



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 25 August 2024

TRINITY 13

## 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 595**

**Be thou my vision**

**SLANE**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

[(Irish, 8th century) by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)  
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)]

*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**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on your strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Reading: Ephesians 2.1-end**

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

So then, 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, so 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. **Amen**

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn 805**

### **There is a Redeemer**

1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for Sinners slain:

3. When I stand in glory  
I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever  
In that holy place.

[Keith Green (1953-1982)  
And Melody Green (b1946)]

## **The Gospel – John 6.56-69**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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 780**

## **Soldiers of Christ arise**

**(ST ETHELWALD)**

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| 1 | Soldiers of Christ, arise,<br>and put your armour on,<br>strong in the strength which God supplies,<br>through his eternal Son; | 4 | To keep your armour bright<br>attend with constant care,<br>still walking in your Captain's sight,<br>and watching unto prayer.           |
| 2 | Strong in the Lord of Hosts,<br>and in his mighty power:<br>who in the strength of Jesus trusts<br>is more than conqueror.      | 5 | From strength to strength go on,<br>wrestle and fight and pray;<br>tread all the powers of darkness down,<br>and win the well-fought day; |
| 3 | Stand then in his great might,<br>with all his strength endued;<br>and take, to arm you for the fight,<br>the panoply of God.   | 6 | That, having all things done,<br>and all your conflicts past,<br>ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,<br>and stand entire at last.      |

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)]

## **Thanksgiving and Blessing**

God of our salvation,  
you have restored us to life,  
you have brought us back again into your love  
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.  
Continue to heal us,  
as we go to live and work  
in the power of your Spirit,  
to your praise and glory. **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.**

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## 25 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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### **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 accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office 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*

**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!

**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*

**SUMMER ACTIVITY MORNING @ PERSHORE ABBEY AND SUMMER'S LITTLE SEEDS:** Thank you to everyone who supported these events, volunteering their time and loaning items, I really appreciate it and couldn't do it without you. Thank you also to Rotary Club of Pershore for kindly funding goody bags for the activity morning. *Sam Andrews*

**TEDDY BEARS WANTED FOR PLUM FAYRE:** Donations of teddies that can be sold at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Bank Holiday Monday would be much appreciated. Please place them in the 'Teddy Box' at the back of the Abbey. Thank you. *Suzanne Clarke*

## PARISH GIVING SCHEME AT PERSHORE ABBEY


**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:** If you would like to consider changing the way you give, then you can set up your regular giving by:

- ◆ Phoning **0333 002 1271**
- ◆ Scan the QR code to set up a regular gift
- ◆ Visit **[www.parishgiving.org.uk/pershore-abbey-worcester](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk/pershore-abbey-worcester)**

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PGS Parish Number: **420642094**









**PERSHORE ABBEY**  
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross

We invite all our regular worshippers to contribute regularly to help the Abbey not only to survive but to flourish and plan confidently for the future.  
Do follow this link to set up and manage your regular giving online.  
*Thank You, Claire and the Churchwardens*

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The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, providing a simple and secure way for churches to receive regular donations to fund their mission and ministry.

# PLUM FESTIVAL WEEKEND INFORMATION

**PERSHORE PLUM FESTIVAL PROGRAMME:** There are a few copies of this years Plum Festival programme available at the back of the Abbey if you would like a copy. Alternatively it is available here: <https://www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk/>

## SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

### Entertainment in the Bandstand

Time	Artist
10am-10.45am	Griff Collins
11am-11.45pm	Erica Jean
12.15pm-1pm	The Lizards
1.15pm-2pm	Joseph Morris
2.15pm-3pm	Plum Praise Service
3.15pm-4.15pm	Xoo

## MONDAY 26 AUGUST

### Plum Abbey



ALL DAY  
9.30am until 5pm

- Classic cars
- Abbey Tower Tours throughout the day
- Teddy stall
- Teddy parachute and zip wire drops
- Art exhibition

