



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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 30 August - Trinity 13

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

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Ancient & Modern: 593
Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)
Tune: Camberwell



The Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



First Reading

Jeremaiah 15.15-21

A reading from the Prophet Jeremaiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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



Second Reading

Romans 12.9-21

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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



Gradual Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient & Modern: 595

Words: Irish 8th Century, translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)



The Gospel

Matthew 16.21-28

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 Penny Gordon as she prepares for ordination as a deacon on 27 September 2026 at St Mary's, Wick.

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.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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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

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Ancient & Modern: 598

Words: Charitie Lees De Chenez (1841-1923)



Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Final Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Ancient & Modern: 507

Words: Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)



Organ Voluntary

Fantasia - E Silas

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

— Bulletin —

Stuart Sandys: We were all saddened to hear the news of the death of our dear friend Stuart. Stuart was someone whose presence and faith filled any room he was in. Stuart was an integral part of Churches Together in Pershore and looked after the Workplace Chaplaincy in Pershore. He was also very involved in other community groups and was always encouraging to those around him. His funeral will be at the Baptist Church on 25 September at 1400 followed by a service of committal at The Vale. There will be a reception at St Andrew's Centre from 1630, to which everyone is invited. Stuart would approve of colourful clothing. Please remember Carol and all the family in your prayers. *Claire*

Bed and breakfast needed for Tanzanian priest!: We have been asked by John Green, who chairs the Diocesan Tanzania Committee, if we can help accommodate a Tanzanian priest for a few days. Bishop Godfrey of Morogoro and Revd Julius will be attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference in September. Accommodation has been secured for Bishop Godfrey in Evesham, and also for both Bishop Godfrey and Revd Julius in Kempsey following the Conference. However, bed and breakfast accommodation is needed for

Revd Julius from the Friday 18 September - Sunday 20 September, before he leaves for the Diocesan Clergy Conference on Monday 21 September. During this time someone from the Morogoro Partnership will be looking after Revd Julius and arranging a programme for him and will liaise with any host. If you think you can help please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Asante sana *Claire*

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.

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 will not be accepted due to 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.

The Abbey Eco Church Group with the Pershore Town Council have arranged for a showing of the film 'National Emergency Briefing' (50 mins) on Climate and Nature in the Town Hall Friday 16 October 1900 for 1930. Join us to see the film, which includes leading UK scientists explaining the latest on the climate and nature crisis and what it means for food, health, weather and the cost of living. It will be followed by a short discussion sharing viewer responses. Tickets are required and are *Free of Charge*, please see <https://buytickets.at/pershoretownhallabbey/2338171> . Or you can email ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk for more information. *David Oldham*.

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

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 Abbey Tower Tours (*Pershore Abbey*)
13:00 Plum Festival Setup (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:15 Teddy Praise (*The Bandstand*)

Monday 31 August - Bank Holiday

09:30 Bells - Ringing for the opening of Plum Fayre (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:00 Plum Fayre Teas (*St Andrew's*)
11:30 Abbey Tour Tours Start (*Pershore Abbey*)
12:45 Pershore Town Choir Performance (*Pershore Abbey*)
17:30 Abbey Litter Pick (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 01 September

10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)
11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 02 September

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:00 Burial of Ashes for the late Joan Lloyd (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Thursday 03 September

10:00 Private Organ Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)
11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)
14:00 SAEC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Rory Chapman and Rosie Webber (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 04 September

10:00 Pershore U3A Walking Group Annual Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
12:00 Wedding of Kieran Keetley and Jodie Jones (*Pershore Abbey*)
13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:30 National Emergency Briefing Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
18:30 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:30 Bells - Surprise Major Practice (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 05 September

09:00 Valuation Day (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Wedding of Rory Chapman and Rosie Webber (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 06 September - Creation in Christ/Trinity 14

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 (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:00 Organ Recital with James MacDowall-Scott (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

17:00 Evensong (*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

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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PLUM TEAS



Monday 31 August
1000-1530
St Andrew's Centre

*Pop in for hot and cold refreshments and a great
selection of delicious homemade cakes.*

ALL WELCOME
(including dogs in designated areas!)

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