



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 06 October 2024
All Age Harvest Eucharist

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 6.6-10

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6.25-33

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we

wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 282

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!
2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.
4. Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

Descant by John Barnard (b.1948)

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 284

AR HYD Y NOS

1. For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

1. Praise and thanksgiving,
 Father, we offer,
 for all things living
 thou madest good:
 harvest of sown fields,
 fruits of the orchard,
 hay from the mown fields,
 blossom and wood.

2. Bless thou the labour
 we bring to serve thee,
 that with our neighbour
 we may be fed.
 Sowing or tilling,
 we would work with thee;
 harvesting, milling
 for daily bread.

3. Father, providing
 food for thy children,
 thy wisdom guiding
 teaches us share
 one with another,
 so that rejoicing
 with us, our brother
 may know thy care.

4. Then will thy blessing
 reach every people;
 freely confessing
 thy gracious hand.
 Where thy will reigneth
 no one will hunger;
 thy love sustaineth;
 fruitful the land.

[Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)]

COMMUNION MOTET**Look at the World—John Rutter**

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Chorus: Praise to thee O Lord for all creation
 Give us thankful hearts that we may see
 All the gifts we share and every blessing
 All things come of thee*

1. Look at the world
 Everything all around us
 Look at the world
 And marvel every day
 Look at the world
 So many joys and wonders
 So many miracles
 Along our way

2. Look at the earth
 Bringing forth fruit and flowers
 Look at the sky
 The sunshine and the rain
 Look at the hills
 Look at the trees and mountains
 Valley and flowing river
 Field and plain

3. Think of the spring
 Think of the warmth of summer
 Bringing the harvest
 Before the winter's cold
 Everything grows
 Everything has a season
 'Til it is gathered to the fathers fold

4. Every good gift
 All that we need and cherish
 Comes from the Lord
 In token of his love
 We are his hands
 Stewards of all his bounty
 His is the earth and his the heavens above

1. God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that we may live.
2. Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.
3. All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care,
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.

[Lesley Thomas John Arlott (1914-1991)
Music: John Ludwig Steiner (1688-1761)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 290

WIR PFLÜGEN

1. We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
3. We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

[Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
Translated by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)]

Voluntary: Prelude in g major BWV 541 - JS Bach
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

06 OCTOBER 2024

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND HOPE: Almighty God, we pray for peace in our world, where there is often conflict and strife. Bring an end to violence and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

THE BIBLE FOR ALL: Come and join this short study course as we explore the Bible together. Though the two-part course has already started, you are welcome to attend the second session at St Andrew's on 10 October at 1430-1600, or if an evening suits you better, 8 October 1900-2030. For more info contact me. *Claire*



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

29 SEPTEMBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. I wanted to let you know that my sixth and final cycle of treatment is scheduled for 9 October. I will also hopefully know in the next few weeks when my surgery will take place. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

A WARM WELCOME AT THE ABBEY FOR ALL: We take seriously our mission aim to be a warm and welcoming church to anyone who walks in through the Abbey doors. We do our best to look out for folks who are new to the congregation or perhaps just visiting for a while, but some times we do miss people. If you are new to the Abbey please do let one of the sidespeople, churchwardens or officiant at the service know that you are with us so that we can welcome you properly! *Claire*

ABBAY ALL AGE HARVEST FESTIVAL: Our Harvest services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and give thanks for all who work in the farming community. Please bring non-perishable food donations for Pershore Foodbank along to the Abbey All Age service. This year our Harvest services will take place on the following days:

Pershore Abbey	1030	Sunday 6 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
St Nicholas', Pinvin	1030	Sunday 6 October	Harvest Holy Communion
St Mary's Wick	1130	Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival

ABBAY SUNDAY COFFEES - HELP NEEDED!: I am very grateful for the continued support of the volunteers in the Abbey Sunday Coffees team, but we really do need more help in providing this time of fellowship. We especially need help to operate the dishwasher in St Andrew's (tuition provided!), plus others to serve teas & coffees. With a full team, the duty would be on one Sunday morning as part of a 5 to 6 week rota. Please contact Sara Speed (710776), or talk to any member of the team, for further information.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: All are invited to Wick Club on Tuesday 8 October, 1430-1630 to support the Wick Ladies Afternoon Club's Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Do come along and enjoy some friendly chat and wonderful homemade cakes.

LIGHT PARTY - 27 OCTOBER: Children aged 5-10 years are invited to the Abbey 1500-1700 for this fun party. Volunteers to help on the day and with some preparation beforehand would be appreciated - please contact me on 07879 310312. *Sam Andrews*

FABRIC UPDATE: Last week the Abbey was silent apart from long sounds of the organ being tested by the Ruffatti organ builders from Italy, one note at a time. This coming week different sounds will be heard from outside, as Treasure and Son begin work to repair gaps in the stonework on the north side of the Abbey, including the flying buttresses. Stonemasons will be clearing debris and making a special mix of lime mortar to fill the gaps to ensure that the buttresses efficiently bear the weight of our beautiful vaulted ceiling. Whilst this is in progress our new Architect, Joanna Daykin will begin the enormous task of our Quinquennial Inspection, examining every inch of the building to identify any recent cracks or significant weaknesses. *Judy Dale*

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 06 October - Trinity 19

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 All Age Harvest Festival with Fairtrade stall & with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Harvest Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

13:15 Breathwork Class (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

There will be external building works undertaken by Treasure & Sons all week (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday 07 October

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:30 Pershore U3A History Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 08 October

09:30 Bells VOE Peals (*St Andrew's*)

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

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

14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 The Bible for All Course (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 09 October

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

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

11:30 Visiting Organ Group (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:30 Organ Workshop for Schools -
Orchard Primary (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Thursday 10 October

09:30 iSing Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

11:00 Funeral of the late Gordon Williams (*Vale*)

14:30 The Bible for All Course (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for David Edwards and
Anneliese Tranter (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 11 October

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

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

15:00 Service for Celebration for the late
Christopher Lawrence (*St James', Birlingham*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 12 October

10:30 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Wedding Service for David Edwards and
Anneliese Tranter (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 13 October - Trinity 20/Prisons Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM*
(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Harvest Festival Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)

14:00 Musyck Anon's Coffee Concert
(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)