



**THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,  
PERSHORE**

**Sunday, 16 September, 2018  
HOLY CROSS DAY  
EUCCHARIST**

**WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN**

*A very warm welcome to our service today.*

Please use this sheet in conjunction with the green communion booklet.  
Please follow the directions given in the communion booklet.

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**READING**

**Philippians 2: 6-11**

***A reading from The Letter to the Philippians***

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**John 3: 13-17**

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. **Alleluia!**

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have

eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 16 SEPTEMBER**

**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**

**Notices for next Bulletin no later than Thursday at 12:00 noon please**

### **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.

### **NOTICES AND EVENTS**

**WE'RE ON THE MOVE AGAIN - DO SIGN UP TO JOIN US AT PINVIN**

**The next Benefice Eucharist is at St Nicholas' Church, Pinvin at 1030 on Sunday 30 September. Please sign up on the bright yellow list on the board at the back of the Abbey to reserve a place.**

Due to the size of St Nicholas Church it is not be possible for the whole of the Abbey Congregation to move to Pinvin on that day. So that we can still have a benefice service we have allocated 60 ticketed places for members of the Abbey congregation. In addition to this the choir will also move to Pinvin. As parking is tricky at St Nicholas' we have been given permission by Pinvin CE First School and St Nicholas CE Middle School to use their car parks. Please do use them and walk to church if you can. There will be limited parking spaces in the small church car park for those who have mobility problems. For those members of the Abbey not able to go to Pinvin there will be a simple said Eucharist in the Abbey at 1030. **Please do sign up so we can fill those 60 places.** Thank you for your understanding. *Claire*

**OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK:** The office will be closed all day on Wednesday 19 September. We apologise for any inconvenience. Tomorrow, Monday, 17 September there will be no one in the office except between 11:00 & 13:00. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**AUTUMN HOUSE GROUPS:** Please look at the flip chart at the back of the Abbey for details of the house groups that will be running October/November. They don't all start on the same week so please study carefully! If you've never been to a house group before why not start this autumn? If you want to know more please get in touch with me. *Claire*

**PERSHORE DEANERY QUIET DAY AT HOLLAND HOUSE:** Monday 22 October - a day led by Bishop Michael Hooper on "Contemplative Prayer". The day costs £18.00 per person. Please book with Mrs Liz Gardner, Deanery Secretary 01386 554985 or email [liz@the-gardners.com](mailto:liz@the-gardners.com); and advise of any dietary requirements. If you have wondered what it would be like to take some time out of the day in quiet and in company – try it! All are invited. *Sarah, Holland House Main Street, Cropthorne, WR10 3NB.*

**CHAMPAGNE AT BIRLINGHAM:** You are cordially invited to enjoy champagne and canapes between 19:00 and 20:30 on 21 September in St James Church. There is no charge for this event which is being hosted by the Friends of St James Church as a thank you to all those who have supported the maintenance of the Church Building in the past and to those in the community who are interested in our churches. This an opportunity for you to come and enjoy St James at the end of the summer when it is beautifully lit and decorated for Harvest. Even if you can only spare 10 minutes you would be really welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you! Friends of St James. Contact [adriane.woodward@btinternet.com](mailto:adriane.woodward@btinternet.com) for any further information.

**THE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER** will be held on Saturday 06 October, at 1900 tickets are £8.00 adults, £4.00 children, tickets on sale from members of PASA. Raffle prizes would be very welcome, thank you, please leave at the Abbey or to a member of PASA. Thank you. Lists are available to sign up to provide jacket potatoes, (potatoes will be supplied), and home made apple crumble. Enquiries PASA Jane Knox

**PARISH COFFEE MORNING 13 OCTOBER** Volunteers would be appreciated to run the next parish coffee morning at St Andrew's Centre, please speak to Jane Knox 01386-556981.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK:** The Foodbank has been particularly busy lately and we really need: tea, tinned oranges, chocolate treats, 'Smash' dried potatoes, toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, sponge puddings. In the past several people haven't given us cash with instruction "could you buy what is needed". This has been done and helps everyone. If you prefer to do this then please see me / Judy Dale at the end of the service. Thank you. *Lynne Raymer*

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE DAY AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY:** We are very fortunate that Westminster Abbey are one of the Patrons of Pershore Benefice. This means that they are interested in what we do and help appoint the Vicar! Every year they have a National Pilgrimage Day in honour of Edward the Confessor, whose shrine is in the Abbey. This year the Pilgrimage Day is on Saturday 13 October. There are many activities going on including a Festival Eucharist at 11:30 at which Bishop Jonathan Goodall, Bishop of Ebbsfleet, will be preaching. Following the success of the trip last year we are trying to put together a day trip to join the Pilgrimage Day, so if you think you would like to come please sign up on the sheets that will be at the back of all the Benefice Churches. If we have sufficient numbers of people interested we will look into hiring a coach. Individuals are of course very welcome to get to London under their own steam. For more information please contact the Office. Thank you. *Claire*.

**GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS:** These are available in the Abbey. Please make yourself known to a churchwarden or member of the ministry team on any particular Sunday if you would like to receive a gluten free communion wafer during Communion. Thank you. *Claire*

**ABBAY TREASURER:** Following the sad passing of our Treasurer, Garth Raymer, we need to find someone who can fill this vital role for the Abbey. It really needs a qualified Accountant as the work is complex and the amounts of money involved significant. The good news is that we have a really strong team to help whoever takes on the role, and Garth has left a strong legacy. So if you can help, or know of anyone else we might approach, can you please speak to me, or one of the churchwardens. Thank you. *Claire*

**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*

**PRAYERS AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL:** At Evensong on 03 October, 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*

**ABBAY LINK IDEAS:** Abbey Link magazine is open to ideas for future articles. Suggestions (no more than 300 words) are welcome by email to Colin Reeves at [editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk) All material, aimed at non-churchgoers, needs at least two of these FLIP elements, : **F:** Faith; **L:** Local interest; **I:** Interesting! (no lengthy detail); **P:** People matter. *Colin Reeves*

**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**

**SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**HOLY CROSS DAY PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

08:00 Eucharist (A)

10:30 Patronal Festival - Sung Eucharist with The Friends of Pershore Abbey  
(A)

**Monday 17 September**

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (A)

**Tuesday 18 September**

09:30 Bells (St A)

10:00 1000 Meditation Group (Holy Redeemer)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

19:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship Service  
(A & St A)

**Wednesday 19 September**

***The office will be closed***

10:00 Birlingham PCC Meeting (St James')

10:30 Lunch Club - Enquiries 554299 (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

**Thursday 20 September**

09:15 Weight Watchers

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

12:00 Deanery Mothers' Union (St A)

**Friday 21 September**

09:30 Parent and Toddlers (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:30 Organ Practice (A)

15:45 Staging crew setting up (A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

**Saturday 22 September**

10:00 Concert set up (A)

19:30 Midland Festival Chorus concert  
(A)

**SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**TRINITY 17**

08:00 Eucharist

09:30 Morning Praise

10:30 Sung Eucharist

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism - Brody William Jones

17:30 Youth Group (St Andrew's Centre)