



## Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 21 June - Trinity 3

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: [Pershore Abbey Community](#)

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

### — Service Sheet —



#### First Hymn

How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing, because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

Ancient & Modern 663  
Words: John Mason (c.1645-1694)  
Tune: Coe Fen



## The Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Jeremiah 20.7-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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



## Second Reading

Romans 6.1b-11

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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



## Gradual Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
*Alleluia.*

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
*Alleluia.*

On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
*Alleluia.*

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee  
*Alleluia.*

Ancient & Modern 217  
Words: Latin, probably 17th Century  
Translated by Francis Pott (1832-1909)



## The Gospel

Matthew 10.24-39

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

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

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



## 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.



### Third Hymn

*During which the collection will be taken.*

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

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by your name, you are mine*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.  
You will never sink beneath the waves.

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by your name, you are mine*

When the fire is burning all around you,  
You will never be consumed by the flames.

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by your name, you are mine*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
Then remember I am at your side.

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by your name, you are mine*

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
Remember you are precious in my eyes.

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by your name, you are mine*

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,  
And I love you with a perfect love.

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by your name, you are mine*

Ancient & Modern: 330  
Words: Gerard Markland (b.1953)



## Communion Motet

*Holy is the true light - Harris - Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,  
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,  
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,  
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.  
Alleluia!



## 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

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth:  
He is King of creation:

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to his name.*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen:*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to his name.*

We have been crucified with Christ:  
Now we shall live forever:

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to his name.*

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
Life for the world, alleluia:

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to his name.*

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing our Saviour:

*Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give praise to his name.*

Ancient & Modern: 197  
Words: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)



### **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



### **Final Hymn**

O for a heart to praise my God,  
a heart from sin set free;  
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood  
so freely shed for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
my great Redeemer's throne;  
where only Christ is heard to speak,  
where Jesus reigns alone:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
believing, true, and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part  
from him that dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed,  
and full of love divine;  
perfect and right and pure and good —  
a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new best name of Love.

Ancient & Modern 132  
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Tune: Stockton



## Organ Voluntary

*Fugue in g major—JS Bach*

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

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# COME AND SING



**WEDNESDAY 8 JULY**  
**14:00**

**Come and join us for a sing-song and cake!**

This is a relaxed dementia friendly event for folk to come and sing some of their favourite hymns, and enjoy tea and cake afterwards.

**All welcome.**



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# ABBEY WALKING CHURCH



**SATURDAY 18 JULY**  
**14:00**

**Come and join this new way of being Church!**

Meet at the West end of the Abbey. We will take a very gentle walk, stopping every now and then to think about God and explore what faith might mean.

Refreshments afterwards.

**All welcome, including four legged companions.**

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## — Bulletin —

**Bus sign up sheet for Terry Palmer's Ordination:** There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Abbey 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*

**Wetlands Walk at 1800 on Saturday 27 June in memory of Bob Gillmor:** The walk will be led by the knowledgeable Richard Stott. Please meet at the picnic area at the river end of the wetlands carpark on the round seat. There is a possibility the walk will end in a hostelry. If wet contact [davidandhelena@gmail.com](mailto:davidandhelena@gmail.com) for update. *David Oldham*

**Important notice - Sunday 28 June:** There will be no 1030 service at Pershore Abbey, St Mary's, Wick, St Nicholas', Pinvin or St James', Birlingham on Sunday 28 June. We will be supporting Terry Palmer as he is Ordained at Worcester Cathedral. The only morning service this Sunday at the Abbey will be the 0800 Eucharist, which will be livestreamed.

**Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.**

## — A Letter from Revd Mike Edwards —

Dear friends of Birlingham, Pershore, Pinvin and Wick,

I wanted to write to you to express my heartfelt thanks for the last four weeks I've enjoyed being in your benefice. I cannot express to you all what a balm to my soul it has been, to be met and embraced by your warm and welcoming community – and to worship alongside you all.

You will all already know, but the Pershore Benefice is truly a special place.

It mirrors so beautifully the image Paul gives us of the Body of Christ; each individual part so different, yet the whole body only able to function with everybody there, playing their part. You may each have different places, purposes, passions and people – but you share a core of an expansive, loving and welcoming Christian faith that is unmistakably shared and unequivocally essential.

I have, truthfully, been taken aback by the level of attention, interest and care you have each shown me in the various conversations I've enjoyed over the last few weeks.

Thank you all. I too have learned much. A month is a short time, but it is also a concentrated time. I've benefitted greatly from the immense kindness and generosity of Spirit Canon Claire, Rev Jayne and other retired clergy, Lay Readers, Wardens and various volunteers have shown me. Perhaps most of all, however, I have learned through your pattern of worship and prayer, what it means to practice slowing down, to cherish holy spaces, to share in laughter with one another and to trust – always – in the goodness of God.

As many of you now know, in August I will begin to serve my first Incumbency in All Saints' Evesham with St Andrews' Hampton. I hope, over the years ahead, we will not be strangers, because I have taken you all into my heart. God bless you all.

Mike.

## — Diary —

### **Sunday 21 June - Trinity 3**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fair Trade Stall and with LIVESTREAM - Sam Andrews will be formally authorised as an ALM at this service. (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

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

### **Monday 22 June**

10:00 House Bible Study Group (*Laburnums, 21 Three Springs Road, Pershore*)

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

10:30 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)

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

13:00 Craft & Chat (*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 23 June**

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

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:00 House Bible Study Group (*2 School Cottages, Wick*)

### **Wednesday 24 June**

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

12:00 Monks' Day with Orchard Primary School (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 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 House Bible Study Group (*4 Nursery Close, Pershore*)

19:15 Abbey Eco Church Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### **Thursday 25 June**

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

**Friday 26 June**

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

**Saturday 27 June**

18:00 Wetlands Walk in Memory of Bob Gillmor (*Wetlands Car Park*)

**Sunday 28 June - Trinity 4**

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

13:00 PEDDS Family Support 40th Anniversary (*St Andrew's Main & Upper*)

10:30 There will be no 1030 service at Pershore Abbey, St Mary's, Wick, St Nicholas', Pinvin or St James', Birlingham. We will be supporting Terry Palmer as he is Ordained at Worcester Cathedral. The only morning service this Sunday at the Abbey will be the 0800 Eucharist, which will be livestreamed.

17:00 Iona Worship (*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.

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