



The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 07 June - Trinity 1

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.

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel: [Persshore Abbey Community](#)

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

— Service Sheet —



First Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Ancient & Modern 422
Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: Melody Rowland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)



The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.**



First Reading

Hosea 5.15-6.6

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel: I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do

with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

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



Second Reading

Romans 4.13-25

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. **Amen.**

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



Gradual Hymn

Beyond all mortal praise
God's name be ever blest,
unsearchable his ways,
his glory manifest;
from his high throne
in power and might
by wisdom's light
he rules alone.

Our times are in his hand
to whom all flesh is grass,
while as their Maker planned
the changing seasons pass.
He orders all:
before his eyes
earth's empires rise,
her kingdoms fall.

He gives to humankind,
dividing as he will,
all powers of heart and mind,
of spirit, strength and skill:
nor dark nor night
but must lay bare
its secrets, where
he dwells in light.

To God the only Lord,
our fathers' God, be praise;
his holy name adored
through everlasting days.
His mercies trace
in answered prayer,
in love and care,
and gifts of grace.

Ancient & Modern 599
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
Music: Wayne Marshall (b. 1961)



The Gospel

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Prayers

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.



Third Hymn

During which the collection will be taken.

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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture -
in the body and the blood -
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

Ancient & Modern 452
Cherubic Hymn from the Liturgy of St James
Versified by Gerrard Moultrie (1829-1885)
Based on the translation of J.M Neale and R. F Littledale



Communion Motet

Ave Verum - Sir Edward Elgar - Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

We greet you, the very same one who was born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered when you were sacrificed upon the cross for us all, and water and blood flowed from your wounded side. As we receive you, be for us a foretaste (of what you have in store) beyond the testing-point of death.



Communion

If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion please let a sidesperson know. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please bring your service sheet with you when you come up to the front. Following Church of England guidance, we do not allow the dipping of the host or wafer in the chalice.



Communion Hymn

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee
who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to us doth here afford;
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be:
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Ancient & Modern: 468

Tune: Adoro Te Devote

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (c.1225-1274)

Translated by James Russell Woodford (1820-1885)



Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Final Hymn

Tell all the world of Jesus,
Our Saviour, Lord and King;
And let the whole creation
Of his salvation sing:
Proclaim his glorious greatness
In nature and in grace;
Creator and Redeemer,
The lord of time and space.

Tell all the world of Jesus
that everyone may find
the joy of his forgiveness-
true peace of heart and mind;
proclaim his perfect goodness,
his deep, unfailing care;
his love so rich in mercy,
a love beyond compare.

Tell all the world of Jesus,
that everyone may know
of his almighty triumph
defeating every foe;
proclaim his coming glory,
when sin is overthrown
and he shall reign in splendour-
the King upon his throne!

Ancient & Modern 505

Words: James Seddon (1915-1983)

Music : Basil Harwood (1859-1949)



Organ Voluntary

Litanies - Jehan Alain

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

— 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*

Pershore Abbey's walking float in the Pershore Carnival 2026: This year's carnival is taking place on Saturday 20 June. Please note the following information:- meet at Pershore Football Club, King George's Way, WR101QU by 9.45am (judging begins at 1000 onwards), procession departs at 1100 - down High Street, into Broad Street, Church Walk, enter the park by the Abbey car park. Presentations will be made at the main stage at 1300. All participants should follow any instructions given by either the Police or Carnival Marshals and you are responsible at all times for your own Health and Safety and all belongings. *Please note have fun!!* If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact either Beth or Eloise on 07824446143.

Help needed for Pershore Carnival, Saturday 20 June: The Abbey will be providing refreshments in St Andrew's from 1030 until 1430. 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 can be brought to the Abbey on Friday 19 June during the day or between 1600 and 1800 to St Andrew's Centre. If that's not convenient please ring either Hilary Fowler on 01386 552243 or Jane Knox on 01386 556981 to arrange collection, thank you. 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*

Sunday 7 June 1400-1500: Please come and join us for the start of our Summer Organ Recitals. We are delighted to welcome Piers Maxim from The Malvern Priory. Admission is free with a retiring collection. *James*

Bus sign up sheet for Terry Palmer's Ordination: There will be a sign up sheet at the back of St James' on Sunday 31 May, and then at the back of the Abbey from Monday 1 June, for those wishing to travel by bus from Pershore to Worcester Cathedral for Terry Palmer's Ordination on Sunday 28 June. For those signing up to join us, please call into the Abbey Office with your payment of £10 per person. *Peter Stansbie*

Christian Aid Week: £2667.10 has now been received for this year's Christian Aid Week (including coffee morning £360, Breakfast £75). Almost half the house-to-house collection was gift aided so £406 will be added to the total when it is reclaimed. This appeal is still open until the end of the month, so donation gratefully received! Many thanks to everyone involved. *Sarah Thomson*

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 07 June - Trinity 1

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade Stall and with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin)
- 14:00 Organ Recital with Piers Maxim (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:30 Private Party (*St Andrews Main*)
- 15:00 Hymns, Pimms and Poems (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday 08 June

- 10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:00 House Bible Study Group (*Laburnums, 21 Three Springs Road, Pershore*)
- 13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Abbey Dementia Working Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 14:00 House Bible Study Group (*28 Conningsby Drive, Pershore*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 09 June

- 09:30 Bell Ringing - Vale of Evesham Peal (*St Andrew's*)
- 10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 16:00 House Bible Study Group (*2 School Cottages, Wick*)
- 19:00 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (*Zoom*)

Wednesday 10 June

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:30 Memorial Service for the late John Anthony Yelland (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:45 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 19:00 Fabric Committee Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:00 House Bible Study Group (*4 Nursery Close, Pershore*)

Thursday 11 June

09:45 iSing Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 12 June

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

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

13:30 Pershore High School Organ Workshop (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing - W&DCRA Southern Branch Surprise Major Practice (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 13 June

10:30 Abbey Eco Church's Give and Take Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:30 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 14 June - Trinity 2

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*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's Wick*)

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrews Main*)

14:30 Avon River Day Blessing (*The Old Bridge, Pershore*)

17:00 Wholeness and Healing Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Pershore Abbey Daily Services

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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