11.30am	Teddy parachute drop
12.30pm	Teddy zip wire
1.30pm	Teddy parachute drop
2.30pm	Teddy zip wire
3.30pm	Teddy parachute drop

## USEFUL MAP



Information taken from the official Plum Festival programme  
[www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk](http://www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk)



# Pershore Abbey Teddy Praise

Bring along your teddies  
for this joyous service of thanks  
and friendship

**Sunday 25 August 2024**  
**1415**  
**The Bandstand**  
**Pershore Abbey Park**



Pershore Abbey



**ACTIVITIES**

**MONDAY 26 AUGUST**

Teddy zip wire

Teddy parachutes

Where does Teddy go on holiday?

Tower Tours

Pershore Town Choir Performance

Classic Car Show

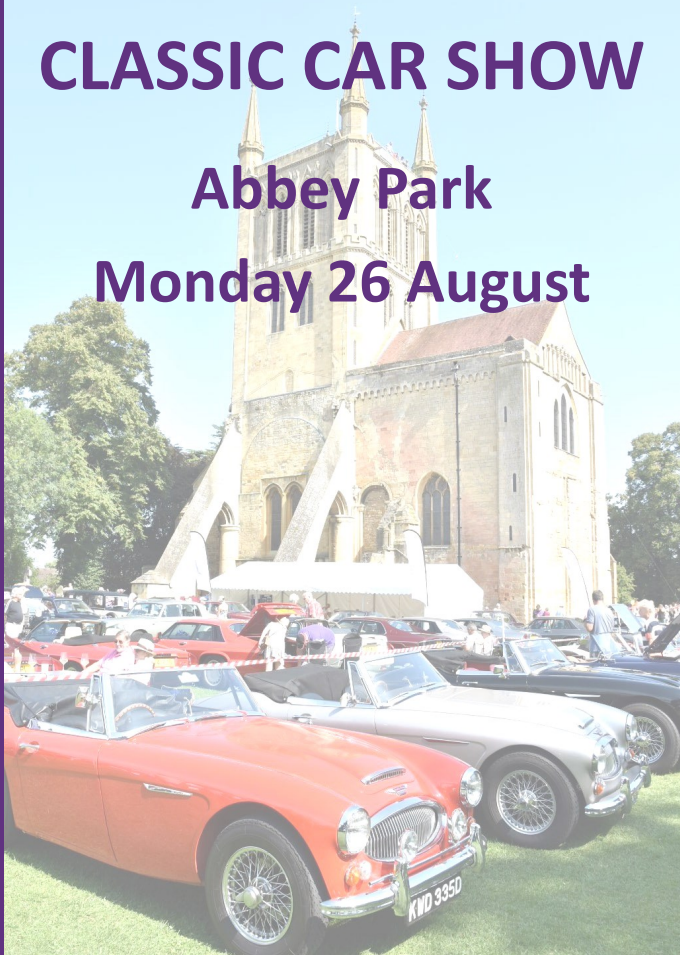
Tea and Cakes in St Andrew's Centre



## CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Abbey Park

Monday 26 August



Pershore Abbey

## PLUM TEAS



**Monday 26 August**

1000 - 1600

St Andrew's Centre

*Pop in for some hot and cold refreshment and a  
great selection of delicious homemade cakes &  
treats, including Gluten Free.*

**ALL WELCOME**

*(including dogs in designated areas!)*

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## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **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*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 26 August - Bank Holiday**

09:00 Bells - Ringing in Plum Festival

(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:45 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:15 Eco Church Litter Pick

(*Meet Outside West Door*)

### **Tuesday 27 August**

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff

(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

### **Wednesday 28 August**

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion

(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

14:00 BYO Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group

(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

### **Thursday 29 August**

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### **Friday 30 August**

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 31 August**

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### **Sunday 01 September - Trinity 14**

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 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)



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