



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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 06 September - Festival of Creation in Christ

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home — what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Ancient & Modern: 546
Words: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)
Tune: How Great Art Thou



The Collect

Holy and eternal God, you are the maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



First Reading

Isaiah 55.12-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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

Colossians 1.15-20

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to

dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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



Gradual Hymn

Lord, bring the day to pass
when forest, rock and hill,
the beasts, the birds, the grass,
will know your finished will:
when we attain our destiny
and nature lives in harmony.

Forgive our careless use
of water, ore and soil —
the plenty we abuse
supplied by others' toil:
save us from making self our creed,
turn us towards each other's need.

Give us, when we release
creation's secret powers,
to harness them for peace —
our children's peace and ours:
teach us the art of mastering
in servant form, which draws death's sting.

Creation groans, travails,
futile its present plight,
bound — till the hour it hails
God's children born of light
who enter on their true estate.
Come, Lord: new heavens and earth create.

Ancient & Modern: 543
Words: Ian Masson Fraser (1917-2018)
Tune: Darwells 148th



The Gospel

John 1.1-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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 pray for all those who suffer because of natural disaster. 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.

Gracious God, in adoration
saints with joy before you fall;
only when our hearts are leaden
can we fail to hear their call:
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness
God whose power created all.'

Earth and sky in silent praises
speak to those with eyes to see;
all earth's living creatures echo
'God has made us!' So may we
come with wonder, serve with gladness
him through whom they came to be.

You have made us in your image,
breathed your Spirit, given us birth;
Jesus calls, whose cross has given
every life eternal worth,
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
let God's will be done on earth!'

Earth by war and want is threatened;
deep the roots of fear and greed;
let your mercy be our measure
as we see our neighbour's need,
come with wonder, serve with gladness,
share your gift of daily bread.

Holy Spirit, urging, striving,
give us love that casts out fear,
courage, seeking peace with justice,
faith to make this message clear —
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
live in hope; the Lord is near!'

Ancient & Modern: 538
Words: Basil Bridge (1927-2021)



Communion Motet

For the beauty of the earth - Phillip Stopford

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and Moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above
Pleasures pure and undefiled.
For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given.
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For thy church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.



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

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
 still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
 Let all the tumult within me cease;
 enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
 still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
 Let all the tumult within me cease;
 enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

Ancient & Modern: 832
 Words: John L. Bell (b.1949)
 Music: David Adam (1939-2020)



Post Communion Prayer

God our Creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Final Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
 lift up your voice and with us sing,
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
 O praise him, alleluia!
 Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
 ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ancient & Modern: 532
Words: William Henry Draper (1855-1933)



Organ Voluntary

Grand Chouer in d—Alexandre Guilmant

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*

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@persshoreabbey.org.uk for more information. *David Oldham*

Nepal/Tibet disaster Appeal: The retiring collection from last Sunday's 0800 and 1030 services at the Abbey resulted in £448.50 being donated. With the ongoing scale of the disaster being revealed, the Abbey appeal will continue at this Sunday's services, allowing top up and new donations. Gift aid slips will also be available for money donated on either Sunday to significantly increase the total. Thank you. *Sarah Thomson*

Thank you to everyone who came and helped at the Summer's Little Seeds group. The families who came all enjoyed their time with us and I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks again. *Sam Andrews*

Plum Festival thank you: A very big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the - Classic Cars, Teddy activities in the Abbey, Tower Tours, St Andrew's Teas and bell ringing. Your help over the Plum Festival weekend was much appreciated. All the visitors seem to have had a really enjoyable time and this would not have been possible without your support. *Suzanne Clarke*

Thank you: A very big thank you to everyone who helped in any way - volunteers in St Andrew's Centre, cake makers and donors, to making the Plum Teas such a success on Monday. We had many compliments about the hospitality and cakes. Please note, cake boxes/containers are at the back of the Abbey on Sunday morning or under the table in St Andrew's Centre kitchen. *Thank you from the PASA team*

Sunflower display: The beautiful sunflowers on display in the abbey have been donated by Chris, Helen and Richard in memory of Maureen Meredith who died on 8 September 2017.

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 06 September - Festival of Creation in Christ

- 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*)

Monday 07 September

- 10:00 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 16:00 PUC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 17:15 Health & Safety Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 08 September

- 09:30 Bells - Vale of Evesham (*St Andrew's*)
- 10:00 Abbey Pastoral Group (*25 Rushers Close*)
- 10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:30 Funeral for the late Rosemary Warren (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 16:30 Private Piano Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Pinvin PCC (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

Wednesday 09 September

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 WCT Dawn Project (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 11:30 Private Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Pershore U3A Bridge Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 19:15 Abbey Eco Church Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Thursday 10 September

- 09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:00 Private Organ Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)
- 12:00 Funeral for the late Margaret Annis (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

17:30 Wedding rehearsal for Michael Evans and Jessica Ginting (*St James', Birlingham*)

Friday 11 September

09:30 Babies and Toddler (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

18:30 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bell Ringing - W&DCRA Southern Branch Surprise Major Practices (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 12 September

09:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Heritage Open Day Event (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

11:30 Wedding Service Michael Evans and Jessica Ginting (*St James', Birlingham*)

13:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Chandos Symphony Orchestra Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 13 September - Holy Cross / Trinity 15

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St James', Birlingham*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

12:30 Friends of Pershore Abbey CIO AGM (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:45 Friends of Pershore Abbey CIO AGM Lunch (*St Andrew's Main*)

17:00 Wholeness and Healing Service (*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.

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