



Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 24 May 2026 - Pentecost

This is your Service Sheet, Bulletin and Diary. Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Large print copies are available from the welcomers.

This weeks 1030 service is taking place outside in Abbey Park and will therefore not be livestreamed. Instead, the 0800 service will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel: [Pershore Abbey Community](#)

If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

— Service Sheet —



Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**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.**



First Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Ancient & Modern 238
Words: Bianco Da Siena (d.1434)
Tune: Down Ampney



Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
And failed to strive for justice.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,
But have failed to share it with others.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

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.**



The Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



First Reading

2.1-21

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed,

these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Second Hymn

Jesus put this song into our hearts,
Jesus put this song into our hearts;
It’s a song of joy no one can take away.
Jesus put this song into our hearts.

Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony;
Different faces, different races, He made us one.
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.

Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing;
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy.
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance.

CAHON: 851

Words: Graham Kendrick (b.1950)



The Gospel

John 20.19-23

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to

them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Reflection

Please stand for our Affirmation of Faith



Affirmation of Faith

We say together:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and 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

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Prayers

We pray for those who live in the midst of conflict today, praying for peace for all peoples and places. We also pray for the following members of our church family:

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 sit or kneel as we offer God our Prayers and Thanks

During the prayers we will sing Spirit of the living God as our response to each prayer.

Spirit of the living God, all afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, all afresh on me;

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;

Spirit of the living God, all afresh on me;



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.



Third Hymn

During which the collection will be taken.

We have the facility to take contactless card payments at the back of the Abbey.

The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light,
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

We know his death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
Walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Ancient & Modern: 264
Words: Damian Lundy (1944-1996)



Thanksgiving and Blessing

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Organ Voluntary

Toccata in f BWV 540 - JS Bach

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

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— Bulletin —

House Bible Study Groups: From the start of June and running for 4 weeks, there will be the opportunity to join a house group and continue to look in more depth at St Luke's Gospel. Sign up sheets at the back of the Abbey or contact me at vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk *Claire*

Iona Service - 1700 Sunday 24 May: The theme is 'So full of God is every creature' - taken from Meister Eckhart's wonder-filled and humble reflection on creation. There'll be times of quiet, music and, if you wish, a chance to put together a posy to take home or gift to someone. For further information or to request a zoom link for the service, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk Everyone is warmly welcome.

Knitted Bible Exhibition: Evesham Methodist Church will have an exhibition of knitted bible figures on display 21 May - 5 June. It will be well worth a visit. For more information see Sue Gooderham.

Help needed for Pershore Carnival, Saturday 20 June: The Abbey will be providing refreshments in St Andrew's from 1030 until 1400. Help is needed please for the following shifts: 1030-1200, 1200-1330, and 1330-1500 (the last shift is to help clear up after closing). Please speak to Sara Speed after the service or on 01386 710776. Cakes are also required as they are always very popular. Hilary Fowler is taking names either in person after the service or on 01386 552243. Cakes will be needed by Friday 19 June. Lastly, garden furniture is needed please. Jane Knox will arrange, where necessary, collection and return. Please phone Jane on 01386 556981. Thank you. *Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) Team*

Fun at the Abbey: Please stay after today's 1030 service and enjoy each other's company. Games will be being played from 1130 and there will be a Bring Your Own Picnic from 1200.

Sunday 31 May: Please note that the only service taking place at the Abbey on Sunday 31 May will be the 0800 Eucharist, which will be livestreamed. The 1030 service will instead be a special Benefice Sung Eucharist at St James', Birlingham.

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Notes from Abbey PCC Meeting —

Our Parochial Church Council met on 19 May.

We welcomed 4 new PCC members following their election at our APCM. Look out for their pictures on the noticeboard in the Abbey, together with the other members. We updated them on the main work of the PCC before moving on to the business of the meeting.

Various Officers and Sub-committees were agreed, and our Abbey sidespeople were authorised.

We had our regular reports on Safeguarding, the work of Sam Andrews as our Children and Families worker, Mission Group, Eco-Church and the Deanery.

The work of the Dementia Working Group had continued, and its actions were starting to make a significant difference in our services and in the Abbey generally.

Finance: Our Treasurer updated us on the current state of our Finances and explained how our earmarked investments were valued and used.

Fabric: As always, we are very busy maintaining and updating our buildings. We were pleased to hear that the sustainable heating project is now through DAC assessment, and in the public notice stage before being sent to the Chancellor for faculty approval.

St Andrew's: We were delighted to hear that the project to improve the area around the old font has finally been approved for both planning and listed building consent. Our architect is now preparing the specification to complete the work.

Our next meeting will be on 7 July.

— Diary —

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Outdoor Morning Praise followed by Games at 11:30

and Bring Your Own Picnic from 12:00 (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

12:30 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Wedding Rehearsal for James Swift and Vicki Brown (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Monday 25 May—Bank Holiday

All Day -Benefice Office will be closed

09:00 Private Party (*Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Bells - Friends of Madeline Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

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

Tuesday 26 May

09:00 Wedding Flowers Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

12:00 Wedding Service of James Swift and Vicki Brown (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main and Upper*)

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

16:00 Concert Use (*St Andrews Main*)

17:45 Piano Tuning (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Elgar Festival 40th Anniversary Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wednesday 27 May

All Day - NE Transept Trial Holes (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:15 U3A Bridge Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Thursday 28 May

All Day - NE Transept Trial Holes (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Friday 29 May

All Day - NE Transept Trial Holes (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

Saturday 30 May

09:00 Marriage Preparation Course TBC (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Abbey Weedy Pick (*St Andrew's*)

14:30 Abbey Eco Church visit to Wick Care Farm. Sign up form at the back of the Abbey or email ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org to sign up (*Wick Care Farm*)

18:30 Pershore Choral Quiz Night (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 31 May - Trinity Sunday

08:00 Eucharist with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist (*St James', Birlingham*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

Pershore Abbey Daily Offices

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

All are welcome to share in these services.

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

— Keeping In Touch —

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If you have any concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion
please let a sidesperson know.

Following Church of England guidance, we do not allow the dipping of the host
or wafer in the chalice.

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