



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 19 May 2024**  
**PENTECOST**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for **Pershore Abbey Community** [Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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### **THE COLLECT**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Acts 2.1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is

what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**John 15-26-27, 16.4b-15**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion  
please let a sidesperson know**

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 242**

**DIADEMATA**

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
in flame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
With wisdom from above.  
O let us not despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,  
the foolishness of God.
2. Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again,  
the miracles of love.
3. Spirit of truth, arise;  
inspire the prophet's voice:  
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.  
O Spirit, clear our sight,  
all prejudice remove,  
and help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.
4. Give us the tongues to speak,  
in every time and place,  
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
the word of love and grace.  
Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing.
5. Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love!

[Michael Forster (b.1946)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 236**

**CARLISLE**

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

1. Tell all the world of Jesus,  
 Our Saviour, Lord and King;  
 And let the whole creation  
 Of his salvation sing:  
 Proclaim his glorious greatness  
 In nature and in grace;  
 Creator and Redeemer,  
 The lord of time and space.

2. Tell all the world of Jesus  
 that everyone may find  
 the joy of his forgiveness-  
 true peace of heart and mind;  
 proclaim his perfect goodness,  
 his deep, unfailing care;  
 his love so rich in mercy,  
 a love beyond compare.

3. Tell all the world of Jesus,  
 that everyone may know  
 of his almighty triumph  
 defeating every foe;  
 proclaim his coming glory,  
 when sin is overthrown  
 and he shall reign in splendour-  
 the King upon his throne!

[James Seddon (1915-1983)]

**COMMUNION MOTET**

**Come down, O love divine—William Harris**  
*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

1. *Come down, O Love divine,  
 seek thou this soul of mine,  
 and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
 O Comforter, draw near,  
 within my heart appear,  
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

2. *O let it freely burn,  
 ill earthly passions turn  
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
 and let thy glorious light  
 shine ever on my sight,  
 and clothe me round, the while my path  
 illuming.*

3. *Let holy charity  
 mine outward vesture be,  
 and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
 true lowliness of heart,  
 which takes the humbler part,  
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with  
 loathing.*

4. *And so the yearning strong,  
 with which the soul will long,  
 shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
 for none can guess its grace,  
 till he become the place  
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 235**

**REPTON**

1 Be present, Spirit of the Lord,  
 let sounds of earth be dumb;  
 the Father's love be shed abroad,  
 the dew of blessing on us poured:  
 O silent Spirit, come!  
 O silent Spirit, come!

3 Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,  
 our souls to Christ incline,  
 intent to do the Father's will  
 and stand by faith before him still  
 in righteousness divine,  
 in righteousness divine.

2 In power unseen upon us rest,  
 your gracious gifts impart:  
 a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,  
 a life where Christ is manifest,  
 an understanding heart,  
 an understanding heart.

4 O Spirit come, and with us stay;  
 make every heart your home.  
 So work in us that we who pray  
 may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:  
 O Holy Spirit, come!  
 O Holy Spirit, come!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

**FINAL HYMN**

**A&M 264**

**WALK IN THE LIGHT**

1. The Spirit lives to set us free,  
 Walk, walk in the light.  
 He binds us all in unity,  
 Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the the light,  
 Walk in the the light,  
 Walk in the the light,  
 Walk in the the light of the Lord.*

2. Jesus promised life to all,  
 Walk, walk in the light.  
 The dead were wakened by his call,  
 Walk, walk in the light.

4. We know his death was not the end,  
 Walk, walk in the light.  
 He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
 Walk, walk in the light.

3. He died in pain on Calvary,  
 Walk, walk in the light,  
 To save the lost like you and me,  
 Walk, walk in the light.

5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
 Walk, walk in the light.  
 The Father's kindness is revealed,  
 Walk, walk in the light.

6. The Spirit lives in you and me,  
 Walk, walk in the light.  
 His light will shine for all to see,  
 Walk, walk in the light.

