



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 28 October, 2018  
FESTIVAL OF SIMON AND JUDE  
SUNG EUCHARIST

## WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today.*

Please use this service sheet in conjunction with the green service booklet

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 487

*(Love Unknown)*

1. Christ is the one who calls,  
the one who loved and came,  
to whom by right it falls  
to bear the highest Name:  
and still today  
our hearts are stirred  
to hear his word  
and walk his way.
2. Christ is the one who seeks,  
to whom our souls are known.  
The word of love he speaks  
can wake a heart of stone;  
for at that sound  
the blind can see,  
the slave is free,  
the lost are found.
3. Christ is the one who died,  
forsaken and betrayed;  
who, mocked and crucified,  
the price of pardon paid.  
Our dying Lord,  
what grief and loss,  
what bitter cross,  
our souls restored!
4. Christ is the one who rose  
in glory from the grave,  
to share his life with those  
whom once he died to save.  
He drew death's sting  
and broke its chains,  
who lives and reigns,  
our risen King.
5. Christ is the one who sends,  
his story to declare;  
who calls his servants friends  
and gives them news to share.  
His truth proclaim  
in all the earth,  
his matchless worth  
and saving Name.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926]

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 28:14-16

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter'; therefore thus says the Lord God, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: 'One who trusts will not panic.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:19-end

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 664

*(St Peter)*

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|---|---|
| 1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds<br>in a believer's ear!<br>It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,<br>and drives away his fear.       | 4. Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,<br>my prophet, priest, and King,<br>my Lord, my life, my way, my end,<br>accept the praise I bring. |
| 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,<br>and calms the troubled breast;<br>'tis manna to the hungry soul,<br>and to the weary rest.           | 5. Weak is the effort of my heart,<br>and cold my warmest thought;<br>but when I see thee as thou art,<br>I'll praise thee as I ought.      |
| 3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,<br>my shield and hiding-place,<br>my never ending treasury filled<br>with boundless stores of grace. | 6. Till then would I thy love proclaim<br>with every fleeting breath;<br>and may the music of thy name<br>refresh my soul in death.         |

[John Newton, 1725 - 1807]

THE GOSPEL

John 15:17-end

Alleluia, alleluia. I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause." 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 807

(*Newington*)

1. Thine for ever! God of love,  
hear us from thy throne above;  
thine for ever may we be  
here and in eternity.

3. Thine for ever! O how blest  
they who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,  
O defend us to the end.

2. Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
shield us through our earthly strife;  
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
guide us to the realms of day.

4. Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep  
us thy frail and trembling sheep;  
safe alone beneath thy care,  
let us all thy goodness share.

5. Thine for ever! Thou our guide,  
all our wants by thee supplied,  
all our sins by thee forgiven,  
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

[M. F. Maude, 1819-1913]

COMMUNION MOTET

Blest Are The Pure In Heart - *H. Walford Davies*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 246

*(All for Jesus)*

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
In the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
Through your promised light alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
Come as Advocate to plead,  
Loving Spirit from the Father,  
Grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live,  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
You the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

[Brian Foley, b. 1919]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 613

*(Richmond)*

City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freemen are  
of every age and clime:

One holy Church, one army strong,  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band, one harvest-song,  
one King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down  
from man's primeval youth!  
How grandly hath thine empire grown  
of freedom, love, and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night  
with never-fainting ray!  
how rise thy towers, serene and bright,  
to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands:  
unharm'd upon the eternal rock  
the eternal city stands.

[Samuel Johnson, 1822-1882]

As a Kingdom People we are a church that seeks to:

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

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The Office is open for visitors on Monday - Friday between 1100 & 1300

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

All those who are celebrating their wedding within the Pershore Benefice, those who are being baptised, those who are in need and those who have recently died.

We also pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs today  
or in the coming week.

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### NOTICES & EVENTS

THE BENEFICE OFFICE ON TUESDAY: The Office will be closed on Tuesday this week, 30 October, we apologise for any inconvenience.

THERE BUT NOT THERE: There will be three seated Tommy silhouettes installed in Pershore Abbey as a symbol of remembrance. This installation forms part of a nation-wide project which aims to Commemorate the Fallen, Educate all generations and Heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of combat.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE: We have joined a national initiative called Remembrance 100 which is praying daily for peace and hope in the 100 days before Remembrance Sunday. At our daily morning and evening services we will be joining with people up and down the country as we pray for peace. Come and join us! *Claire*

IONA WORSHIP: 'Work' is the theme of the Iona service on Wednesday 31 October at 19:30 in the Abbey. This service will be attended by Revd Dick Johnson who recently led a course on Workplace Chaplaincy for Churches Together in Pershore. (Dick works for the charity 'Faith at Work in Worcestershire'.) There will be time to discuss and pray about local workers and a possible workplace chaplaincy project in Pershore. All are welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT: Please support Traidcraft when considering your Christmas shopping and regular fair trade purchases. Our next Sales stall dates are November 4th, 18th, & December 2nd and 16th. Flyers are at the back of the church.

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED: We are delighted that we have lots of new members arriving at the Babies & Toddlers Group from all around the area due to some successful advertising on social media! Now we are very urgently looking for willing volunteers to help out on Friday mornings, term-time only, in St Andrew's Centre. Please speak to Sara Speed, 01386 710776 if you have some time to spare. Many thanks.

