



Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 19 July - Trinity 7

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

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

Ancient & Modern 641
Words: John Newton (1725-1807)
Tune: Abbot's Leigh



The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 44.6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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



Second Reading

Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual Hymn

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,
Who gave the world its skies and lands and seas,
Then formed the fish and creatures of the earth,
Our God be praised for wondrous gifts like these!

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,
Who gave the power of choice to humankind,
That we might rule the earth through servanthood,
And so find joy in all that God designed.

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,
Proclaim to all the open mystery
That Christ, whose death destroyed the power of sin,
Was raised by God and reigns in Trinity.

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God;
with music make both earth and heaven ring,
For God is good and loves all he has made;
So now to him all thanks and praise bring!

Ancient & Modern 568
Words: Rae E Whitney (b.1927)



The Gospel

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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.

O Christ the Word incarnate,
O wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging,
O light of our dark sky,
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps
shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master
received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth
o'er all the earth to shine;
it is the precious treasury
where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven-drawn picture
of Christ, the living Word.

O make thy Church, dear Saviour,
a lamp of burnished gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light, as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

Ancient & Modern: 384
Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)



Communion Motet

Set me as a Seal - Eleanor Daley - Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
If you keep my commandments,
you shall abide in my love,
love one another as I have loved you,
then shall your joy be complete.



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

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In every moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Ancient & Modern: 747
Words: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)



Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Final Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

Ancient & Modern 765
Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)



Organ Voluntary

Toccata—Symphonie V—Charles-Marie Widor

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

— Bulletin —

Pershore Abbey provides a Cool Space for all: Pershore Abbey is now part of Pershore's Cool Space scheme. We welcome visitors from 1000 to 1700 daily and will have fresh water available whilst providing a cool space in which to sit during the hot weather.

Request for help: Plum Fayre cake makers, donations and volunteers are required please for the amazing and legendary refreshments served in St Andrew's Centre on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August between 1000 and 1600. Please speak to either Sara Speed (01386 710776), Hilary Fowler (01386 552243) or Jane Knox (01386 556981). Thank you from the Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) Team.

Thank you: Tony and I would like to send our sincere thanks to Claire, James, Martin, Sam and Hilary for the beautiful cake and everyone involved in making our Platinum wedding celebrations so memorable. We began our journey together in Pershore Abbey 70 years ago and it has continued with the love and support of our family, friends and all the people who have sent congratulations, some from long ago. Thank you to the congregation and the friendship we have always received in this encompassing and welcoming place of worship which has become a large part of that journey. We have been very blessed and fortunate. Thank you all. *Wendy Perks*

Join a Franciscan pilgrimage through our diocese: Pilgrims will be marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis as they walk through our diocese from Clent to Upton from 23 – 28 August. There will also be a special day of celebration in Worcester Cathedral on Thursday 27 August, with an exhibition, communion service and picnic. All are welcome to join the walk for part or all of the route, or for the day at the Cathedral and also a stop at Harvington Hall on Sunday 23 August.

The Revd Ruth Wintle is a Member of the Worcestershire section of the Third of Franciscans and part of the group organising the stage of the pilgrimage through our diocese. She said: "While people are welcome to join us for any part of the pilgrimage, we really hope that some will come along to our day at Worcester Cathedral. It will be an opportunity to learn more about the life of St Francis and the different orders which follow his rule of life, as well as celebrate, pray and eat together."

For more information, or if you would like to join the pilgrims for any section, email Ruth Wintle on ruth.wintle@btinternet.com.

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

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 Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday 20 July

All Day - Gutter Clearance (*Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's*)

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 Health and Safety Sub Committee Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 21 July

09:30 Funeral for the late Michael Haughton (*The Vale*)

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

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

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

Wednesday 22 July

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

11:15 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*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*)

Thursday 23 July

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

12:00 Funeral for the late Emily Rafferty (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:45 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Roman O'Connor and Bonnie-May Smith (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Wedding Flower Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 24 July

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 25 July

12:00 Celebration of the late Eileen Baldock (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:00 Wedding Service of Roman O'Connor and Bonnie-May Smith (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 26 July - Trinity 8

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

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Organ Recital Featuring Michael Jones (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*St James', Birlingham*)

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.

Canon Claire is on annual leave from Sunday 26 July to Monday 17 August

Summer's Little Seeds @ St. Andrew's Centre



Little Seeds



Come and hear a story,
listen to a message
and prayer, sing a
song, make a craft,
take part in a free
play activity and
have a snack.



Friday 31st July,
7th, 14th & 21st August 2026
9.30am to 11.30am

For pre-school aged children and siblings up
to 6 years old, with an accompanying adult

If you want to find out more contact:
Sam Andrews: 07879 310312

Summer Activity Morning @ Pershore Abbey



Tuesday 4th August 2026
Drop in between 9:30am to 12pm

for
Games • Crafts • Trail • & More

Children up to 11 years old
with an accompanying adult

If you want to find out more contact:
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— Keeping In Touch —

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