



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 18 August 2024
TRINITY 12

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 and search for **Pershore Abbey Community** [Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Please take this sheet home with you and recycle when you have finished with it. If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Proverbs 9.1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5.15-20

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters, be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 6.51-58

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

<p>If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion please let a sidesperson know</p>
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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 589

ANGEL VOICES

1 Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

[Francis Pott (1832-1909)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 629

SUSSEX

1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

[Love Maria Willis (1824-1908)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 669

KINGSFOLD

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

[Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)]

MUSIC TO BE PLAYED FOR COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 451

SAFFRON WALDON

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

[Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)]

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

[Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
Music: John Goss (1800-1880)]

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

18 AUGUST 2024

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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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 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

18 AUGUST - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. It's good to be back with everyone after my summer holiday. I wanted to let you know that my fourth cycle of treatment is scheduled for 28 August. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

BAT WALK - FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2010: Meet in the gardens at St Andrew's Centre and prepare to be entertained! Children and dogs are welcome, accompanied by a responsible adult. Please wear sensible shoes. A donation of £5 per person would be gratefully received. *Michelle Young*



TEDDY PRAISE SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 1415: Join us at the Bandstand in Abbey Park for our annual Plum Festival Teddy Praise service on this plum-filled bank holiday weekend. Children (of all ages) are encouraged to bring along their favourite teddy!

CAN YOU HELP?: Volunteers are urgently needed to help distribute the Abbey Link magazine in the following areas: ●Hurst Park Cottages, Wyre Road (x26 copies) ●St. Agatha's Court, Close and Mews (x19 copies) ●Hurst Road (x28 copies) ●High Street. Cherry Orchard to Bridge Street. (Tesco side, Flats only) (x27 copies). If you are able to help please contact Roger Piper on 01386 553110.



THANK YOU: Many, many thanks to all my friends and everyone in our wonderful Abbey community for the great fuss that was made of me last Sunday on my special Birthday! Such a beautiful bouquet and card.. and wow! What an experience it was to stand there with more than a hundred people singing Happy Birthday accompanied by James on our amazing organ! Thank you again to Hillary for producing my beautiful cake and to all of you for sharing it. *Jean Andrews*

PLUM FAYRE DAY MONDAY 26 AUGUST: Garden furniture is required for St. Andrew's garden for the Plum Fayre day refreshments. Please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 to arrange delivery or bring it on Sunday 25 August to the 1030 service. Thank

you. For all those who have kindly offered cakes, please can you bring them on Sunday 25 August to either the 0800 or 1030 service - boxes will be at the back of the Abbey labelled either frozen or fresh. Offers of help and cakes are still welcome. *Thank you from Sara, Susan and the PASA Team*



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 18 August Trinity 12

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fair Trade Stall
and LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 19 August

09:30 Abbey Mission Giving Meeting
(*Vicar's Vestry*)

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 Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 20 August

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

Wednesday 21 August

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

11:30 BBC Evensong Site Visit (*Vicar's Vestry*)

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

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

Thursday 22 August

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Summer's Little Seeds Set Up
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 23 August

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

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

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

20:15 Bat Walk (*Meet at St Andrew's*)

Saturday 24 August

11:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Bells - Plum Festival Quarter Peal
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 25 August Trinity 13

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Plum Festival Set Up (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

13:00 Plum Festival Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Teddy Praise (*Bandstand in Abbey Park*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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