



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 26 October 2025

BIBLE SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. Visit www.youtube.com and search for [Pershore Abbey Community](#)
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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 593

At the name of Jesus

CAMBERWELL

- 1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

3 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory,
of that perfect rest.

4 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

5 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

[Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)
Music: John Michael Brierley (b.1932-2019)]

Please sit for the Prayers of Penitence

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins 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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain seated for the Reading

Reading - Isaiah 45.22-end

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 585

All I once held dear

KNOWING YOU

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you;
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness
and I love you, Lord.*

2. Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
to be found in you and known as yours;
to possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.
3. O to know the power of your risen life
and to know you in your sufferings;
to become like you in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live and never die.

[Graham Kendrick (b.1950)]

The Gospel

Luke 4.16-24

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."'" And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

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

Let the word of God dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
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 777

Sing of the Lord's goodness

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

2. Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

3. Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

4. Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

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.

**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—Dubois

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

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

26 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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BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY (excluding Bank Holidays)

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on
weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

**Please email your enquiry to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on
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.

THE LATE EDDIE HOWELL: We were all saddened to learn of the death of Eddie. He was a faithful member of the Abbey congregation, along with his late wife, Sylvia, for many years. He was passionate about music so particularly supported James and the choir whenever he could. Eddie's funeral will be **1200 on 3 November** at the Abbey, to which everyone is warmly invited. At Eddie's request mourners are invited not to wear black. May Eddie rest in peace. *Claire.*

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. *Please see our October Monthly Bulletin to find out more about Bishop Sarah.*



AUTUMN WALK AROUND BILRINGHAM: St James', Birlingham, invite you to gentle walk, led by Canon Claire, at 1500 on Sunday 26 October. Please bring a dog or a friend, or both! Meet at the War Memorial outside of the church. After the walk there will be refreshments and a pet blessing in the church. *Pat Chinneck, Churchwarden*

IONA WORSHIP SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 1700 PERSHORE ABBEY: Diane Bennett from The Lighthouse will tell us how the project supports local homeless and needy people. If you would like to bring a donation for the work of the Lighthouse, they would appreciate warm coats, sleeping bags and other similar items. For more information visit www.eveshamlighthouse.org.uk or email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ORGAN RECITAL SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 1400: Join Director of Music, James MacDowall-Scott for an enjoyable recital as he plays the organ at Pershore Abbey. Admission free with a retiring collection.

WALKING CHURCH SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER: Join us at the West end of the Abbey at 1400, to enjoy a gentle stroll around the local park. Everyone is welcome, including our four legged friends. Refreshments will be provided in St Andrew's afterwards.



ALL SOULS' SERVICE SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY: If you would like your loved one to be remembered at this quiet and reflective service, please email the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call 01386 552071 by **27 October**. This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend in person. *Claire*

- VACANCY -

VENUE EVENTS COORDINATOR AT PERSHORE ABBEY AND ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

We need an active and energetic person (job share considered) to help us with our events. 19 hours a month with events held generally on Fridays and Saturdays.

Details and application forms available from: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

Closing date: 09.11.2025

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY 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 26 October - Bible 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*)

14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Autumn Walk Around Birlingham (*St James', Birmingham*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 27 October

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Bells - Friends of Madelaine 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 Abbey Bell Ringers AGM (*Zoom*)

Tuesday 28 October

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

14:00 Funeral of the late Tony Smith
(*Vale Crematorium*)

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

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 FOPA Working Group Meeting
(*Choir Vestry*)

Wednesday 29 October

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

12:30 Malvern U3A Visit (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:45 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Thursday 30 October

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

Friday 31 October

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

15:00 Light Party (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:30 Light Party Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Roy Williams' Last Friday Quarter Peal
(*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 01 November

10:00 Abbey Christmas Shoebox Packing
(*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 District Association - Southern Branch
AGM (*St Andrew's Main & Upper*)

14:00 Bell Ringing - District Association
Southern Branch Striking Competition
(*St Andrew's*)

Sunday 02 November - All Saints' Day

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist (Shoebox Sunday) with
Fair trade Stall and with LIVESTREAM
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:00 Private Party (*St Andrews's Main*)

17:00 All Souls' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

