



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 4 November, 2018

ALL SAINTS DAY

SUNG EUCHARIST

## WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today.*

*Please join us for refreshments after the 10:30 service.*

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 312

*(Lasst uns erfreuen)*

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim, and Thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, *Alleluia!*  
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,  
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
2. O higher than the Cherubim,  
More glorious than the Seraphim,  
Lead their praises, *Alleluia!*  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
All Saints triumphant, raise the song,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

[John A. Riley, 1858-1945]

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

### READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and

crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 603

(*Laos Deo*)

1. Bright the vision that delighted  
once the sight of Judah's seer;  
sweet the countless tongues united  
to entrance the prophet's ear.
2. Round the Lord in glory seated  
cherubim and seraphim  
filled his temple, and repeated  
each to each the alternate hymn:
3. "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
earth is with its fulness stored;  
unto thee be glory given,  
holy, holy, holy, Lord."
4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
earth takes up the angels' cry,  
"Holy, holy holy," singing,  
"Lord of hosts, the Lord most high."
5. With his seraph train before him,  
with his holy Church below,  
thus unite we to adore him,  
bid we thus our anthem flow:
6. "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
earth is with its fulness stored;  
unto thee be glory given,  
holy, holy, holy, Lord."

[Richard Mant, 1776-1848]

### THE GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. Alleluia.

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the

glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 308

*(Hannover)*

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events, to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

[Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000]

COMMUNION MOTET

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 297

*(O Waly, Waly)*

For all the saints who've shown your love  
in how they live and where they moved,  
for mindful women, caring men,  
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,  
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,  
who sang your songs and share your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

*(cont'd)*

For all the saints who named your will,  
and showed the kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

[John L Bell, b.1949 and Graham Maule b. 1958]

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FINAL HYMN

A&M 296

(*Sine Nomine*)

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia!*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia!*

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine:  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia!*

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia!*

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia!*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia!*

[William Walsham How, 1823-1867]

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 Flowers in the Abbey this week have been  
donated in loving memory of Phyllis Payne

TRAIDCRAFT STALL TODAY: Our sales stall is today, then November 18th & December 2nd and 16th. Please support Traidcraft when considering your Christmas shopping and regular fair trade purchases. Flyers with more information are at the back of the church.

TODAY AT THE ABBEY AT 1700 Everyone is welcome to the 'Service of Commemoration of All Souls' remembering as well as all those whom we love but see no longer. We shall read all of the names of all those who have died in the past year and those you have asked to be remembered at the Service. *Claire*

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

PERSHORE FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL: Thanks as always for your generosity. Last year we gave out Christmas Hampers to our clients during December. This was extremely successful and greatly appreciated by recipients. We would particularly like Christmas Cake, Christmassy Biscuits, Sweets and Chocolates (for both children and adults ) Tinned Ham, Salmon or Chicken, Mince Pies and Chocolate Money and any other Christmas treats you would care to donate would be much appreciated. You may notice that Christmas puddings are missing that is because we have a quantity already so just a few please. *Lynne Raymer*

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.

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*

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 are living with this condition, their families and friends, and all those trying to understand this devastating disease more. Thank you. *Claire*

SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER - KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING: Prose, poetry and songs from the Great War, presented by Celia Jones, Pamela Marsh, Paul Morris, Chris Morecroft and Rowan Williams at St Andrew's Centre. Tickets £7.50 (to include wine) email [homefirespershore@gmail.com](mailto:homefirespershore@gmail.com) or available at the door. Proceeds to "Suited and Booted", a charity supporting people in need to make a new start.

ABBEY 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.

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 be reading one of the lessons. She would be delighted to have some company! *Claire*

ABBEY 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 or Bill Newman. Thank you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE TEARFUND QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 17 November. £5.00 per person, teams of 4-6 persons at Pershore Baptist Church. 19:00 for refreshments, quiz starts at 19:45, contact Tracy Wheeler, email [tracy.wheeler@talk21.com](mailto:tracy.wheeler@talk21.com) See poster in the Abbey.

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*

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 if you have some time to spare. Many thanks.

ABBEY 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).

15 MINUTE PANTO AT ST ANDREW'S ON EVENING OF 08 DECEMBER!! Unexpected opportunity knocks ?? Non-speaking role. Costume and props provided. Would suit someone who is "out of his/her Tree" .. literally ;o))) Please contact Mike Gordon in Office hours and ask for Snow White ;o))). *Mike Gordon.*

FESTIVE ENTERTAINMENT including mini panto - Snow White & the Seven Small Sub-Deacons (starring Abbey folk). U3A Ukelele Band, Hand Bells and much more. Saturday 8th December at 18:45 at St Andrew's Centre. £6 per ticket (light refreshments included).

ABBEY & 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*

ABBEY 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)

Sunday 4 November

14:00 Pianoscapes - Chris Long (St A)

Monday 5 November

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)

10:30 Bells (St A)

14:00 Pershore U3A History Group (St A)

18:00 No Weight Watchers meeting (St A)

19:30 Bells (A)

Tuesday 6 November

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

11:30 Interment of Ashes - the late Mary Crowe  
(Abbey Grounds)

14:00 Installation of knitted poppies on  
Abbey Gates

18:30 Pershore Choral Meeting (St A Upper Room)

Wednesday 7 November

10:00 Development Project Survey (A)

11:30 Lunch Club - enquiries 01386 554299 (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

13:00 Schools' Remembrance Service Rehearsal (A)

19:00 Diocesan ALM Course (St A upper room)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 8 November

09:00 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting (St A Upper Room)

10:00 Pershore Schools Armistice Service (A)

11:00 Eucharist (Roland Rutter Court)

11:30 Coach tour - Friends of Shrewsbury Museum (A)

13:15 Art Club with Becca (St A, upper)

18:00 Remembrance Service rehearsal (A)

19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Friday 9 November

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:30 Organ Practice (A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

Saturday 10 November

16:00 "Keep the Home Fires Burning" (St A)

Sunday 11 November

10:30 Remembrance Service at St James' Birlingham

10:30 Remembrance Service at St Nicholas', Pinvin

12:30 Commemorative Ringing at Abbey to mark  
the Centenary of the end of WW1

15:00 Act of Remembrance (St Mary's, Wick)

ABBEY SERVICES

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE DAY

08:00 Eucharist

10:40 Remembrance Services

17:00 Wholeness and Healing