



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 21 July 2024**  
**TRINITY 8**

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

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### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Jeremiah 23.1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

#### **Ephesians 2.11-22**

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and

without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 6.30-34, 53-56**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 223**

**MILES LANE**

1 All hail the power of Jesu's name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

4 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, ye morning stars of light,  
who fixed this floating ball;  
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
crown him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
crown him Lord of all.

3 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
crown him Lord of all.

6 Let every tribe and every tongue  
to him their hearts enthrall,  
lift high the universal song  
and crown him Lord of all.  
crown him Lord of all.

[Edward Perronet (1726-1792)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 794**

**DOMINUS REGIT ME**

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

2 Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

[Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)]

1 Immortal Love for ever full,  
 for ever flowing free,  
 for ever shared, for ever whole,  
 a never-ebbing sea.

2 Our outward lips confess the name  
 all other names above;  
 love only knoweth whence it came  
 and comprehendeth love.

3 We may not climb the heavenly steeps  
 to bring the Lord Christ down;  
 in vain we search the lowest deeps,  
 for him no depths can drown:

4 But warm, sweet, tender, even yet  
 a present help is he;  
 and faith has still its Olivet,  
 and love its Galilee.

5 The healing of his seamless dress  
 is by our beds of pain;  
 we touch him in life's throng and press,  
 and we are whole again.

6 Through him the first fond prayers are said  
 our lips of childhood frame;  
 the last low whispers of our dead  
 are burdened with his name.

7 Alone, O Love ineffable,  
 thy saving name is given;  
 to turn aside from thee is hell,  
 to walk with thee is heaven.

[John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)]

**COMMUNION MOTET****Tantum ergo—Louis Vierne***Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir***English Translation**

Tantum ergo sacramentum  
 Veneremur cernui,  
 et antiquum documentum  
 novo cedat ritui.  
 Præstet fides supplementum  
 sensuum defectui.  
 Genitori genitoque  
 laus et jubilatio,  
 Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
 sit et benedictio!  
 Procedenti ab utroque  
 compar sit laudatio!  
 Amen.

Therefore, so great a Sacrament  
 Let us venerate with heads bowed  
 And let the old practice  
 Give way to the new rite;  
 Let faith provide a supplement  
 For the failure of the senses.  
 To the Begetter and the Begotten  
 Be praise and jubilation,  
 Hail, honour, virtue also,  
 And blessing too:  
 To the One proceeding from Both  
 Let there be equal praise.  
 Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 442**

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in him and you will not thirst.*

- 1 Christ is the bread of life,  
The true bread sent from the father.
- 2 Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
But this is the bread come down from heaven.
- 3 Eat his flesh and drink his blood,  
And Christ will raise you up on the last day.
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread,  
Will live forever.
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread,  
We will have eternal life.

[Taize Community  
music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)]

**FINAL HYMN**

**A&M 584**

**MICHAEL**

1 All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Cont'd

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

[Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)  
Based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*,  
By Joachim Neander (1650-1680)]

*Voluntary: Etude Symphonique—Enrico Bossi*  
*The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

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## PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

### 21 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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01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.**

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**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.

## **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*

**IONA WORSHIP AT 1700 ON SUNDAY 28 JULY:** Everyone is very welcome to the last Iona service before the summer break. We will be exploring the theme of fatherhood. If you would like a Zoom link, please email Helen on [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**DEANERY SYNOD MEETING:** There will be an open meeting of Deanery Synod at St Andrew's on Tuesday 23 July at 1930. A warm welcome is extended to those involved in New Worshipping Communities, and those interested in knowing more. The main speaker will be Kim Brown, the Diocesan New Worshipping Communities Enabler.

**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](mailto: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 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*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 22 July**

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

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

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

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 23 July**

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

14:30 Mothers' Union (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Pershore & Evesham Deanery Synod  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 24 July**

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring your own Craft & Chat  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Pershore U3A Bridge Group  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

### **Thursday 25 July**

17:45 Wedding Rehearsal for Michael  
Wallbank and Jennie Dudfield  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 26 July**

09:30 Summer's Little Seeds (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

13:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 27 July**

09:45 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

12:00 Wedding Service for Michael Wallbank  
and Jennie Dudfield (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Wedding Service for Jack Sowerby and  
Jennifer Richardson (*St Mary's, Wick*)

### **Sunday 28 July Trinity 9**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Fun at the Abbey (*Abbey Park*)

10:30 Morning Praise in the Park (*Abbey Park*)

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

14:00 Organ Promenade Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Bands in the Park (*Abbey Park*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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## NEWS FROM THE ABBEY PCC

We met on Tuesday 16 July and here are the key features of the meeting.

**Architect:** We agreed to appoint Joanna Daykin of Falconer and Gilbert Scott Architects as our Abbey Architect following the resignation of Robert Kilgour. Joanna's first job will be to undertake the five-year review of the Abbey, and she has been approved to do this by the Diocese.

**Children and Families Work:** We received our regular report from Sam Andrews and the team and were impressed by all the things that they are doing to involve children and families in the life of the Abbey.

**Fabric Committee:** We had a full report from its chair Judy Dale on all the work done by our Fabric Committee which is as busy as usual. On the advice of our structural engineer, we agreed to start the process of the re-pointing of open joints and any flashing on the North Aisle of the Abbey with the plan that the work should be completed as soon as possible.

We also ratified work on the Abbey boiler to ensure that the boiler room could be kept dry and safe.

**Bishop John:** We agreed that we would enable gifts for the Bishop to be given at Abbey services so that everybody who wants to can give towards his retirement gift. So, from this week (21 July) for 3 weeks there will be buckets available at the back of church at all our services for your donation. We would also top this up from Abbey funds. We looked at the Diocesan questionnaire on what we would like to see in our new Bishop and agreed that we would each complete our own forms and then hold a meeting to agree a group response from the PCC.

**Abbey on the airwaves:** We noted that BBC Radio3 would be broadcasting a live Evensong featuring Matthew Martin and the Caius Choir from the Abbey at 3.00pm on Wednesday 25 September

Plans were also being made for us to record a service for use by the Church of England Church online series that will go out in November. More details will follow on this later.