



Sunday Praise

PERSHORE ABBEY

24 OCTOBER 2021

BIBLE SUNDAY

SUNDAY PRAISE SERVICE SHEET & WEEKLY BULLETIN

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 in church, but we ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

Welcome and Introduction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit 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.**

Hymn

CAHON 716

(Fulda)

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

(Cont.)

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

[Edward J Burns (b. 1938)]

Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Hymn

CAHON 666

(Walk in the Light)

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

[Damian Lundy 1944]
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The Gospel

John 5.36-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

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

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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 your mercy” please respond ‘**hear our prayer**’*

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

CAHON 221

(Benson)

God is working His purpose out
as year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out,
and the day is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God,
his banner is unfurled,
let the light of the Gospel shine
in the darkness of the world;
strengthen the weary, heal the sick
and set every captive free,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

(Cont.)

All our efforts are nothing worth
unless God bless the deed;
vain our hopes for the harvest-tide
till he brings to life the seed;
yet ever nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea

[Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)]
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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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to a sidesperson or churchwarden



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

24 OCTOBER 2021

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

Priest-in-Charge: The Revd Claire Lording

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Email: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk **Website:** www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

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.

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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 24 OCTOBER 2021

PERSHORE ABBEY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 1040 NOVEMBER 14

Our Remembrance Sunday service this year is to be a ticketed event. Unfortunately, given the ongoing Covid situation we have no choice but to limit numbers. We have now agreed seating for the organisations involved in the service, and for the choir, sides people and ministers.

From Monday 25 October 100 tickets will be available for the general congregation. Please contact the Benefice Office on **01386 552071** or by email at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you would like to book. Very limited socially distanced seating will be available, so please ask at the time of booking if you need this.



For those who will be unable to attend in person the service will be live streamed and available on our [You Tube](#) channel. *Claire*

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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*

IONA SERVICE SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700 - A TIME FOR REMEMBERING: On Sunday 24 October at 1700 in the Abbey, the Iona service will provide a space to remember and give thanks for special people, near or far or no longer alive, who have touched our lives. If you wish, you can bring along a memento or photo, or share a story and light a candle. The service will also be on Zoom. If you would like a link, please contact 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*

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING NEW DELIVERERS!: Abbey Link, the magazine that we produce and deliver around Pershore and the surrounding area is now 30 years old. Over the years it has relied on countless faithful volunteers to deliver the magazines in their area. It isn't an onerous job as it can be done in your own neighbourhood and combined with a dog walk. Many of our volunteers are getting older and are less mobile.

These are the streets that now need a deliverer for a quarterly drop. You may be able to cover more than 1 road, as some are smaller.

Avon Road

Barley Mews

Bridge Street (odd no's)

Fairways Walk

Gig Bridge Lane

Hudson Close

Jeacock Grove

Kingfisher Fields

Loughmill Road

Lucerne Avenue

Mason's Ryde (14- 34)

Old School Close

Sheldon Close

Skylark Drive

Strawberry Place

Tayberry Close

The Milestone

Wescott Way (Phase 2 roads)

This would be a great way to support the Abbey and our relationship with our local community. Please contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message with your details on our office telephone **01386 552071** and someone will get back to you.

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

ST ANDREW'S 'SPRING' CLEAN: You may have noticed that St Andrew's has been undergoing quite a bit of work of late - new lighting, new flooring, updates to the kitchen units, a newly plastered porch and some ongoing work to the stonework to the rear of the building, to list but a few. Now it's time to clean it all up and make sure it is spick and span for our regular hirers and all the new groups that are making use of this wonderful community facility. We will be having a 'Spring Clean' session on **Saturday 30 October** and would welcome any additional help. Please contact the office on **01386 552071** or office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you have some time to spare to make St Andrew's sparkle!

POTENTIAL BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSURE: We are still awaiting a start date for repairs to the Benefice Office, so again, 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 via email at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or through our answerphone service on **01386 552071**. 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. Thank you for your understanding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LLF DIGGING DEEPER: THE BIBLE, INTERPRETATION AND SEXUALITY ON TUES 23 NOVEMBER 1915 - 2100, ST MARTIN WITH ST PETER, WORCESTER

We're really privileged to have top-class contributors on this important subject:

- Sean Doherty, principal of Trinity College Bristol
- Sarah Northall, vicar of St Wulstan's, Worcester
- David Runcorn, writer, speaker and 'free-range priest'

The event will be primarily a conversation between these contributors with some opportunities for questions. This event complements the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) Course, and is offered in the same appreciative spirit of seeking greater understanding, not least of views different from our own. Participants are therefore asked to be open, enquiring and gracious in their attitudes and their speaking. The event will be chaired by Claire Lording, Priest in Charge of Pershore Benefice and Chair of the House of Clergy, and introduced by Jonathan Kimber, diocesan LLF Advocate (and Director of Ministry and Discipleship). Please book in advance: <https://bit.ly/3tMCqKG>

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' COFFEE MORNING: Don't forget the Pastoral Group Coffee Morning in St Andrew's on **Saturday 23 October** from **1030-1200**.

EXTRA TRAIDCRAFT DATE ADDED: There will be an additional opportunity to support the Traidcraft Stall on **Sunday 31 October**, so please do come along and have a browse!

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 **1030** 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.*

AND FINALLY . . .



CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . . TO THE ABBEY BOOKSTALL! We will soon have a range of our very own Pershore Abbey Christmas Cards available to buy on the Abbey Bookstall. The cards are being printed specially for us and feature a wonderful photograph taken by Andy Burge. If you would like to pre-order one of these unique cards, then please contact Jean Andrews or Anita Boston at bookstall@pershoreabbey.org.uk



Persnore Abbey
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross

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.

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Thank You, Claire and the Churchwardens

CALL 01386 552071 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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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 24 OCTOBER 2021 - Bible Sunday

10:30 Sunday Praise with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
12:30 Service of Holy Baptism for Lucy John (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism for Francesca Negrescu (*Pershore Abbey*)
17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

**** ONGOING MAINTENANCE WORK TO ST ANDREW'S THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK ****

Mon 25 October 2021

11:00 U3A Group Visit (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:00 Me, You and a Brew Drop-in session
(*St A Upper Room*)
19:00 Pershore Choral Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Pershore Community Choir Rehearsal
(*St A Main Hall*)
19:30 Bell Ringer AGM (*Zoom*)

Tue 26 October 2021

10:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:00 PUC (*St A Upper Room*)
11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
11.30 Burial of Ashes of the late Jan Wilson
(*Pershore Abbey*)
12:30 Memorial Service
for the late Chris Hordern (*Pershore Abbey*)
13:00 Memorial Wake (*St A Main Hall*)

Wed 27 October 2021

ALL DAY Porch Plastering (*St Andrew's*)
13:00 Art and Craft for Wellbeing **starts 1315**
(*St A Upper Room*)
15:30 V&W Meeting (*St A Upper Room*)
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)

19:30 PODY's Rehearsal (*St A Upper Room*)

Thu 28 October 2021

ALL DAY Porch Plastering (*St Andrew's*)
18:00 Choir Practise (*Pershore Abbey*)

Fri 29 October 2021

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)

Sat 30 October 2021

AM ST ANDREW'S 'SPRING' CLEAN

09:30 St Andrew's Trustees (*St A Upper Room*)
11:30 War Memorial Filming (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sun 31 October 2021 - All Saints Day

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Eucharist with Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
with Traidcraft Stall
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism
Alexander and Nicholas Mills
(*St James', Birlingham*)
13:00 WI Federation Concert **starts 1430**
(*Pershore Abbey & St A Toilets*)

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