



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 19 September, 2021
CLIMATE SUNDAY



SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 service from Pershore Abbey will be live streamed every week.

Please use this service sheet as an aid to worship at home

Our live streamed service will be available to view on the [Persnore Abbey Community YouTube Channel](#) where you can join in live at 1030 or watch on catch up!

A hymn sheet to accompany this service is available on [Page 3](#) . Following a review of Covid arrangements, you can join in singing the hymns in church but we ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

THE COLLECT

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11.18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

SECOND READING

James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9.30-37

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Creator God, send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world, that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving, may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Revd Claire Lording for support.



HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 537

(Englands Lane)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

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,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

[Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Fairest Lord Jesus *arr. Martin Howe*

Sung by Pershore Abbey Choir

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's 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 needs

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.

[Ian Masson Fraser (b.1917)]

Think of a world without any flowers,
Think of a wood without any trees,
Think of a sky without any sunshine,
Think of the air without any breeze.
*We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,
We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

(Cont.)

Think of a world without any animals,
Think of a field without any herd,
Think of a stream without any fishes,
Think of a dawn without any bird.
*We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,
We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

Think of a world without any people,
Think of a street with no-one living there,
Think of a town without any houses,
No-one to love and nobody to care.
*We thank you, Lord, for families and friendship,
We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

[Doreen E. Newport (1927-2004)]

This service is being live streamed to the Abbey's YouTube Channel

To find the recording please visit:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC0-SUWS6lc3uobX4YBKqSVw/videos

or

www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

You can also follow the link below:

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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

Pershore Abbey: CCLI No. 46441

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

19 SEPTEMBER 2021

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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The Benefice Office will be open to the general public on the following days:

Tuesday - Thursday: 11:00 - 12:00 only

PLEASE PRAY FOR

WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT CRISIS:

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms have been affected by the crisis, 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.

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Please visit our [Life Events](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk) page at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk for more information on weddings, baptisms and funerals during the pandemic.

WEEKLY BULLETIN 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

NEW STYLE WEEKLY AND MONTHLY BULLETIN: We continue this week with our shorter weekly bulletin pages. Take a look at our separate monthly bulletin for more detailed information and news on forthcoming services, projects and events. If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly bulletin and monthly bulletin direct to your inbox, please email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

CAFÉ CHURCH: Café Church met for the first time on Sunday with 26 adults and 8 children. There was a great atmosphere as people tucked into a yummy continental breakfast served by the team.

This was followed by a short service and interactive talk led by Revd Steve. The worship was enhanced by a music ensemble led by Hannah Dunton on keyboard; John Joe Oldham on Saxophone and James Andrews on guitar.

Café Church meets again on 10 October at 09:45 in St. Andrew's with a theme of light and darkness. Everyone of whatever age is very welcome. For more information contact Revd Steve curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk



IONA SERVICE 26 SEPTEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY - THIS IS GOD'S WORLD - COP26: The September Iona service at 1700 on Sunday 26 Sept, includes John Bell's dramatic reflection on creation: 'On The Eighth Day', music, and space for prayer, focussed on the lead up to COP26. You are very welcome to join in this service in-person or online. If you would like a Zoom link, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

DAILY PRAYER IN THE ABBEY APSE: Do join us for this wonderful opportunity to begin and end each day in prayer. We begin our day at 0800 with half an hour of silent prayer, which is followed by Morning Prayer. We hope to be able to resume the Daily Eucharist very soon. We come back together at 1700 for Evening Prayer. Our morning and evening half-hour services are open to all and we very much look forward to welcoming you. Please arrive at either 0800 or 0830 to help us with the seating. *Claire*

BENEFACTORY OFFICE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The office will open every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from **11:00 - 12:00 only**. Please be mindful that space is restricted and we ask you to be considerate of both our staff and other visitors.

STEWARDSHIP

STOP PRESS: AMENDMENT TO PARISH GIVING LEAFLET

For those of you who have already received a Stewardship Pack, there is a mistake on the link provided on Page 3 of the leaflet entitled “**Ways you can set up your regular giving for Pershore Abbey with the Parish Giving Scheme**”. The link address to set up a regular gift online should read

www.parishgiving.org.uk/pershore-abbey-worcester/

You can access the page directly by clicking on the link given above.



PARISH
GIVING
SCHEME

ABBEY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY EVENTS: Our special Stewardship Sunday services will be held at 08:00 and 10:30 on 26 September at Pershore Abbey, followed by a Stewardship Tea on the following Sunday 3 October at 15:00 in St Andrew’s Centre.

These special services will launch our joining the national Parish Giving Scheme.

The scheme is recognised as being a really good way of enabling congregations and supporters to pledge their regular giving to the work and ministry of a church. We are delighted that Chris Boden, the Diocesan Stewardship and Resource Officer, will be joining us for both our Stewardship Sunday services to explain more about the scheme. A letter from Chris introducing himself and the Parish Giving Scheme can be found on the following page.

At our stewardship tea we will have the chance to explain about the Abbey’s needs, its plans for the future as we learn to live with Covid, and how your support in time and talents can make a real difference to the ministry which Pershore Abbey can offer our community.

These stewardship services and events will also give us the opportunity to say ‘Thank You’ for the support so generously given by so many people in the past.

