



Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 5 July - Trinity 5 / Stewardship Sunday

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

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.



The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



First Reading

Zechariah 9.9-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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



Second Reading

Romans 7.15-25a

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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



Gradual Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Ancient & Modern 721
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune: Blaenwern



The Gospel

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon";

the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’
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.

Long ago you taught your people:

‘Part of what you reap is mine—
from your cattle, bring the firstborn;
tithe the crops of field and vine.’

Though beneath the Law’s restrictions
we are not compelled to live,
as we reap our monthly harvest,
make us eager, Lord, to give.

What a way of life you showed us
through the Son you gladly gave:
never snared by earthly treasure,
buried in a borrowed grave –
yet to all he freely offered
riches of the deepest kind:
let us live with his example
firmly fixed in heart and mind.

In the life-style of the Spirit
giving has a central part;
teach us, Lord, this grace of sharing
with a cheerful, loving heart—
not a tiresome obligation,
not a barren legal due,
but an overflow of worship:
all we have belongs to you!

Ancient & Modern: 496
Words: Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962)



Communion Motet

Litany to the Holy Spirit - Peter Hurford - Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When I lie with my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drown'd in sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!*



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

Such love, pure as the whitest snow
Such love, weeps for the shame I know
Such love, paying the debt I owe
O Jesus, such love

Such love, stilling my restlessness
Such love, filling my emptiness
Such love, showing me holiness
O Jesus, such love

Such love, springs from eternity
Such love, streaming through history
Such love, fountain of life to me
O Jesus, such love

Ancient & Modern: 785
Words: Graham Kendrick (b1950)



Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Final Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Ancient & Modern 652

Words: William Williams (1717-1791)

Translated by Peter Williams (1727-1796)



Organ Voluntary

Sortie in Eb - JS Bach

Dedicated to Wendy and Tony Perks in celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary

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

— Bulletin —

Di Jefferies: We were all sorry to hear the sad news that Di had died on 13 June. She was such a vibrant and present member of the Abbey Family. Her commitment to the Choir, to the Mothers' Union and to cleaning the communion silver was inspiring and she is greatly missed by us all. Di's family would be so pleased if you could join them for her Service of Thanksgiving 1130 on 7 July at the Abbey. *Claire*

Organ Recital Saturday 11th July 1900 Pershore Abbey: With James MacDowall-Scott, our Director of Music. Offering an exciting programme of favourites along with Bach, Widor, Peeters, Elgar to name a few. Admission is free with a retiring collection, and there will be refreshments served during the interval. We do hope you can come along and enjoy our first evening recital. *Thank you.*

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 05 July - Trinity 5 / Stewardship Sunday at Pershore Abbey

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 and Baptism (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:00 Organ Recital with Visitors from Bad Neustadt (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Pershore Abbey Tour with Visitors from Bad Neustadt (*Pershore Abbey*)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong with Visitors from Bad Neustadt (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday 06 July

10:00 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 07 July

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

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

11:30 Funeral for the late Di Jefferies (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Abbey PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Wednesday 08 July

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Come & Sing (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Thursday 09 July

- 09:45 iSing Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)
- 14:30 Cheltenham U3A Abbey Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 18:45 Breathworks (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 10 July

- 09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 12:00 Monks' Day (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing - W&DCRA Southern Branch Surprise Major Practices (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 11 July

- 11:30 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Organ Recital with James MacDowall-Scott (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 12 July - Trinity 6 / Recognise

- 08:00 Eucharist with LIVESTREAM (*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 Pet Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 14:00 Organ Recital with Marion Wilmann & James MacDowall-Scott (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 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.

Pershore Abbey

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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ABBAY WALKING CHURCH

— Keeping In Touch —



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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