

THE CHURCHES OF THE PERSHORE BENEFICE

Sunday, 30 September, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNG EUCHARIST

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

A very warm welcome to our Benefice Service 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 650

(Faithfulness)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Thomas O Chisholm, 1866-1960]

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

READING

James 5:13-20

A reading from the Letter of James

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 752

(St Margaret)

1. O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller, be.
2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.
4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

[George Matheson, 1842-1906]

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop

him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 712

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in'
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives Your pow'r breaks through,
Living Lord.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.
4. Lord Jesus Christ, we would come to you,
live our lives for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into our lives your pow'r breaks through,
living Lord.

[Patrick Appleford b. 1925]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 484

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the field shall clap,
shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field
shall clap their hands.
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the fields
shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

[Stuart Dauermann, b.1944]

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

PLEASE LEAVE THE SERVICE BOOKLET WHEN YOU LEAVE.

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 30 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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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

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE ABBEY and our harvest gifts will be given to the Maggs Centre at Worcester again this year. Please bring any donations of dry goods, tinned and non-perishable items to the service on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE: On Saturday 27 October there will be a Churches Together walk. Meet at 10:00 by St Andrew's front door, Church Walk, Pershore. There is a choice between a 1+ mile (2km) level walk (suitable at the beginning, for push chairs and motorised chairs), and a 2+ mile (4 km) walk. Please wear sensible shoes/trainers and bring a waterproof. Dogs have to be on a lead. If you are interested or have questions please email David Oldham on davidandhelena@gmail.com saying which walk you are interested in. Email addresses would only be used to sort out details of the walk and weather related changes. Alternatively just turn up at 10:00 for the walk."

NEW TREASURER AT THE ABBEY: We are pleased to announce that Helen Archer-Smith has been appointed as the new Treasurer for the Abbey. Helen works as the Bursar at Bredon School, lives in Pershore and worships at the Baptist Church. She is very much looking forward to becoming part of the team. Welcome Helen! *Claire*

NEW PERSHORE ABBEY AND BENEFICE WEBSITE: Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Friends of Pershore Abbey we now have a new website for the Abbey and Benefice. Go to pershoreabbey.org.uk and have a look! This has been a significant piece of work and the team have worked hard on it, but we realise that it will not be without the odd mistake. If you do spot something please let Gail in the Office know. *Claire*

WICK HARVEST SUPPER: St Mary's Church, Wick will be holding their Harvest Festival Service at 18:00 next Sunday 7 October in St Mary's Church and this will be followed by the village Harvest Supper on Monday 8 October at 18:00 in the Wick Club. Tickets for the Harvest Supper are £7 to include a 2 course supper and first drink and are available from Jill Williams. All Welcome.

WICK LADIES AFTERNOON CLUB invites you to join them for the MACMILLAN Tea & Cake Afternoon between 14:30 to 16:30 on Tuesday 9 October at the Wick Club. All Welcome

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 all the Benefice churches for you to write their name down. The list will be available until the end of October. We shall read out all of these names at the Service. *Claire*

CATS FOR ABBEY LINK: In response to the popular feature on dogs in Abbey Link, we're open to some lively cat photos. Please send them, with name of cat and owner, to editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk

NEW ABBEY 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 Abbey letter rack.

ABBAY 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*

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.*

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE DAY AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY: Unfortunately due to insufficient numbers this year we are unable to organise a coach for this trip on Saturday 13 October.

ABBAY 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.

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; 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.*

PERSHORE ABBEY 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.

THE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER will be held next 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.

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*

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*

FESTIVAL OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS - 20 October at Worcester Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear Arianna Walker, the CEO of Mercy UK, speak about the wonderful healing work of MERCY UK, a charity ministering to young women and "seeing the impossible become possible as shattered hearts are restored through the love of Jesus". Her address, entitled "Equipped for Rough Terrain", will be followed by discussion and, at 14.00, a Healing Eucharist in the Cathedral, at which she will also speak. Book your place at: peterandsue@gmail.com or phone 01905 23096. There will be a £10.00 charge, to include coffee and biscuits, payable on the day; this is to help defray costs only. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

TRINITY 18

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Benefice Eucharist at St Nicholas Church, Pinvin

Monday 1 October

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)

10:30 Bells (St A)

14:00 Funeral Service for the late
Mr Jefferson Henderson (A)

14:00 Pershore U3A History Group (St A)

16:00 Interment of Ashes (Abbey grounds)

18:00 Wick Mission Action Plan Meeting (W)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (A)

Tuesday 2 October

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

Wednesday 3 October

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

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

18:45 Bells (St A)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 4 October

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting

(St A Upper Room)

11:00 Eucharist (Ganderton Court)

14:00 U3A Technology Group (St A)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (A)

19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Friday 5 October

09:30 Parent and Toddlers (St A)

10:00 Harvest preparations (A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:30 Organ Practice (A)

16:00 Harvest flowers (St A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

18:30 Bells (St A)

Saturday 6 October

All Day Preparation for Supper (St A)

14:00 Bells (A)

15:30 Bells (St A)

19:00 Abbey Harvest Supper (St A)

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 2018

HARVEST FESTIVAL - TRINITY 19

08:00 Eucharist at the Abbey

10:30 Harvest, Hymns and Hotdogs at St Nicholas' Pinvin

10:30 All Age Harvest Festival Eucharist at the Abbey

10:30 Morning Praise at St James' Church, Birlingham

17:00 Choral Evensong at the Abbey

18:00 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Wick