



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 10 February, 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SUNG EUCHARIST with JUNIOR CHURCH & UPPER ROOM GROUP

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

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

A very warm welcome to our services today.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 276

(Nicaea)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy holy! though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

[Bishop Reginald Heber, 1783-1826]

THE COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 6:1-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had

six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 603

(Laus 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

Luke 5:1-11

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 Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 494

(Here I am Lord)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

(cont'd)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will send the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

[Daniel L Schutte b.1947]

COMMUNION MOTET

Lead me Lord - S. S. Wesley

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 450

(Jesus Calls Us)

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him
 as through word and song and prayer
 we affirm God's promised presence
 where his people live and care.
 Praise the God who keeps his promise;
 praise the Son who calls us friends;
 praise the Spirit who, among us,
 to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him
 Word of Life and Lord of All,
 sharer of our flesh and frailness
 saving all who fail or fall.
 Tell his holy human story;
 tell his tales that all may hear;
 tell the world that Christ in glory
 came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to his table
 rooted firm in time and space,
 where the Church in earth and heaven
 finds a common meeting place.
 Share the bread and wine, his body;
 share the love of which we sing;
 share the feast of saints and sinners
 hosted by our Lord and King.

[John L Bell b.1949 & Graham Maule b.1958]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 475

(Duke Street)

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
 Christ to the world with joy we bring;
 Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
 Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

2. King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
 kingship with him his servants gain;
 with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
 this world of time to consecrate,
 this world of sin by grace to heal,
 Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4. Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
 he claims our minds, to search his ways;
 he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
 he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

5. We are his Church; he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

[James Quinn, 1919-2010]

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 10 FEBRUARY 2019

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

THOSE IN NEED: Maureen Reid, John and Sheila Grantham, Canon John Champion, Felicity Willows, Keith Robbins

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Mary Pannett, Baby Jaxson Everall, Janet Henshall, Arthur Farmer, Henry Ibbott, Valerie Bomford, Liia Binkka, Lilian Carson, Ruby Littlewood, Baby Olivia Hammett, Frank Clarke, Henry Abbott

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS TODAY OR IN THE COMING WEEK: Teresa Haines; and also the anniversary of the birthday of the late Gwyneth Elizabeth Rimmer

NOTICES AND EVENTS

ELECTORAL ROLL: This is the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote on elections within the Church of England. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join. The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted. By this means, the continuing validity of the roll is maintained. The rules of the Church of England require the Electoral Roll to be re-drawn every six years - 2019 is the year! If you would like to be included on the new Electoral Roll you will need to complete another form to be included. Application forms are

available at the back of the Abbey this morning. They should be returned to the Abbey & Benefice Office, Alverston House, 11 Broad Street, Pershore WR10 1BB. If you wish to leave your completed form this morning, please pass it to Bill Newman, Suzanne Clarke or Claire. This is a big task to complete in time for the Abbey APCM and therefore it would be appreciated if you could let us have the returned forms as soon as possible but by the end of March at the latest. Thank you for your help. *Bill Newman, Church Warden*

BOOKSTALL: Many thanks to the welcomers and helpers on the bookstall. Due to illness, holidays, family commitments etc. we have some vacancies. Have you got 2 hours you could spare to welcome visitors and operate the bookstall? This needs to be a regular commitment but not necessarily weekly - perhaps once a month? With grateful thanks and looking forward to growing the team. Please contact me on 552614. *Toni Harris.*

A FISH & CHIP SUPPER with quiz will take place on Saturday February 16th 18:45 for 19:00 at St Andrew's Centre. Tickets £8.00 available from Julie Newman. Soft drinks, tea and coffee provided or please bring your own. Teams of 4 or just come along and make up a team on the night.

SNOWDROPS & BULB TEAS AT BIRLINGHAM The snowdrops are in flower in the churchyard at St James' Church, Birlingham WR10 3AB. "Bulb Teas" will be available in the Village Hall every weekend in February between 11:00 & 16:30. Midweek group visits can be arranged by contacting Caryl Mills on 01386-751748. The annual Bulb Sunday Service will be held on Sunday 17 February at 15:00 at St James'.

LENT 2019: Please make a note of the following services and events in your diaries:

5th March Shrove Tuesday 13:00 start: Lunchtime pancakes and launch of Churches Together in Pershore Lent charity at St Andrew's Centre. Please note change of time for this event.

