



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 14 July 2024
TRINITY 7

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Amos 7.7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1.3-14

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6.14-29

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give

you, even half of my kingdom.’ She went out and said to her mother, ‘What should I ask for?’ She replied, ‘The head of John the Baptist.’ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, ‘I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.’ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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please let a sidesperson know**

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 379

BLAENWERN

- 1 God has spoken — by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord;
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken—by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
Light of Light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.
- 3 God is speaking — by his Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the ageless Word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is holding fast:
God abides, his word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

[George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 802

1. There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known
Where faithful ones from every tongue
Will one day come
Before our God we'll stand
Made faultless through the Lamb
Believing hearts find promised grace
Salvation comes
*Hear heaven's voices sing
Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'erald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise
All glory, wisdom, pow'r
Strength, thanks, and honour are
To God our King, who reigns on high
For evermore*
2. And there we'll find our home
Our life before the throne
We'll honor Him in perfect song
Where we belong
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King
We'll reign with him.

Keith Getty (b.1974) and Kristyn Getty (b.1980)]

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
- 6 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

[Robert Grant (1779-1838)]

COMMUNION MOTET**Ave Verum—W A Mozart**

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Ave, ave verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine.
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

Translation in English

Hail, Hail the real body
born of the Virgin Mary.
Truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for man:
The side of which is perforated
the wave also flowed with blood:
Be prepared for us
in the examination of death.

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 800

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*
2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

[Stuart Townend (b.1963)
Based on Psalm 23]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 784

MORNING LIGHT

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

George Dudfield (1818-1888)]

Voluntary: Fugue alla gigue by JS Bach
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

14 JULY 2024

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

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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
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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

14 JULY - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all so much for all your kindness since I began my chemotherapy. It has made such a difference and has enabled me to get through my first cycle of treatment well. I wanted to let you know that my second cycle of treatment is scheduled for 16 July. I shall continue to work, whilst making sure I take the much needed rest that certainly does help with dealing with any side effects of treatment. I also wanted to let you know that I shall be on my usual summer holiday from 22 July until 12 August, so please don't worry if you don't see me around for a few weeks. Your prayers have been so important, so please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

SUMMER'S LITTLE SEEDS IN ST. ANDEW'S: Something new for preschool children and their siblings with an accompanying adult. This will take place on Friday mornings, 26 July, 2, 9, 16 and 23 August 0930 to 1130, while Babies & Toddlers have their summer break. The children will hear a story, listen to a message and prayer, sing a song, make a craft, take part in a free play activity and have a snack. Again, I would appreciate some volunteers to help, please contact me on 07879 310312 or see me in church to let me know which date you can help. Many thanks. *Sam Andrews*



BISHOP JOHN'S FAREWELL: As I'm sure you are aware Bishop John will be retiring as Bishop of Worcester at the end of September. He will be greatly missed, not least by myself and all those who have worked closely with him. There will be an opportunity for us all to gather in the Cathedral and give thanks to God and to Bishop John for all he has given at 1600 on Sunday 29 September. In the

meantime, if you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, donations can be sent via bank transfer to: The Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Lloyds Bank, The Cross, Worcester; Sort Code: 30 99 90; Account No: 02974040 (please use the reference BISHOP COLLECTION). *Bishop Martin*

SUGGESTIONS FOR ABBEY LINK AUTUMN EDITION: The year is spinning round and I'm now seeking ideas for the autumn edition (September, October, November). There have been some wonderful contributions in recent editions - thank you! But now, do you have a story to tell? I would be delighted to receive suggestions or even a written article if you feel able. Please feel very welcome to pitch me ideas! As I've said before, there's far more going on in and around the Abbey than I know about and it's great to share. You can reach me through editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk or catch me after Sunday morning services. *Christopher Kimberley*

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 14 July Trinity 7

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 14:00 Organ Promenade Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:00 Hymns and Pimms (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 15 July

- 09:15 CTiP Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:00 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 11:00 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 16:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 16 July

- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 12:00 Monks Day (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 CTiP Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:00 Abbey PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 17 July

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:15 Morning Praise Meeting (*Choir Vestry*)
- 13:30 Abbey Park First School Visit
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 18 July

- 09:30 Pinvin Federation Leavers' Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:30 Abbey Park Middle School End of Year
Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 19 July

- 11:00 Orchard Primary Leavers' Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:00 CTiP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 20 July

- 10:30 Abbey Eco Church Coffee Morning with
Give and Take Stall (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 21 July Trinity 8

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* and
Fair Trade Stall (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 13:00 Service of Holy Baptism (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)



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