



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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 16 August - Trinity 11

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

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Ancient & Modern: 763
Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)



The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 56.1,6-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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



Second Reading

Romans 11.1-2a,29-32

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as

you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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



Gradual Hymn

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

Ancient & Modern: 679

Words: John Oxenham (William Arthur Dunkerley)(1852-1941)

Music: *Melody and most of the harmony* Neill Dougall (1776-1862)



The Gospel

Matthew 15.21-28

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw

it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

Adoration may be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Ancient & Modern: 634
Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)



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

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.

Saved by that body and that holy blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the victim, and himself the priest.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

Ancient & Modern: 441
Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)



Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Final Hymn

Father in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
of thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song,
and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.

The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry: 'Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!'

Spirit of holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

Eternal triune Lord!
Let all the hosts above,
let all the sons of men, record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

Ancient & Modern: 626
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)



Organ Voluntary

Etude Symphonique—Enrico Bossi

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.

Teddy bears wanted for plum fayre: The Abbey is collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 31 August. Donations would be very much appreciated. Please place in the 'Teddy Box' at the back of the Abbey or phone Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293.

Teddy bear volunteers: We need volunteers to help with all of the teddy bear based activities taking place in the Abbey on August Bank Holiday Monday. If you would like to help please contact Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293.

Plum Fayre requests: Monetary donations are very welcome for the Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) Team to purchase homemade cakes for Plum Fayre. Please pass donations to Jane Knox or the Abbey Office. Also, if anyone has any garden furniture they could loan for St Andrew's Centre garden please contact Jane Knox on 01386 556981. Thank you. *The PASA Team*

Early risers needed: If you are an early riser, we need your help to marshal the Classic Car event on Monday 31 August. We need people on site from 0800 till 1200 to help with the smooth running of the day. If you can help please contact Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293.

Help needed at Babies and Toddlers: Our very popular Babies and Toddlers group would like to recruit one more helper to join the monthly rota to assist with setting up and/or clearing away. The vacancy is for the 2nd Friday of each month (term time only). Setting up involves putting out 3 child sized tables, plus chairs, and some play equipment. This takes about 20 minutes, starting any time from 0830 to 0900. Clearing away starts at 1130. This could be a job share arrangement. Please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or thespeeds94@gmail.com for further details.

Sunday coffees: An extra helper is needed to man the dishwasher after Sunday coffees. This would be 1 week in 4 or 5, on a flexible rota (volunteers swap for holidays or other

arrangements). There is a trolley available to transport the mugs to St Andrew's kitchen. The catering-style dishwasher works on a 4 mins cycle, with all the mugs washed in about 15 minutes. Please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or thespeeds94@gmail.com for further details.

Inspire Awards: Would you like to nominate any individuals, duos or groups to recognise the work they do for our community. Everyone nominated will get a certificate, recognising your thanks and winners will be invited to a three-course presentation dinner on 9 October at the Bank House. Closing date for nominations is 29 August. For more information about the categories and the nomination process, please visit www.pershorevolunteers.org.uk

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 16 August - Trinity 11

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

Monday 17 August

All Day - Treasure & Sons - St John Chapel repairs (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 18 August

All Day - Treasure & Sons - St John Chapel repairs (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:45 Funeral for the late Edward Crowther (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:30 - Vale Fire and Security - Maintenance (*Pershore Abbey*)

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Wednesday 19 August

All Day - Treasure & Sons - St John Chapel repairs (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Thursday 20 August

All Day - Treasure & Sons - St John Chapel repairs (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Set Up for Little Seeds (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:45 Breathworks (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 21 August

09:30 Little Seeds (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

Saturday 22 August

16:30 Wedding rehearsal for Kieran Keetley and Jodie Jones (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 23 August - Trinity 12

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

11:30 Private Booking (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

15:00 Summer Walk Around Birlingham (*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.

Friday is Canon Claire's day off. She will not be available for commitments on this day.

St James' Church, Birlingham

SUMMER WALK AROUND BIRLINGHAM



SUNDAY 23 AUGUST
3.00PM

Meet at the War Memorial for a walk around Birlingham,
led by Canon Claire

Bring a dog, a friend, or both!

**DOG BLESSING, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
SERVED IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE WALK**

PERSHORE ABBEY

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY ACTIVITIES

PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR

Show your support for this popular local choir, performing in the Abbey at 1245.

TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE DROP

Head inside the Abbey for this super-fun activity, 1130, 1330 and 1530. £2 a go.

TEDDY BEAR ZIP WIRE

Watch your teddy fly through the skies outside the Abbey 1230 and 1430. £2 a go.



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

See an impressive display of over 600 classic cars in Abbey Park - free to view.

ABBEY TOWER TOURS

Tours will take place from 1130. £5 adults. £2.50 children. Head to the Abbey Tower to book.

ENJOY YOUR VISIT

Explore the Abbey and the Abbey Park and enjoy this joyous annual event.

THE BELLS, THE BELLS!

Listen out for the Abbey bells being rung 0930-1000 to mark the start of the day's events.

ART EXHIBITION

Work by Pershore Arts and Pershore U3A will be on display in the Abbey aisles.



DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS

Head to St Andrew's Centre for a selection of delicious refreshments from 1000.

Come along and enjoy this family friendly extravaganza on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August and celebrate the Pershore Plum Festival.

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