



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 15 September 2024**  
**HOLY CROSS**

## **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](http://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 God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Philippians 2.6-11**

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **John 3.13-17**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*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 ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY**

**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@persoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@persoreabbey.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.

## PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

**1 SEPTEMBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE:** Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. I wanted to let you know that my fifth cycle of treatment is scheduled for 19 September. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

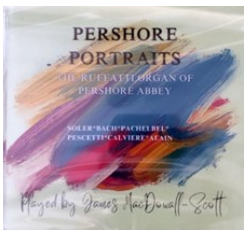
**WHERE JOURNEYS MEET - SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 1700 - IONA SERVICE:** Welcome back to the Iona services as our journeys meet after the summer break. There'll be a time of worship using Iona Community materials, with light refreshments, and a chance to chat and put our heads together about future services. Everyone is most welcome. If you're unable to join in the Abbey, please email Helen for a Zoom link: [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**29 SEPTEMBER BENEFICE SERVICE, ST MARY'S WICK, 1030:** Just a reminder that the only other service in the Benefice on 29 September will be the 0800 Eucharist at the Abbey, which will be livestreamed. *Claire*

**PERSHORE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER:** Tickets available at the back of the Abbey or from Julie Newman for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 5 October at 1830 in St. Andrew's. £10 (£5 children) to include cottage pie and mixed vegetables, apple crumble and cream and a drink on arrival. A list will be available for anyone to volunteer to make an apple crumble (basic topping to serve about 8 portions) please. If anyone can volunteer on the night to help clear up in the kitchen afterwards that would be most appreciated as some of the PASA team are sadly away! Thank you.

**'PERSHORE PORTRAITS' - THE PREMIER RECORDING OF THE RUFFATTI ORGAN NOW**

**AVAILABLE:** We're thrilled to have James MacDowall-Scott's new recording of the organ available for sale on the Abbey bookstall. Priced at £10, James offers a wonderful collection of pieces that show the huge versatility and musical colours of our fabulous organ at its best. This is a limited edition so get your copy soon. All profits from sales will go towards the organ fund and the production of a second CD in 2025.



**STEPHEN EDWARDS' INSTALLATION AS CATHEDRAL DEAN, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1500:** In June, the King approved the nomination of the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards, Interim Dean of Worcester, to be appointed as new Dean of Worcester. Please pray for Stephen and for the whole Cathedral community at this time.

**BISHOP JOHN FAREWELL:** We say farewell to Bishop John at 1600 on Sunday 29 September at his final service in the Cathedral ahead of his retirement at the beginning of October. "By the time I leave I shall have been here nearly 17 years, the longest I have lived anywhere in my life. I have lived through the best of times and the worst of times in my personal life during those years and am more grateful than I can say for all the love and support I have received." *Bishop John*

**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 15 September - Holy Cross**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Abbey Patronal Eucharist with *Fairtrade stall and LIVESTREAM (Pershore Abbey)*

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

12:00 Friends of Pershore Abbey AGM (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 16 September**

09:15 CTiP Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Foodbank Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:45 V&W (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 17 September**

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

14:00 Service of Thanksgiving for the late  
Brian Bremer (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Abbey PCC (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 18 September**

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

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Thursday 19 September**

10:00 iSing Choir Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Friday 20 September**

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

10:30 U3A Walking Group AGM  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

11:00 Private Guided Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 21 September**

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Private Party Prep (*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Sunday 22 September - Trinity 17/Fairtrade & Climate Sunday**

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*)



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