Ash Wednesday 6th March: This year there will be Ash Wednesday Services at the following times - In the Abbey at 0830 and 1930, and at St Mary's, Wick at 1100. Attending a service on Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and everyone is invited to come forward and have a cross made out of ash marked on their forehead, as a sign of our penitence and God's forgiveness. The ash traditionally comes from the palm crosses that have been distributed at the previous Palm Sunday. Please leave any palm crosses that we can use for these services at the Benefice Office or with me. Many thanks.

Lent groups: This will be based on the BBC Broken series. Tuesdays 19:30-21:00 at Pershore Baptist Church, starts 5th March and also on Thursdays 13:30-15:00 at St Andrew's, starts 7th March. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Abbey today - please read the information on the form.

Lent soup: This will be on Thursday lunchtimes at St Andrew's Centre. Please note change of venue and time from previous years.

More details will follow shortly. *Claire*

ROBIN STEPS DOWN: For many years Robin Hancox has been fulfilling the roll of Day Verger at the Abbey, which has meant doing all sorts of jobs that most people never see, although we would notice if they weren't being done! Robin is now stepping down from that role to focus on our work at St Andrew's. A huge thank you to Robin for all that he has done. We have been busily finding people who can take on the jobs that Robin has done so ably but we still need some help. If you think you can help with any of the following, please get in touch with me, Bill Newman or Suzanne Clarke. Training will be provided. Thanks, *Claire*.

Bill Newman would like someone to assist him with adjusting the various heating and lighting timers, putting the floodlights and heating on in the Abbey, and doing the fire alarm and lighting tests.

We need someone who is able to carry out minor repairs around the Abbey. This is someone who can potentially spot when something needs looking at but who can also respond to Churchwarden requests.

The fabric committee need someone who can make VAT Grant claims so that we can get any VAT back on the numerous repairs that take place.

ABBEY VOLUNTEERS' COFFEE MORNING: We will be holding a special coffee morning next Saturday 16th February to say "Thank you" to our many volunteers for their help at Pershore Abbey. Please drop in to St Andrew's Centre between 10:00 & 12:00 noon for coffee and cakes. Invitations will be sent by email (or via the letter rack). With over 180 people to contact, there's a chance that some could get lost! If you are a volunteer and don't hear by the end of January, please contact Sara Speed (710776)

REIMAGINE CHURCH CONFERENCE - SATURDAY 9TH MARCH David and I have been to this conference in previous years and found it very good. This year the topics will be around: leadership, mission, inclusive evangelism, church growth and innovation. Key-note addresses by John Bell of Wild Goose Resource Group and others. 09:30 - 15:30 at Carrs Lane Conference Centre, opposite Moor St. station, Birmingham. This event is organised by the Methodist church but is open to all. Suggested donation of £5. We will be driving to a convenient station and getting the train in. If you would like to join us or would like further information, please contact us on 561 027. *Helen Oldham*

A CHURCH SERVICE FOR ALL: Come-everything is ready. The invitation is for everyone to join the World day of Prayer. This year written by the women of Slovenia one of the smallest and youngest countries of Europe. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. The World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world. The service is on Friday March 1st at 14:30 at Pershore Baptist Church. *Hilary Roffey*

PERSHORE CTIP FOODBANK: Thank for donations since Christmas they are greatly appreciated. However we are currently short of washing powder (small boxes), washing up liquid and household cleaner/sprays. *Lynne Raymer*

EPIPHANY BIBLE STUDY continues on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 on February 13, 20, 27 at 8, Ashdale Avenue. Enquiries to Philip 552375 or Margaret 553110

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick, (St A) St Andrew's,
(St A U) St Andrew's Upper Room (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

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY - SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

08:00 Eucharist

10:15 Junior Church and Upper Room Group (St A)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church & Upper Room Group

17:00 Service of Wholeness and Healing

Sunday 10 February

17:30 Youth Group led by Suzanne Clarke (St A)

Monday 11 February

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)

10:30 Bells (St A)

11:00 Piano rehearsal - AN (A)

11:30 PASA meeting (St A U)

13:00 Funeral of the late Arthur Farmer (A)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

Tuesday 12 February

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

Wednesday 13 February

12:00 Funeral of the late Henry Ibbott

(Vale Crematorium)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 14 February

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (V)

All day School "iSingPOP" event (A)

11:00 Eucharist (Roland Rutter Court)

13:15 Art Club with Becca (St A U)

19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Friday 15 February

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:30 Organ Practice - MP (A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Saturday 16 February

10:00 Volunteers Coffee Morning (St A)

12:30 Set up & preparation for evening (St A)

18:45 PASA Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz
evening (St A)

Sunday 17 February

15:00 Bulb Sunday Service (St James', Birlingham)

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY ON SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Laying on of Hands