



PERSHORE ABBEY
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 10 October, 2021
MISSION 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 [Pershore 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

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on a cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Amos 5.6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4.12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10.17-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and

children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through 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 754

(Hannover)

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

[Robert Grant 1779-1838]

COMMUNION MOTET

Thomas Attwood - Teach me, O Lord!

Sung by Pershore Abbey Choir

HYMN 2**A&M 490****(Highwood)**

Glory to God, the source of all our mission;
Jesus be praised, the Saviour, Lord and Son!
Praise to the Spirit who confirms the vision;
in all the world the will of God be done!

Proud in our wealth, or destitute and broken,
we cannot live by earthly bread alone;
but by the word that God himself has spoken
we are set free to make our Master known.

Eastward or westward, northward, southward moving,
finding new fields, new patterns and new role,
Christ's fellow-workers, all his goodness proving,
see how our God is making people whole!

Linked by the cross at which we are forgiven,
joined by the love that came to find and save,
one in the hope of God's new earth and heaven,
we love and give since he first loved and gave.

Send us, Lord Christ, to serve at your direction,
dying and living, yours in loss and gain,
true to the gospel of your resurrection,
working and praying till you come to reign.

[Christopher Idle b. 1938

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HYMN 3**A&M 454****(Cresswell)**

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood",
Love, only love, is his sign.

(Cont.)

4. Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

5. Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

[Luke Connaughton 1917-1979]

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HYMN 4

A&M 493

(Woodlands)

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[Ally Barrett b. 1975]
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www.youtube.com/channel/UC0-SUWS6lc3uobX4YBKqSVw/videos

or

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

You can also follow the link below:

[Pershire Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

10 OCTOBER 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 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.

THE LATE CHRIS HORDERN

We were all deeply saddened to learn of the death of Chris. He was a faithful worshipper, an enthusiastic Friend of Pershore Abbey and supporter of all that we do. The family would like to invite everyone who knew Chris to his memorial service which will be held at **Pershore Abbey** at **1230** on **26 October**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Chris' life, in all its rich variety. Please continue to remember Chris' family in your thoughts and prayers. *Claire*

WEEKLY BULLETIN 10 OCTOBER 2021

HARVEST THANK YOU: Grateful thanks go to the Flower Guild for the wonderful Harvest display they created for our services this year and to Lawrences for supplying us, yet again, with our magnificent Harvest Loaf. Our thanks also go to our generous congregation for their donations to the CTiP Foodbank - your generosity will really make a difference to many families in the area.

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

CAFÉ CHURCH: Café Church meets again this Sunday 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



CANCELLED - BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE COURSE: Sadly, this course has been cancelled for the time being. We will update you with news of when it may run as soon as we have the information.

BISHOP MARTIN'S PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Martin is making a Pilgrimage of Prayer & Hope to the deaneries in the diocese, with the hope of visiting as many parish groups as possible. As part of this pilgrimage Bishop Martin will be presiding at a Eucharist for the whole deanery which will be on **Wednesday 17 November, 1900** at **All Saints, Evesham**. Everybody is very welcome to join this special service. If you are able to offer a space in your car, or would like a lift to the service, please contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk and we will try to organise car-sharing. *Claire*

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING: At 1700 on Sunday 24 October, the evening service in the Abbey will focus on remembering those who are special to us, or have had a big influence on our lives. Whether near or far, or no longer alive, you are welcome to bring along an object or photo that reminds you of your special person.

With beautiful songs, prayers, time to light a candle and share memories if you wish, the Iona service provides a space for reflection. The service will also be online. For further information or the Zoom link, please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ALL SOULS' SERVICE 07 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700: If you would like your loved one's name to be remembered at this service, please let the office know, preferably by email by 2 November to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or alternatively please use the sheet available at the back of your church.

CHURCHWARDEN - PERSHORE ABBEY: Bill Newman completes his term as Churchwarden in Spring 2022. We will therefore be looking for his successor soon. It would be really good if we could find someone with a real interest in the fabric of the church. If you want to know more please contact Suzanne Clarke or me. *Claire*



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VACANCY ABBEY TREASURER

We are looking for a volunteer to be Treasurer for the Abbey and the St Andrew's Centre.

Ideally you will be a qualified accountant or someone with wide accounting experience and an understanding of the charity sector.

We have an excellent Team of paid staff and volunteers to help with this role.

We are a church that takes Safeguarding very seriously and will adhere to the Safer Recruitment Policy for this appointment.

