



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 23 June 2024

TRINITY 4

## SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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### Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**Hymn 702**

**Lead us, heavenly Father, Lead us**

**(MANNHEIM)**

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

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2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

[James Edmeston (1791-1867)]

*Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence*

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.  
God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and  
acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to  
us.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and  
deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life  
eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for the day

Gracious Father;  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Reading: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13

A reading from the second Letter to the Corinthians.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 562

## Inspired by love and anger

## (SALLEY GARDENS)

1. Inspired by love and anger,  
Disturbed by need and pain,  
Informed by God's own bias,  
We ponder once again:  
'How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
Turn prayer and pity blind?'

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2. From those forever victims  
Of heartless human greed,  
Their cruel plight composes  
A litany of need:  
'Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners  
And dreams find their release?'

3. From those forever shackled  
To what their wealth can buy,  
The fear of lost advantage  
Provokes the bitter cry,  
'Don't query our position!  
Don't criticize our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited  
By politics and stealth!'

4. To God, who through the prophets  
Proclaimed a different age,  
We offer earth's indifference,  
Its agony and rage:  
'When will the wrongs be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous  
To all instead of some?'

5. God asks, 'Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen,  
Will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
Will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,  
Will walk the road I show?'

6. Amused in someone's kitchen,  
Asleep in someone's boat,  
Attuned to what the ancients  
Exposed, proclaimed and wrote,  
A saviour without safety,  
A tradesman without tools  
Has come to tip the balance  
With fishermen and fools.

[John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (B.1958)]

## **The Gospel – Mark 4.35—end**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

*Please stand for our Declaration of Faith*

We say together:

**We believe in God the Father,  
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please sit or kneel as we offer God our Prayers and Thanks*

*At the end of each prayer when you hear 'God of love' please respond '**hear our prayer**'*

*We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn during which the collection will be taken:*

## Hymn 623

## Eternal Father, strong to save

(MELITA)

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Saviour whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,  
and gavest light and life and peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheres o'er they go:  
and ever let there rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

[William Whiting (1825-1878)]

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,  
accompany us in this day's journey.

Dawn on our darkness,

open our eyes to praise you for your creation  
and to see the work you set before us today.

Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore.**

**Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Organ Voluntary: Sortie in Eb—Lefebure-Wely*

***The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary***

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### **23 JUNE 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.

*If you need any help in accessing any of the online features 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

**UPDATE FROM CLAIRE:** This is just to let you know that my chemotherapy treatment begins on 25 June. It will be six cycles at three weekly intervals. I have been made aware of the side effects of such treatment and how I must do everything I can to prevent the risk of infection. I am going to take things one day at a time, hopeful that there will be good days in amongst the more challenging ones. I am still working and hope to be able to do some of the things that are in my diary, but I know I must also rest and be kind to myself. There is no plan for how this will all look and things will undoubtedly change as treatment progresses. Thanks, as ever, for all your love, support and prayers. Please continue to pray for me, all those on a similar journey and all health professionals. *Claire*

**NEW DEAN OF WORCESTER ANNOUNCED:** The King has approved the nomination of The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards, Interim Dean of Worcester, to be appointed as the new Dean of Worcester. Stephen has been Interim Dean since the retirement of the Very Revd Peter Atkinson last September. He will be installed as Dean on Sunday 15 September at 1500.



**BUS FOR REVD JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION - 29 JUNE:** If you are joining us on the bus (leaving the Abbey at 1230 and returning from the cathedral at 1630), please pay your £8 per person to the office either in person or by BACS (preferred). Money will not be taken on the bus. Thank you. *Peter Stansbie*

**IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 23 JUNE:** The Iona Service on Sunday 23 June at 1700 will be a time of quiet reflection and prayer in preparation for the general election. 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)

**ELECTION HUSTINGS:** After much consideration Churches Together in Pershore have decided against trying to rearrange the hustings, which we had hoped to hold at the High School. Please do continue to hold all those involved in the General Election in your prayers and do look out for each party's manifesto to see what is important to them. *Claire*

**ABBEY ECO CHURCH WALK:** There will be a walk Sunday 30 June at 1415 around the farm fields close to Pensham on the Wychavon and Shakespeare's Way. Meet at the Old Bridge car park. The route doesn't involve any stiles and the plan is for Bill Newman and David Oldham to show the way for this 90 minute walk. Dogs on leads welcome.

