



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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 23 August - Trinity 12

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 —



Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



First Hymn

God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs,
and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

Ancient & Modern 647
Words: William Crowther (1731-1800)
Tune: St Peter



Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence.

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'
So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we
have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them
to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



First Reading

Romans 12.1-8

A reading from The Letter to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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



Second Hymn

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
my hope is in you alone.

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Words: Brian Doerksen (b.1965)



The Gospel

Matthew 16.13-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Reflection

Please stand for our Affirmation of Faith



Affirmation of Faith

We say together:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Prayers

Please sit or kneel as we offer God our Prayers and Thanks

*At the end of each prayer when you hear 'God of love' please respond '**hear our prayer**'*

We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:

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.



**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**



Third Hymn

During which the collection will be taken.

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

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

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Thanksgiving and Blessing

Father of all, you have given us your Son to be the Saviour of the world. Welcome us
your children into your kingdom to enjoy your presence now and forever. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Organ Voluntary

Imperial March – Sir Edward Elgar

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

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— Bulletin —

Pershore's Cool Space scheme: We welcome visitors from 0800 to 1730 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.

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.

To our wonderful Plum Fayre cake makers: Please bring your cakes to either the 0800 or 1030 service on Sunday 30 August where there will be boxes at the back of the Abbey, marked frozen or fresh. Please note that fresh cream/cream cheese in cakes or on top is not accepted due to the lack of fridge space. Thank you. Any problems, please contact Jane Knox 01386 556981. *The PASA Team*

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*

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 operate 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.

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

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.

ABBAY 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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— Diary —

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*)

Monday 24 August

- 09:00 Organ Tuning (*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*)
- 19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 25 August

- 10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Private Tour - Malvern Civic Society (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:30 Private Piano Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wednesday 26 August

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*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*)
- 19:15 Pershore Town Choir - Plum Festival Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

Thursday 27 August

- 10:00 Private Organ Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 18:30 Wedding Rehearsal for Jamie Hampshire and Charlie Geary (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 28 August

- 13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:00 Wedding Service for Jamie Hampshire and Charlie Geary (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bells - Roy Williams' Last Friday Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 29 August

- 09:00 Plum Festival Teas Set Up (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:00 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Sunday 30 August - Trinity 13

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Plum Festival Set Up (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Tower Tours (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Plum Festival Setup (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Teddy Praise (*The Bandstand*)

Pershore Abbey Daily Offices

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

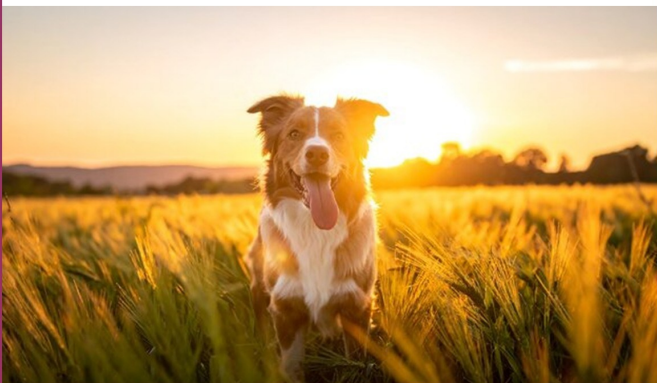
1700 Evening Prayer

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

TEDDY PRAISE SERVICE



SUNDAY 30 AUGUST
14:15
THE BANDSTAND

A short service for all the family, and their teddy bears!
Come along for this joyous service of thanks and friendship.

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