Closing date for applications: 7 November 2021

An application pack is available from:

☎ 01386 552071 (please leave your name & contact details)

✉ office@persnoreabbey.org.uk

An application pack may also be collected from the Benefice Office

Persnore Abbey and Benefice Office
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Website: www.persnoreabbey.org.uk

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER FOR PERSNORE ABBEY:

We have been very fortunate in recent years to benefit from the talents and time that Helen Archer-Smith has given to Persnore Abbey in the role of Treasurer

Helen is now stepping down from this role to meet new challenges. We are looking for a volunteer who can take on the mantle and continue to move the Abbey's finances forward in this rewarding and challenging role.

We thank Helen for the amazing job that she has done in the last few years and wish her all future success.

More information on the role is available from office@persnoreabbey.org.uk or call **01386 552071**.

Persnore Abbey PCC

PERSNORE ABBEY STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all of those who attended our Stewardship Tea on Sunday 3 October. It was a lovely event and a great opportunity to explore more about Stewardship at Persnore Abbey.

There is an additional leaflet available in church this week, which we hope you will be able to look at and complete to help us further with this important aspect of our church life.

You can set up your regular giving by phoning **0333 002 1271**

or scan the QR code to set up a regular gift online at www.parishgiving.org.uk/persnore-abbey-worcester

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We invite all our regular worshippers to contribute regularly to help the Abbey not only to survive but to flourish and plan confidently for the future.

Do follow this link to set up and manage your regular giving online.

Thank You, Claire and the Churchwardens

CALL 01386 552071 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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OTHER NEWS

BIBLE READING REQUESTS: If anyone would like to receive regular Bible reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship, please contact Sue Gooderham via the office on **01386 552071** or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' COFFEE MORNING: The Pershore Abbey Pastoral Group cordially invite all those newcomers to the Abbey who have joined us during the difficult times of the last 18 months, anyone who hasn't been back to the Abbey yet and those who have only just returned, to a Coffee Morning in St Andrews on **Saturday 23 October** from **1030-1200**. We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for us all to make new friendships, renew old ones and for everyone to get to know each other better.



POTENTIAL BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to the need for some emergency repair work to the Benefice Office, it may be necessary to close the office to the public at short notice over the coming two weeks. We will continue to be available to answer your queries and to offer support via email at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or through our answerphone service on **01386 552071**. If you require any other assistance we will do our best to find a way to help you. If you need to visit the office, please drop us a line via email before travelling, just to check whether or not we are open.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this necessary work may cause and thank you for your understanding

AND FINALLY . . .

SHOEBOX SUNDAY & RELAUNCHING JUNIOR CHURCH: On Sunday 21 November, we are relaunching our Junior Church by holding our annual Shoebox Sunday, all children and young people are very welcome to come along at 10.30am in St Andrew's to help pack the boxes.

We would be very grateful for donations of empty **shoe boxes** and the following items to help fill them - we particularly need **soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, yoyos, and boy's toys. Sweets and chocolates** with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the church during service times.

Again, this year we will be supporting Teams4U, it costs a minimum of £2.50 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

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 10 OCTOBER 2021 - MISSION SUNDAY

09:45 Café Church (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Harvest Festival (*St Mary's, Wick*)
13:00 Service of Holy Baptism for Ciara Dixon Kerrigan
(*St James', Birlingham*)
17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Mon 11 October 2021

14:30 PASA Meeting (*St A Main Hall*)
19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St A Main Hall*)
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tue 12 October 2021

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
14:00 Live Streaming Engineers (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Deanery Synod (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wed 13 October 2021

All Day Kitchen Repairs (St Andrew's)

13:00 Arts & Crafts for Wellbeing
(*St A Upper Room*)
14:30 Group Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)
19:00 Fabric Sub Committee (*St A Upper*)

Thu 14 October 2021

All Day Kitchen Repairs (St Andrew's)

All Day PAT Testing (St Andrew's/Pershore Abbey)

12:00 Funeral Service of the late Sue Griffiths
(*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practise (*Pershore Abbey*)

Fri 15 October 2021

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St A Main Hall*)
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)

Sat 16 October 2021

09:30 Trainmasters (*St A Main Hall*)
13:00 Concert prep (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:30 Concert use (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
14:30 Sinfonia of Birmingham Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sun 17 October 2021 - Trinity 20

10:30 Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
with Traidcraft stall
10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
10:30 Morning Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)
14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism for Jacob Cosnett
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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