



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 23 September, 2018  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
SUNG EUCHARIST

## WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today.*

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 812

*(Wiltshire)*

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.
2. O magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt his name;  
When in distress to him I called,  
He to my rescue came.
3. The hosts of God encamp around  
The dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance he affords to all  
Who on his succour trust
4. O make but trial of his love  
Experience will decide  
How blest are they, and only they,  
Who in his truth confide!
5. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you his service your delight,  
Your wants shall be his care.
6. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

[Nahum Tate, 1652-1715]

[Music: George Thomas Smart, 1776-1867]

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1,12-22

But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is

inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

James 3:13- 4:3, 7- 8a

*A reading from The Letter of James*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 604

*(Servant Song)*

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey  
And companions on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

*(Cont'd)*

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

[Richard Gillard, b. 1953]

### THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Alleluia.

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

### OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 728

*(Meekness and Majesty)*

1. Meekness and majesty,  
Manhood and deity,  
In perfect harmony,  
The man who is God.  
Lord of eternity  
Dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility  
And washes our feet.

2. Father's pure radiance,  
Perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience  
To death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
Conquering through sacrifice;  
And as they crucify  
Prays Father forgive.

*Refrain: Oh what a mystery,  
Meekness and majesty,  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God, this is your God.*

*(Cont'd)*



3. O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

5. O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.

[John Ernest Bode, 1816-1874]

*PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET & A PEW BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.*

*PLEASE LEAVE THE SERVICE BOOKLET WHEN YOU LEAVE.*

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

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*

## NOTICES AND EVENTS

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.

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

The next Benefice Eucharist is next week at St Nicholas' Church, Pinvin, 1030, 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 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*

NEW ROTAS: The Rotas for the remainder of the year have now been sent out by email. If you have not received your rota, please do let the office know as soon as possible. If you receive a hard copy, please don't forget to collect your rota from the letter rack.

INTERCESSOR, EUCHARIST ASSISTANT AND READER SWAPS: With the distribution of the new rota, please could we ask that if you are unable to make your session that you arrange a substitute yourself and that the Ministry Team are made aware of any changes at the start of the Sunday service. *Thank you*

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.*

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, Crophorne, WR10 3NB.*

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*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE COFFEE MORNING: Please come along and support the CTIP Coffee Morning on 29 September where you can enjoy cake and coffee and learn more about the Workplace Chaplaincy. We are also looking for willing volunteers to help serve on the day. Please speak to Claire if you are able to help.

## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

### HELP NEEDED

We are still looking for willing volunteers to help out with our Parent and Toddler Sessions, held during term-time on Friday mornings in St Andrew's.

If you are able to offer help on a regular basis or just on the odd occasion please speak to Sara Speed.

*Many thanks*



The Abbey · Baptist Church · Holy Redeemer Catholic Church · Community Church

## COFFEE MORNING

**SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

**10:00—12:00**



**PERSHORE TOWN HALL**

Come and enjoy a coffee and cake and discover more about the Workplace Chaplaincy coming soon to Pershore

**All Welcome**

ABBHEY & 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 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)

Mon 24 Sep 2018

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A) 09:15-11:45

10:30 Bells (St A)

11:00 Pastoral Group Meeting\*

(28 Conningsbury Drive\* venue change)

18:00 Weight Watchers (St A)

(18:30 meeting start)

19:30 Bells (St A)

19:30 Pinvin PCC (P)

Tue 25 Sep 2018

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:00 PUC Meeting (Upper Room)

14:30 Mothers' Union (St A)

19:00 Pershore Civic Society

Exec. Committee Meeting (St A, upper)

Wed 26 Sep 2018

Pershore Abbey Roof Survey (A)

19:30 Iona Service (A)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thu 27 Sep 2018

09:00 Weight Watchers (St A)

(09:15am meeting start)

09:30 Benefice Wardens Meeting (V)

11:00 Interment of Ashes (A)

*The late Mr Richard Twine*

11:00 St Andrews Exec. Committee (V)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal (St James')

19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Fri 28 Sep 2018

09:30 Parent 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) 1800

19:30 Bells (St A)

Sat 29 Sep 2018

09:30 Piano Tuning @

10:00 CTIP Coffee Morning (Town Hall)

14:00 Wedding Service (St. James')

*Kristian Mills & Donna Greene*

16:00 Concert Use (A & St A)

20:00 Morrison Orpheus Male Choir (A)

Concert in support of St Richard's

Hospice in Memory of Paul Fletcher

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

TRINITY 18

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Benefice Eucharist at St Nicholas Church, Pinvin