



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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 27 September - Trinity 17

This is your Bulletin and Diary and Service Sheet for the 0800 Service. Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Large print copies are available from the welcomers. The 0800 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel: [Pershore Abbey Community](#) The 1030 Ordination Service for Penny Gordon will be at St Mary's, Wick.

If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

— Service Sheet —



The Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Philippians 2.1–13

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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



The Gospel

Matthew 21.23–32

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Prayers

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.



Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

— Bulletin —

Abbey All Age Harvest Eucharist: Our Harvest services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and give thanks for all who work in the farming community. Please bring non-perishable food donations for Pershore Foodbank along to the Abbey All Age Harvest service at 1030 on Sunday 4 October.

Harvest Lunch: Places are still available for the Abbey's Harvest Lunch in St Andrew's at 1230 on Sunday 4 October. Tickets are £12 and include Shepherd's pie, apple crumble and a drink on arrival. Please ring Jane Knox on 01386 556981 if you would like to come, thank you. *Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Team*

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 27 September - Trinity 17

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

10:30 Ordination of Penny Gordon as Deacon (*St Mary's, Wick*)

There will be no 1030 service at Pershore Abbey, St Nicholas' Church, Pinvin, or St James' Church, Birlingham.

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

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday 28 September

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)

10:30 Autumn House Group (*Laburnums 21 Three Springs Road*)

10:30 Bell Ringing - Friends of Madelaine Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

14:00 Autumn House Group (*28 Conningsby Drive*)

18:00 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 29 September

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

14:15 John Betjamin Society (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Autumn House Group (*2 School Cottages, Wick*)

19:00 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (*Zoom*)

Wednesday 30 September

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

Thursday 01 October

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)
17:00 Setting Up - Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:00 Breathworks (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 02 October

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
09:30 Flower Guild - Arranging Flowers (*Pershore Abbey*)
13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
14:30 National Emergency Briefing Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
18:30 Choir Practice - Sectional Rehearsals (*Pershore Abbey*)
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19:30 Bell Ringing - Surprise Major Practice (*St Andrew's*)
19:00 Autumn House Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

Saturday 03 October

10:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)
10:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)
11:30 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:00 Abbey Walking Church and Refreshments (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:00 Harvest Lunch Preparation (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:30 Anniversary Organ Recital - celebrating 3 years of the Ruffatti (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 04 October - Trinity 18

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Harvest All Age Eucharist with Fairtrade Stall and with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
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.



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