**ABBEY ECO CHURCH VISIT:** There are four places left for the 1000 to 1200 Tuesday 19 November visit to the EnviRecover EfW plant in Hartlebury that Pershore waste is taken to. If interested contact David Oldham or email [ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk) by 23 June. There are at least 2 cars available to give lifts, so feel able to sign up if you do not have transport, but mention it. First come first served.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** The total of the Christian Aid Week events - coffee morning, 0800 Breakfast and the House-to-house Collection - was £2,737.60. With the addition of gift aid this will eventually be over £3,000 which is brilliant. *Sarah Thomson*



# St Mary's Church, Wick



## Service of Evening Praise at 7pm on Tuesday 25 June at the Wick Confetti Fields

by kind permission of the Real Confetti Company

*Wine, soft drinks and sausage rolls to follow!  
(Sorry, no dogs allowed)*

Please enter the Confetti Fields by Cooks Hill, turning left by the new houses following the Confetti Fields Service signs

# PRAY YOUR PART

The General Election will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. In the run-up to and into the campaign period, the Church of England would like to invite everyone to join us in prayer for our nation and play your part as citizens and voters.

A series of daily thematic reflections written by bishops, drawn from the Bible and exploring major themes will be published shortly, covering the final three weeks up to polling day.

You can sign up for daily election reflections which will be available for three weeks in the run up to Election Day by visiting the website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>

Also available as a booklet, through an app, in audio form for smart speakers, as free opt-in emails and through social media.



## Worcester Cathedral

### Ordination of Priests

#### Petertide

Saturday 29th June 2024

Please pray for all those who are preparing to be ordained Priest this Petertide, and among them those who will serve in the Diocese of Worcester.

Join us at Pershore Abbey on **Sunday 30 June** for our 1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist. This will be the first time that Jayne will preside at the Eucharist as a priest. Let's show her our support.

All welcome.

# Pershore Midsummer Brass

Saturday 6th July 2024

OVER 30 BANDS

THE ANGEL, CHAPMAN COURT, PERSHORE ABBEY  
AND PERSHORE LEISURE CENTRE



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# FUN AT THE ABBEY

Sunday 28 July

Outside the Abbey by the Wildflower Meadow

- 1030-1115 Morning Praise Service in the Park - songs, a talk and refreshments afterwards
- From 1130 Games - for all ages!
- From 1200 Bring a picnic and enjoy being in the Park

Come for all or part of the day

A chance to meet other families  
and make new friends

Organised by the  
Pershore Abbey Community



Pershore Abbey

# ORGAN PROMENADE

Featuring Pershore Abbey Organist:  
**James MacDowall Scott**



**Sunday 7, 14, 28 July**  
**1400 – 1500**

A new programme of afternoon recitals taking place on  
selected Sundays during July

Admission: Free with retiring collection

**ALL WELCOME**

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## ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **Sunday 23 June Trinity 4**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 24 June**

10:00 U3A Ukulele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)

10:30 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

13:15 Art and Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

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

### **Tuesday 25 June**

10:00 Concert Site Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:00 Pershore Abbey Architect Interviews  
(*Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Upper*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Private Tour - Martin Randall Travel  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Service of Evening Praise (*Wick Confetti Fields*)

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

### **Wednesday 26 June**

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

12:00 Private Tour - Friends of Hereford  
Cathedral (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

### **Thursday 27 June**

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

11:00 Burial of ashes of the late

Terence Peedell (*St James', Birlingham*)

14:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Sebastian Potts  
and Georgia Weaver (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 28 June**

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

10:45 Private Tour - Evesham Walking Group  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:45 Private Tour - Pershore Walking Group  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:00 Flower Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 29 June**

11:00 Wedding Service for Sebastian Potts and  
Georgia Weaver (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Ordination of Revd Jayne Parker  
(*Worcester Cathedral*)

14:45 Visiting Organ Group - Birmingham  
Organist Association (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:30 Visiting Organ Group - Worcestershire  
Organ Association and Herefordshire  
Organ Society (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 30 June Trinity 5**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* -  
Jayne's First Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Abbey Eco Church Walk (*Old Bridge car park*)