[Damian Lundy (1944-1996)]

*Voluntary: Final—Symphonie 1—Louis Vierne*  
*The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

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

### **19 MAY 2024**

**As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:**

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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### **BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY (excluding Bank Holidays)**

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on  
weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

**Please email your enquiry to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on  
01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT TODAY, PRAYING  
ESPECIALLY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE HOLY LAND. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE.**

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place and for all  
those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

We pray for all those welcoming new life into their families.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.

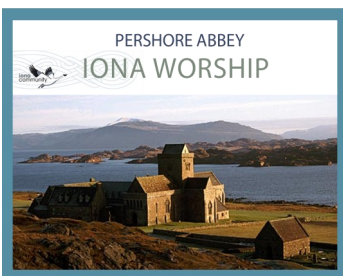
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mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to  
contact the office or Canon Claire Lording for support.*



## PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

**PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CLAIRE:** I am sorry to share this as a general notice but I wanted to let you know that my planned foot surgery that was booked for 20 May has had to be postponed as I am currently undergoing tests for breast cancer. I want to reassure you that I am fit and well and am planning to be working as usual for the time being. Please remember me and all health professionals in your prayers. With many thanks for all your care and concern. *Claire.*

**THE REVD JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION:** It would be wonderful if as many people as possible could attend Jayne's Ordination at the Cathedral on 29 June at 1400. A bus has been booked, leaving the Abbey at 1230. It will then leave the Cathedral at 1630. The cost will be £8. To book your place please use the sign up sheets at the back of all the churches or let the Office know.



**IONA SERVICE FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND THE STORIES OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE - SUNDAY 26 MAY, 1700:** Using Iona Community worship materials, there'll be time and space to listen to and share stories, reflect and ask questions. Everyone is very welcome. If you would like to join by Zoom, please email Helen for a link. [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**HELP FOR CARNIVAL REFRESHMENTS PLEASE:** On Monday 27 May refreshments are being served 1030-1430 in St. Andrew's. To all you wonderful helpers and cake makers please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 to volunteer to help on the day and Hilary Fowler on 01386 552243 for offers of cakes - or monetary offerings are very acceptable. Sign-up sheets will be in the Abbey after the Sunday morning service. Offers of garden furniture would also be appreciated, in case of sunny weather. If you are able to lend any chairs etc please contact Sara Speed. *Thank you from the PASA Team.*

**CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN:** There will be a special service in the Abbey on Thursday 20 June at 1900 to mark 30 years since women were first ordained priest. In 1994, 22 women were ordained in the Diocese of Worcester to serve in parishes across Worcestershire and Dudley. Those pioneers will be guests of honour at the service alongside the many women who have been ordained since and all those who have supported them along the way. Bishop John will preach at the service, Archdeacon Nikki Groarke will lead the prayers and there will be interviews with one of the first women ordained in our diocese as well as one of the most recently ordained. There will be cava and cake after the service! All welcome.



PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE  
INFORMATION & OTHER NOTICES



## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

### **Sunday 19 May - Pentecost**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 All Age Eucharist with Fairtrade stall and  
*LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)*

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

15:00 Cello Recital in aid of Worcester and Mid  
Worcestershire RSPCA (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Service of Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 20 May**

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

12:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

12:00 Private Guided Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

19:00 Art and Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 H&S Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

### **Tuesday 21 May**

11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 PCC Finance Committee (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### **Wednesday 22 May**

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

19:15 Eco Church Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Thursday 23 May**

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Josh Chambers  
and Bethany Roberts (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

### **Friday 24 May**

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 CTiP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

### **Saturday 25 May**

13:30 Wedding Service for Josh Chambers and  
Bethany Roberts (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

### **Sunday 26 May - Trinity Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Carnival Teas Set Up (*St Andrew's Main*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 Morning Praise with *LIVESTREAM*  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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