



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

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## Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 04 October - Trinity 18 / Harvest / Fairtrade Sunday

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

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all be safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified  
in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Ancient & Modern: 282  
Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871)



## The Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## First Reading

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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



## Gradual Hymn

For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Ancient & Modern: 284

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)



## The Gospel

Luke 12.16-30

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very

night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

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.*

Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer,  
for all things living  
thou madest good;  
harvest of sown fields,  
fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour  
we bring to serve thee,  
that with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
we would work with thee;  
harvesting, milling  
for daily bread.

Father, providing  
food for thy children,  
thy wisdom guiding  
teaches us share  
one with another,  
so that rejoicing  
with us, our brother  
may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing  
reach every people;  
freely confessing  
thy gracious hand.  
Where thy will reigneth  
no one will hunger:  
thy love sustaineth;  
fruitful the land.

Ancient & Modern: 287  
Words: Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)



## Communion Motet

*Look at the World, Sir John Rutter*

Look at the world: Everything all around us.  
Look at the world: and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders.  
So many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
all things come of thee.*

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flowers.  
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
valley and flowing river, field and plain.

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
all things come of thee.*

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
'til it is gathered to the Father's fold.

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
all things come of thee.*

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish  
comes from the Lord in token of his love.  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty,  
his is the earth and his the heavens above.

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
all things come of thee.  
All things come of thee*



## 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

God, whose farm is all creation,  
take the gratitude we give;  
take the finest of our harvest,  
crops we grow that we may live.

Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,  
hopes and fears of sun and rain,  
all our thinking, planning, waiting,  
ripened in this fruit and grain.

All our labour, all our watching,  
all our calendar of care  
in these crops of your creation,  
take, O God: they are our prayer.

Ancient & Modern: 285

Words: Johann Ludwig Steiner (1688-1761)



## Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Final Hymn

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

Ancient & Modern: 290

*Wir plugen und wir streuen*

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)

Translated by: Jane Montgomery Cambell



## **Organ Voluntary**

*Prelude in G major BWV 541 JS Bach*

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

## — Bulletin —

**Update from Claire:** Thank you for all your continued prayers, care and concern. I am doing well and the treatment I continue to receive is helping to keep everything stable, which is good news. I have been reminded though that my immune system is not quite as robust as I sometimes think it is. To avoid catching any infections this winter I think it is sensible if I return to my 'no hugging policy' I had when I was on chemotherapy. This will be hard because I am definitely a tactile person, but it will hopefully enable me to get through the winter months in one piece. Thank you so much for understanding. Please continue to pray for all those who live with cancer and all those who care for them. *Claire*

**Abbey Heritage Open Day:** A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Heritage Open Day on 19 September a success. We welcomed over 100 people into the Abbey during the day, many more than would normally visit on a Saturday. Tower Tours were, as always, popular, the piano and organ music provided by James was a special interest, and refreshments (even without cake) were well received. Thanks to the welcomers who did a great job engaging with the visitors and presenting the Abbey as a place where all are welcome. I am sure we will do it again next year and be even more successful. *Martin Fowler*

**Dementia Friendly Church: We need items for memory boxes!** The Abbey Dementia Friendly Church Group has been busy putting together 5 memory boxes that will be available in the Abbey, or to borrow for home use. Each box is roughly the size of a shoebox and contains small items on a particular topic, plus prompt cards to encourage conversation. We've tried to include items for sensory stimulation – different textures, smells, sounds, etc. But we could really do with a few more items and hope you can help. The topics (and some suggestions) are:

Holidays – postcards, small souvenirs, seashells, fridge magnet souvenir, travel tickets

Sport – event programmes, tickets, referee's whistle, shuttlecock, mini football

Church – photos of flower arrangements or stained-glass windows, sheet music, small book of daily prayers

Hobbies/Pastimes – small jigsaw, walking map, paintbrush and art materials, card games, stamps, wine appreciation book

These are a few ideas but please talk to Claire, Sam Andrews, Jenny Wood or Sara Speed for further information. Please donate your items by 12 October. Thank you.

**Alzheimer's Society** has been selected to receive the donations offered at after-service refreshments at the Abbey from September – December. The Evesham branch recently provided two Dementia Friends training sessions for 40 Abbey volunteers. It offers much needed advice, help and support for those affected by dementia.

**Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.**

## — Diary —

### **Sunday 04 October Trinity 18 / Harvest / Fairtrade Sunday**

- 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*)
- 12:30 Harvest Lunch (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Monday 05 October**

- 10:30 Abbey Welcomers Gathering (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Autumn House Group (*'Laburnums', 21 Three Springs Road*)
- 14:00 Pershore U3A History Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Autumn House Group (*28 Conningsby Drive*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 06 October**

- 10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:30 Private Piano Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Autumn House Group (*2 School Cottages, Wick*)
- 19:15 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### **Wednesday 07 October**

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 Abbey Mission Giving Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 11:30 Private Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

### **Thursday 08 October**

- 09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 Eucharist (*Rolland Rutter Court*)
- 14:30 Private Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Setting Up - Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Confirmation Group (*58 Three Springs Road*)

## **Friday 09 October**

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

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

14:30 National Emergency Briefing Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Autumn House Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bells - W&DCRA Southern Branch Surprise Major Practice (*St Andrew's*)

## **Saturday 10 October**

10:00 Abbey Weedy Pick (*St Andrew's*)

11:30 Micky Faragher 'Meet the Artist' Event (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Pershore Rotary Rock Choir Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

## **Sunday 11 October - Trinty 19 / Prisons Sunday**

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

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St Mary's, Wick*)

10:30 Outdoor Tree Service (*Birlingham Cricket Ground*)

14:30 Organ Recital featuring Shaun Ward (*Pershore Abbey*)

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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