crops of your creation,  
take, O God: they are our prayer.

[Lesley Thomas John Arlott (1914-1991)  
Music: John Ludwig Steiner (1688-1761)]

## **FINAL HYMN**

## **A&M 290**

## **WIR PFLÜGEN**

1. We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

2. He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

3. We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

[Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)  
Translated by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)]

***Organ Voluntary: Imperial March—Sir Edward Elgar***  
*The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

## PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

### 05 OCTOBER 2025

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

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

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The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on  
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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



**NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY:** On Friday 3 October, The Church of England announced The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. Let us pray for Bishop Sarah as she takes on this important role. *Please see our October Monthly Bulletin to find out more about Bishop Sarah.*

### **A prayer for the Archbishop of Canterbury**

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
the only worker of great marvels,  
send down upon your servant Sarah,  
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury  
and all who are committed to her care,  
the spirit of your saving grace,  
and that they may truly please you,  
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.  
Grant this, O Lord,  
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Pershore Flower Club for doing this weeks floral displays in the Abbey. All flowers have been donated and arranged by the team and we hope that you enjoy these displays. *Many thanks, Jan Parsons.*

**FAIRTRADE AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. As we celebrate the positive impact Fairtrade can have on the world on this Fairtrade Sunday, remember you can browse and purchase Fairtrade products on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of every month at our 1030 Sung Eucharist Service. If you would like to find out more about Fairtrade, speak to our Fairtrade Coordinator, Hilary Fowler.



**AUTUMN HAS ARRIVED:** As the days are beginning to get cooler, please remember to wrap up warm when coming to our church services.



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

## ABBEEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **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*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 06 October**

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

11:30 Burial of Ashes of the Late Avril Baker  
(*Birlingham*)

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

18:00 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 07 October**

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

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

14:00 Autumn House Group (19 Acorn Grove)

18:30 Pershore Civic Society (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Wednesday 08 October**

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

10:00 Funeral of the Late David Scott  
(*St Mary's, Wick*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 U3A Bridge Club (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:00 Autumn House Group (25 Rushers Close)

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

### **Thursday 09 October**

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

10:30 Abbey Pastoral Group (25 Rushers Close)

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

11:30 Abbey Link Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:00 SAEC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Autumn House Group (41 Westcott Way)

### **Friday 10 October**

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Saturday 11 October**

10:30 Abbey Eco Church Weedy Pick  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

12:30 Burial of Ashes of the Late  
Susan Hannah (*St James, Birlingham*)

11:30 Burial of Ashes of the late  
Alan Shaw (*St James, Birlingham*)

14:00-17:00 Pershore Choral Come and Sing  
Haydn followed by performance  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 12 October - Trinity 17 /**

#### **Prison Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with LIVESTREAM  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Harvest Festival (*St Mary's, Wick*)

14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)

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