



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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 12 July - Trinity 6 / Recognise

#RECOGNISE is the national week of recognition for all of the people involved in ministry with children, young people, and their families.

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: [Persnore Abbey Community](#)

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

— Service Sheet —



First Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

Ancient & Modern 810
Words: John Marriot (1780-1825)
Music: Felice De Giardini (1716-1796)



The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Isaiah 55.10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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



Second Reading

Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the

likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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



Gradual 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.



The Gospel

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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.

Rise and Hear! The Lord is speaking,
As the gospel words unfold;
We, in all our age-long seeking,
Find no firmer truth to hold.

Words of goodness, truth, and beauty,
Heard by simple folk and wise,
Word of freedom, word of duty,
Word of life beyond our eyes.

Word of God's forgiveness granted
To the wild or guilty soul,
Word of love that works undaunted,
Changes, heals, and makes us whole.

Speak to us, O Lord believing,
As we hear, the sower sows;
May our hearts, your word receiving,
Be the good ground where it grows.

Ancient & Modern: 387

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)



Communion Motet

Behold, the Tabernacle of God - Sir William Harris - Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit, the Spirit of God dwelleth within you, for the temple of God is holy.

Which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.

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

Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found

Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,
Take my past regret,
Letting your forgiveness touch
All I can't forget.

Take the little child in me
Scared of growing old;
Help me here to find my worth
Made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be;
Let my life be yours, and yet
Let it still be me.

Ancient & Modern: 788

Words: John L Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (1958—2019)



Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Final Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
tell all the world He is your choice.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in His great name,
With the same faith His word proclaim.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ancient & Modern 486

Words: George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883—1958)



Organ Voluntary

Prelude in g major - BWV 541 - JS Bach

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

Pershore Abbey

ABBAY 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.

01386 552071

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk



— Notes from Abbey PCC Meeting —

Our Parochial Church Council met on 7 July.

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

Finance: Our Treasurer updated us on the current state of our Finances and explained how much money was in our earmarked investments for us to use on these specific items. We heard that the receipts from our teas at the Pershore Carnival were significantly down this year following the changes to the Carnival itself. We approved a full list of those who are allowed to commit expenditure for either the Abbey or St Andrew's to ensure we continue to be protected in this area.

Fabric: There is a lot happening on the Fabric of the Abbey at the moment. The Sustainable Heating project continues to be very complex, although work has been carried out on the area where the Heat Pumps might go, further investigation is being suggested by the Council's Archaeological Adviser. Our Architect is following this up, but we are increasingly anxious that time is running out on the Project for installation before next winter.

The dry winter and continuing dry summer continue to impact the stability of the Abbey. Further cracks are developing and while there is no immediate danger we must underpin the Northeast corner and North wall. Various inspection pits have explored what is under the area and we continue to develop a plan for the work which will be extremely costly.

All of this, with other continuing issues are very challenging and time consuming, as you can imagine. The PCC put on record its continuing thanks to Judy Dale for her work on all of this and as chair of our Fabric Committee.

Plum Festival: We had an update on this major event, and it is very clear it will be as wonderful and busy as always. Lots of helpers will be needed so please keep the August Bank Holiday weekend free for this and help in any way you can.

St Andrew's: Following the public consultation last year the transfer of St Andrew's has been formally agreed at National and Diocesan level. This will mean that rather than being leased to us for a pound of Pershore Plums the building will be the responsibility of the PCC in the same way the Abbey is. We are hoping that this will be helpful in us obtaining the large grants that are necessary to maintain and improve this listed building so we can continue to use it as a major part of our mission.

Deanery Synod: We welcomed the appointment of Revd. Glenn Reading as the new Area Dean.

Our next meeting will be on 15 September.

— Diary —

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*)

Monday 13 July

- All Day - External Building Works (*St Andrew's - Back Door Restrictions Apply*)
- 10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:00 Y6 End of Term Party (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
- 19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 14 July

- All Day - External Building Works (*St Andrew's - Back Door Restrictions Apply*)
- 09:30 Bells - Vale of Evesham Peals (*St Andrew's*)
- 10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 Funeral for the late Gareth Deakin (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:30 Private Piano Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wednesday 15 July

- All Day - External Building Works (*St Andrew's - Back Door Restrictions Apply*)
- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 Private Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 11:15 Abbey Park Primary School Leavers' Service Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:30 Pinvin CofE Academy Leavers' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Thursday 16 July

- All Day - External Building Works (*St Andrew's - Back Door Restrictions Apply*)
- 09:45 iSing Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:30 DAWN Project (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 10:00 Private Organ Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Abbey Park Primary School Leavers' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 17 July

All Day - External Building Works (*St Andrew's - Back Door Restrictions Apply*)

11:00 Orchard Primary Leavers' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bell Ringing - Pershore Development Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 18 July

10:30 PASA Parish Coffee Morning - Run by Café Church (*Pershore Abbey*)

12:30 Burial of ashes of the late Nicholas Hannah (*Pinvin*)

14:00 Walking Church (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Walking Church Refreshments (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 19 July - Trinity 7

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

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade stall and with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Patronal Holy Communion Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*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.

— Bulletin —

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.

— Keeping In Touch —

Vicar

The Revd Canon Claire Lording - vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk

Associate Priest

The Revd Jayne Parker - associate@pershoreabbey.org.uk

Abbey Wardens

Mrs Sam Andrews - 07443904635

Mr Martin Fowler - 01386 552243

Pershore Abbey and Benefice Office

11, Broad Street, Pershore, WR10 1BB

01386 552071

office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

Open to the public 1100-1200 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

—

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in this publication, please do not hesitate to contact the office for support.

As part of our commitment to the care of the environment, this publication is printed on recycled paper. Please take it home and once you have finished with it, please recycle.



www.pershoreabbey.org.uk