LIGHT THE TOWER FOR PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: This takes place in November and we are joining Pancreatic Cancer UK by lighting the Abbey Tower on the following nights in November for this important campaign - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. Please remember all those who have died from pancreatic cancer; all those who living with this condition, their families and friends, and all those trying to understand this devastating disease more. Thank you. *Claire*

BENEFICE ALL SOULS' SERVICE SUNDAY 04 NOVEMBER AT 1700 AT THE ABBEY: At this simple service we shall be remembering all those who have died in the past year as well as all those whom we love but see no longer. If there is someone that you would like to be remembered at the service there will be a list at the back of the churches for you to write their name down. The list is now in the office, if you wish to add any names please email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or phone 01386-552071. We shall read out all of these names at the Service. *Claire*

ABBAY PARISH COFFEE MORNING - 17 NOVEMBER Volunteers would be appreciated to run the parish coffee morning at St Andrew's Centre on 17 November, please speak to Jane Knox 01386-556981.

OUR 'TEAMS4U' SHOE BOX APPEAL 2018: On Sunday, 18 November, the Junior Church and Upper Room Group are packing shoe boxes. We would be very grateful for empty shoe boxes and the following items to help fill these boxes - we particularly need note pads, soaps, flannels, toothpaste, tooth brushes, tennis balls, sweets and chocolates with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place gifts in the box at the back of the church. 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 to Suzanne Clarke. Thank you. *Suzanne*.

PRAYERS AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL: At Evensong on 19 and 20 November Pershore Benefice is being remembered in the prayers. It is always appreciated when there are members from the Benefice at these services. The service starts at 17:30.

Angela Gerrard is attending the service on the 19th November, where she will reading one of the lessons. She would be delighted to have some company! *Claire*

ABBAY LINK MAGAZINE QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION: Due to the resignation, through work, a vacancy has occurred in our distribution team. This is a vital point of contact with the new residents of our town and the main link to the mission and worship of our Abbey. We need people to deliver in the Persimmon developments off Station Road, if you could help please contact Roger Piper, (553110) or Bill Newman (640497). Thank you.

PERSHORE FOODBANK: Thank you for donations last month whether cash or goods. You might like to know with the cash donations we were able to purchase exactly what we needed. However we have been busy and now need the following:- tinned fish, meat and carrots, small bags of sugar, cooking sauces, cereal, fruit juices, small salt and peppers. Thank you for your support. *Lynne Raymer*

BOOKING ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: If you are going to use St Andrews for a church meeting please check with the Office (01386-552071) to ensure it is free. St Andrews is happily very busy these days both upstairs and down and there is a risk that someone else will be using it. We have already had one near clash. So please check before you use the building. Thanks. *Peter Stansbie*

ABBAY KEY AMNESTY: Do you have any keys to the Abbey or St Andrews that you no longer use or need? Perhaps tucked away in a drawer somewhere? If so could you please let the Office have them. You will be warmly welcomed and absolutely no sanctions will be taken! Also if you have the keys to the Tower following Plum Fair could you return those please. We would like to keep as few keys in circulation as possible for security purposes. *Many thanks.*

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR – EVESHAM ARTS CENTRE, 13 NOV – 17 NOV Come along and support local talent in this modern adaptation of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's iconic musical. Focussing on the last few weeks of Jesus' life, this moving production features a number of our friends, including Gail from the Abbey Office and Alma Organ's daughter, Ruth, who takes on the role of priest! Directed by Pershore High School's Alison Robert's, the production is being put on by Evesham Operatic and Dramatic Society. Tickets are available from [www.eveshamartscentre.co.uk](http://www.eveshamartscentre.co.uk).

THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ON 11 NOVEMBER will begin at 10:40, do please come. There will be reserved seating for members of the Abbey congregation.

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick,  
(St A) St Andrew's, (V) New Vicarage, (CTIP) Churches Together in Pershore

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TAKE PLACE EVERY MONDAY TO SATURDAY IN THE ABBEY

08:00 Silent Prayer                      08:30 Matins and Eucharist                      17:00 Evening Prayer

*Everyone is very welcome to attend these services*

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018  
FESTIVAL OF SIMON & JUDE

08:00 Eucharist  
09:30 Morning Praise  
10:30 Sung Eucharist  
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism

Monday 29 October

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)  
10:30 Bells (St A)  
18:00 Weight Watchers (St A)  
19:30 Bells (A)

13:30 Funeral of the late

Jocelyn Walmesley White (St Mary's, Wick)  
14:00 Abbey Fundraising Group Meeting  
(St A Upper Room)  
14:00 Pershore U3A Technology Group (St A)  
14:15 Intercessory Prayer (A)

Tuesday 30 October

THE BENEFICE OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY  
11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)  
17:00 Evening Prayer (A)  
18:00 St Mary's Church PCC Meeting (W)

Friday 2 November

09:30 Babies and Toddlers Group (St A)  
11:00 Eucharist (A)  
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)  
14:30 Organ Practice (A)  
18:00 Choir Practice (A)  
19:30 Bells (St A)

Wednesday 31 October

19:00 Diocesan ALM Course  
(St A upper Room)  
19:30 Iona Service (A)  
20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Saturday 3 November

14:30 Set up for concert (A)  
19:30 Silurian Choir & Orchestra present  
'Reflections on the unknown soldier' (A)

Thursday 1 November

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)  
09:30 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting  
(St A Upper Room)  
11:00 Eucharist (Ganderton Court)

Sunday 4 November

14:00 Pianoscapes - Chris Long (St A)

ABBAY SERVICES - SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

0800                      Eucharist  
1030                      Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day - with Junior Church  
1700                      Benefice All Souls' Service (this service replaces Evensong)