



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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 25 October - Bible 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.

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— Service Sheet —



Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



First Hymn

*Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love.*

There is only one God,
There is only one King.
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:

*Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love.*

Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Blood,
Born with the right to be free:
Jesus the vict'ry has won.

*Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love.*

We are the family of God,
We are the promise divine,
We are God's chosen desire,
We are the glorious new wine.

*Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in Love.*

CAHON 72
Words: Bob Gilman
arr. Andrew Moore



Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence.

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



First Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

A reading from The Letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which

indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Second Hymn

All I once held dear,
built my life upon,
all this world reveres,
and wars to own,
all I once thought gain
I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now,
compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus,
knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire
is to know you more,
to be found in you
and known as yours.
To possess by faith
what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift
of righteousness.

*Knowing you, Jesus,
knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.*

Oh, to know the power
of your risen life,
and to know you in
your sufferings.
To become like you
in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live
and never die.

*Knowing you, Jesus,
knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.*

Ancient & Modern: 585
Words: Graham Kendrick (b.1950)
Tune: Knowing You



The Gospel

Matthew 20.30-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Reflection



Affirmation of Faith

Please stand for our Affirmation of Faith

We say together:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



The Peace

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule your hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



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.



**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**



Third Hymn

During which the collection will be taken.

We have the facility to take contactless card payments at the back of the Abbey.

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

Ancient & Modern: 810
Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)



Thanksgiving and Blessing

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Organ Voluntary

Bolero de Concert—Louis Lefebure-Wely

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

— Bulletin —

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

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

October's Iona Worship: God's kingdom of love, hope and peace. Sunday 25 October at 1700. In the midst of recent political, social and environmental stress, we can seem a long way from 'God's kingdom come'. The Iona service offers time and space for quiet prayer with reflective songs focussing on God's kingdom values. Everyone very welcome.

Iona Worship 2027: Do you feel you could help to organise the special monthly Iona service in Pershore Abbey? Help is urgently needed for the Iona service to carry on next year. If you'd like to find out what this involves or feel you could help, please contact the office or email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk Thank you. *Helen Oldham*

Benefice Confirmation Service: Please pray for our confirmation candidates as they prepare to be confirmed on Sunday 1 November. Your attendance and support at this service would be much appreciated. *Claire*

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 25 October - Bible Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends

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*)

Monday 26 October

10:00 PASA Metting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

10:30 Friends of Madeline Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

13:30 Thanksgiving Service for the late Richard Williams (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:45 Private Guided Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 27 October

09:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

14:00 Come and Sing (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Pershore Civic Society (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 28 October

09:00 Maintenance (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Celebration of the Opening of the Sun Dial in St Andrew's Gardens
(*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

12:00 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Thursday 29 October

12:30 Funeral Service for the late Shirley Lynch (*Pershore Abbey*)
13:30 Funeral Wake for the late Shirley Lynch (*St Andrews' Main*)
15:00 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
19:00 Confirmation Service Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 30 October

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
18:30 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:45 Autumn House Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:30 Bells - Roy Williams' Last Friday Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 31 October

10:00 Craft in Action Craft Fair (*St Andrew's Main*)
15:00 Light Party (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 01 November - All Saints Day

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Confirmation Service with Bishop Michael with Fairtrade Stall and
with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:30 Organ Recital with Tony Pinel (*Pershore Abbey*)
16:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
17:00 All Souls' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Pershore Abbey Daily Offices

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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