



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 18 October - Luke the Evangelist

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](#)

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### — Service Sheet —



#### First Hymn

Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee  
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

Ancient & Modern: 589  
Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)



## The Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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

Isaiah 35.3-6

A reading from the book of the Prophet of Isaiah.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

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



## Second Reading

2 Timothy 4.5-17

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

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



## Gradual Hymn

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.

Ancient & Modern: 604  
Words: Richard A. M Gillard (b.1953)



## The Gospel

Luke 10.1-9

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."' "

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.*

Loved with everlasting love,  
led by grace that love to know;  
Spirit, breathing from above,  
you have taught me it is so.  
O what full and perfect peace,  
joy and wonder all divine!  
In a love which cannot cease  
I am his, and he is mine.

Heaven above is softer blue,  
earth around is richer green;  
something lives in every hue,  
Christless eyes have never seen:  
songs of birds in sweetness grow,  
flowers with deeper beauties shine,  
since I know, as now I know,  
I am his and he is mine.

His for ever, his alone!  
Who the Lord from me shall part?  
With what joy and peace unknown  
Christ can fill the loving heart!  
Heaven and earth may pass away,  
sun and stars in gloom decline,  
but of Christ I still shall say:  
I am his and he is mine.

Ancient & Modern: 723  
Words: George Wade Robinson (1838-1877)



## **Communion Motet**

*Ubi Caritas - Ola Gjeilo*

*Ubi caritas et amor  
Congregavit nos in unum christi amor  
Ubi caritas et amor  
Congregavit nos in unum christi amor Christi amor*

*Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur  
Time amus et a memus deum vivum  
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur  
Time amus et a memus deum vivum  
Time amus et a memus deum vivum deum vivum*

*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero*

*Ubi caritas et amor deus ibi est  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor Christi amor  
Amen*

### *English Translation*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.*

*Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God, the living God.*

*And from a sincere heart let us love one.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Has gathered us together into one. The love of Christ. The love of Christ.  
Amen*



## 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

Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth,  
your arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.

Still east and west your love extends  
and always, near and far,  
you call and claim us as your friends  
and love us as we are.

Where age and gender, class and race,  
divides us to our shame,  
you see a person and a face,  
a neighbour with a name.

May we, accepted as we are,  
yet called in grace to grow,  
reach out to others, near and far,  
your healing love to show.

Ancient & Modern: 620  
Words: Brian Wren (b.1936)  
Tune: St Botolph (Slater)



## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Final Hymn

How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing, because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

Ancient & Modern: 663  
Words: John Mason (1646-1694)



## Organ Voluntary

*Prelude and Fugue in c BWVC 545—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*

**The Abbey's Shoe Box Appeal:** We are looking for helpers to come to St Andrew's Centre at 1000 on Saturday 7 November to help pack this year's shoe boxes. We would be very grateful for donations of the following items: Girl's and boy's toys, small soft teddies, tennis balls, soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, felt tip pens and pads, and sweets with a long sell by date (March 2027). Please place items in the box at the back of the Abbey during service times. It costs a minimum of £3.50 to send each shoe box; if you would prefer to contribute to this any funds would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. We are hoping to pack and send 100 boxes, which will be blessed on Sunday 15 November during the 1030 service. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

**Shirley Lynch and Richard Williams:** We were all saddened to learn that these two members of the Abbey family have died.

Shirley was a woman of profound faith and supported the Abbey, with her late husbands John and John, in so many different ways. In more recent years you would always find Shirley at Iona Worship and the Wholeness and Healing Service, where she took an active part in the services and encouraging others. Shirley's funeral service will be at 1230 on 29 October in the Abbey, to which everyone is warmly invited.

Richard always supported the life of the Abbey and was a faithful trustee, for many years, of the St Andrew's Centre Trust, which helps raise and distribute funds for St Andrew's Centre. He was always interested in what was going on and made a point of attending the Abbey's APCM every year. Richard's service will be at 1330 on 26 October at the Abbey, and everyone is warmly invited.

Please pray for Shirley's and Richard's families as they prepare for these services. May they both rest in peace. *Claire*

**Abbey Altar Frontal Team:** For over twenty years Elizabeth Kearney has organised the rota for the altar frontal team, so that we always have the right colour on the altar Sunday by Sunday, for weddings and other special occasions. We are hugely thankful to her for this work. Elizabeth would now like to retire from this responsibility so we are looking for a new organiser of the rota. If you think that might be you can you please let either Elizabeth or me know. There's also room for more volunteers on the team, so please get in touch if you'd like to join! *Claire*

**Autumn has arrived:** As the days are beginning to get cooler, please remember to wrap up warm when coming to our church services.

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

## — Diary —

### **Sunday 18 October - Luke the Evangelist**

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 Harvest Festival (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

15:00 Commissioning and Celebrations Service - A celebration of Children, Young People and their families (*Worcester Cathedral*)

### **Monday 19 October**

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

10:30 Bells - 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 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 20 October**

10:00 Private Organ Lesson (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

18:45 U3A Wine Appreciation Society (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 21 October**

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

18:30 Abbotswood Medical Centre Mindfulness Course (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Thursday 22 October**

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:30 HPP Personal Growth Foundation Course (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Friday 23 October**

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

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

16:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 24 October**

11:00 Private Event (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:00 Private Event (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Sunday 25 October - Bible Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*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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