We hope to personally invite everyone who has given their time and talents to the Stewardship Tea, as numbers are restricted to keep the event as safe as possible, but do let us know if we have somehow missed you!

Our services are open to all and we very much look forward to warmly welcoming you on 26 September and beyond. *Claire*



Chris Boden
Stewardship & Resources Officer

Dear friends,

I am looking forward to being with you and preaching on the 26th September at Pershore Abbey.

I have recently joined the Diocese of Worcester as your Stewardship and Resources Officer, and I am here to help you and all the churches in the Diocese with looking at your finances and thinking about the generous gifts that you have been given and how you can use these in your mission and ministry. We have been incredibly blessed with some beautiful historic buildings in this Diocese, which are often the only community building remaining in an area; and we can see some great work being done engaging with all generations, from toddler groups to dementia cafes, helping those in need within our communities. The Church of England has a presence in every community, and we want to be there for everyone in their moments of great joy and in their moments of great sadness. However, all this needs funding, and 75% of our income nationally comes from your generous donations.

As part of my visit, we will be launching the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) at your church. PGS is a national initiative of the Church of England and does not cost your church or your donors anything to be involved; it is a great way that you can regularly and safely give to your church, and has benefits for both the donor and the church. You can choose to give monthly, quarterly, or annually, and your donation is taken by Direct Debit, which guarantees you security through the direct debit guarantee. You can choose for your donation to be Gift Aided, and if you want you can remain anonymous to the church. Also, about 50% of donors opt-in to be reminded annually that they may want to increase their donation in-line with inflation, which massively helps your church keep the value of the donations it receives.

By regularly giving to our churches, we bear witness to the good work they are doing and the proclamation of God's Good News. Our financial offerings are part of our worship, are part of our prayer, and I look forward to coming and being a part of that with you in the near future.

Peace and all good,

Chris Boden
Diocesan Stewardship & Resources Officer

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A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JOHN: APPEAL FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

Lots of churches are already supporting refugees from Afghanistan through local charities.

If nothing is happening near you and you would like to help financially, we have set up a fundraising page and are liaising with Worcestershire County Council and Dudley Borough Council to allocate funds raised to those who need it locally.

Find out more and how else you can support refugees [on this page of the diocesan website](#).

Bishop John

OTHER NEWS

PERSHORE ABBEY LIVE STREAM FEEDBACK: Did you watch last Sunday's service either at the time or later in the week ? We know over 40 of you did and we would like your comments please. Do email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk with your comments. (We are aware of a sound quality issue which hopefully the installation engineers will fix shortly)

DO YOU NEED ACCESS TO THE FLOWER VESTRY?: The existing lock recently and has had to be replaced. Do you have a key and do you really need one? Please contact the churchwardens.

ECO CHURCH

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 18 - 26 SEPTEMBER: We are joining in with this national week of events celebrating action on climate change. We will be holding our Climate Sunday service this Sunday 19 September as part of this campaign. Visit the [Great Big Green Week](#) website to find out how you can get involved.



AN APPRECIATION WALK IN AVON MEADOWS: David Oldham is organising a walk, of 1 - 2 miles, around Pershore's Wetlands. Meet on the grass at the front of the Leisure Centre at 1430 Saturday 18 September. Please wear suitable shoes. Dogs welcome. The walk is part of the Great Big Green Week activities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE TRUST COFFEE MORNING 1000 - 1200 ST ANDREW'S 18 SEPTEMBER: We're back! Join us for coffee and a chat in St Andrew's this Saturday 18 September.

AND FINALLY . . .

WILDFLOWER AREA FOR PERSHORE ABBEY: The PCC agreed this week to support the Eco-church Land Group to work with Wychavon council to provide a wildflower area on Abbey Grounds. The area is designed to encourage wildlife and pollinators and is part of our aim to be an eco-friendly church. It will occupy about a third of the area at the front of the Abbey towards the wall. As well as having grass and wildflowers the area will have paths running through it so that the public can enjoy it.

Such areas are becoming more widely a part of church lands and will help us all celebrate God's wonderful nature. Watch out for more information as the project develops.

What wonderful news to be able to share as we celebrate Climate Sunday and embrace the Great Big Green Week!



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ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Revd Claire's usual day off is Friday and Revd Steve's is Saturday. They will not be available for commitments on those days but will get back to you as soon as they can.

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2021 - CLIMATE SUNDAY

10:30 Eucharist - Climate Sunday (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

15:00 Harvest Festival (*St James', Birlingham*)



PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Mon 20 Sept 2021

14:30 Interment of Ashes of the late Alan Perks
(*St Nicholas' Church, Pinvin*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tue 21 Sept 2021

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

14:00 SAEC (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:30 Women's Fellowship AGM
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Wick PCC

19:30 PODYS Rehearsal (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wed 22 Sept 2021

13:00 Arts & Crafts for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:30 Vicar & Wardens Meeting
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Abbey*)

19:30 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

Thu 23 Sept 2021

15:00 Interment of Ashes of the late
Anthony Barker (*St James', Birlingham*)

18:00 Choir Practise (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Alpha Study Course (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

Fri 24 Sept 2021

Audio Visual Engineers - Morning Only
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sat 25 Sept 2021

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Sun 26 Sept 2021

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Stewardship Sunday - Sunday Praise
with Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism
Thomas Lewis-Hynd (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:30 Baptism Party (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

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