



# Sunday Praise

PERSHORE ABBEY

26 SEPTEMBER 2021

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



## SUNDAY PRAISE SERVICE SHEET & WEEKLY BULLETIN

**WE WELCOME CHRIS BODEN, DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP OFFICER, TO OUR SERVICES AT PERSHORE ABBEY TODAY AS WE EMBRACE GENEROSITY WEEK AND CELEBRATE STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

**This service will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.**  
You can join in live at 1030 or catch up later in the day or week.

Please use this service sheet as an aid to worship in church and take it home with you when you leave.

Following a review of Covid arrangements, you can join in singing the hymns but we ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

### Welcome and Introduction

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Let us bring our gifts to the Lord  
**that they may be used for his glory.**

May the Spirit of God fill our hearts  
**as we come to meet him in this place.**

**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.**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

[John Newton (1725-1807)]

## Confession

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Father, in all things you are generous towards us,  
yet we have sown sparingly;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you show us the way of humility,  
yet we have given reluctantly;  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace,  
yet we have loved grudgingly;  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,  
you breathe life into all things  
and embrace us with an everlasting love;  
help us to grow in wonder and awe,  
to embody a spirit of gratitude,  
and to dream generous dreams;  
that, in gathering what we have,  
we may graciously offer ourselves  
to accomplish what you will,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Hymn**

### **CAHON 386**

*(Let there be love shared among us)*

Let there be love shared among us  
let there be love in our eyes.  
May now your love sweep this nation;  
cause us, O Lord, to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding,  
brotherly love that is real.  
Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.

## **The Gospel**

## **Matthew 6.19-33**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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, will he not much more clothe you? you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Talk by Chris Boden**

## **Declaration of Faith**

*We say together*

**We believe in God the Father,  
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**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**

The Spirit brings love, generosity and peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

## **We offer God our Prayers and Thanks**

*At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in thanks for your generosity', please respond '**we offer ourselves to you, O God**'.*

*We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

## **Hymn**

### **A&M 787**

**(Nottingham)**

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

*(Cont.)*

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee

[Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)]

## **Thanksgiving and Blessing**

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**May 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.**

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# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 26 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:*

### 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 remember Captain Tom and his family at this time and all of our nation's unsung heroes who have lost their lives in the course of the Coronavirus pandemic.

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



## WEEKLY BULLETIN 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

**STEWARDSHIP TEA SUNDAY 03 OCTOBER 1500 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:** If you have not yet replied to your invitation to attend the Stewardship Tea next Sunday, there is still time. We need to have final numbers by **Thursday 30 September** at the latest, so please do let us know if you are able to attend as soon as possible.

### MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

**PERSHORE ABBEY BCP EUCHARIST 0800 SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER:** Don't forget to join us for our regular 0800 service on the First Sunday of the month next week.



### **HARVEST SERVICES AT PERSHORE ABBEY:**

**Pershore Abbey's Harvest Eucharist** will be held next **Sunday 3 October** at **1030**.

We do hope you will join us for this family-friendly and popular service, where we give thanks for our bountiful harvest.

We also have a **BCP Harvest Evensong** service at **1700** at **Pershore Abbey**, which will be supported by the sound of our wonderful Abbey Choir, so do come along and take part in our first Evensong service this year!

We will be collecting donations for Pershore Foodbank once again this year. Donations can be left in the box at the back of the Abbey by the font.

In addition to our church services a 25 minute **Harvest Festival Celebration** video with lots of hymns to sing along to will premiere on the [Abbey YouTube](#) channel at **1700** on **Saturday 2 October**. Many thanks to Trudy and Andy Burge for preparing and filming this lovely addition to our Harvest Celebrations!

**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](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**CAFÉ CHURCH:** 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 on Café Church, contact Revd Steve at [curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:curate@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*

## OTHER NEWS



**BABIES AND TODDLERS:** Twenty little ones enjoyed the first session of the new term when we reopened on 10 September. Our routine is almost back to normal – no need to book places, and parents or other carers are offered tea or coffee and a chance to chat. Several families new to Pershore were delighted to make friends and find about the local area.

Can you help? We have welcomed 2 new helpers to our team but still have vacancies for a further 2 sessions. Would you be able to give 2 hours on a Friday morning once a month on the rota? The role mainly involves making hot drinks for the adults and preparing a mid-morning snack for the toddlers, although a friendly chat is always appreciated! More details available from Sara Speed (01386 710776)

**DROP-IN EVENT ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Pershore Town Hall 10:00 - 12:00 Saturday 2 October. Information will be available on a range of topics including home energy, transport, green spaces..... Also, Dan Boatright (Councillor) will be there and interested to hear your concerns and ideas.

**PERSHORE ABBEY LIVE STREAM FEEDBACK:** Did you watch last Sunday's service either at the time or later in the week? We know lots of you did and we would like your comments please. Do email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto: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.

## **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*

## **AND FINALLY . . .**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We are really pleased to share the news that Hilary Roffey was presented with her ALM Pastoral Worker certificate on Sunday 19 September at Worcester Cathedral by Bishop John.

Hilary is a valuable member of our Benefice, working across many areas including Mothers' Union and as one of the churchwardens of St Nicholas', Pinvin. We are thrilled that she has completed this fulfilling, rewarding and beneficial course.

If you would like to consider taking part in the ALM programme, please contact Claire for more information at [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk)



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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 26 SEPTEMBER 2021 - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Stewardship Sunday - Sunday Praise with Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)  
12:30 Service of Holy Baptism - Thomas Lewis-Hynd (*Pershore Abbey*)  
13:30 Baptism Party and Prep (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism - Jacob Andrews (*Pershore Abbey*)  
17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)



### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

#### **Mon 27 September 2021**

15:00 Private Event (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

#### **Tue 28 September 2021**

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
19:00 Pershore Civic Soc. Exec. Meeting  
(*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
19:30 PODYS Rehearsal (*St Andrew's Upper*)

#### **Wed 29 September 2021**

12:00 Funeral Service of the late Teresa Williams  
(*Vale Crematorium*)  
13:00 Arts & Crafts for Wellbeing  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)  
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
19:30 Pinvin PCC (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

#### **Thu 30 September 2021**

**Lighting Engineers All Day St Andrew's**

14:00 Abbey Link Meeting (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

15:30 V & W Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:00 Choir Practise (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

#### **Fri 01 October 2021**

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
14:00 Funeral Service of the late William Ford  
(*Vale Crematorium*)

#### **Sat 02 October 2021**

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#### **Sun 03 October 2021**

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Harvest Eucharist with Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Morning Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)  
10:30 Harvest Festival (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)  
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism  
Daisy Quiney (*St Mary's, Wick*)  
15:00 Stewardship Tea - ***please book in advance***  
(*St Andrew's, Main Hall*)  
17:00 Harvest Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

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