



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 20 October 2024
TRINITY 21

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey **will not be livestreamed as we are currently without internet** however it will be recorded and available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

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THE COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through 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

Isaiah 53.4-12

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5.1-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God

on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10.35-45

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion
please let a sidesperson know**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 612

GUITING POWER

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

[Michael Saward (B.1932)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 823

MONK'S GATE

1 Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2 Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound,
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright:
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right
to be a pilgrim.

3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away;
he'll not fear what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

[John Bunyan (1628-1688)]

1 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred
leaving all for his dear sake.

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
that we love him more than these.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

5 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

[Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)]

COMMUNION MOTET

View me Lord, a work of thine—Richard Lloyd

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

1 View me, Lord, a work of thine;
Shall I then lie drowned in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

3 Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.

2 Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earths delight.

4 In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly.
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 774

CREATOR GOD

1 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath his hand and power,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
my fortress and my tower.

2 My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
to keep me in his care.

Cont'd

3 From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
by darkness as by day.

5 Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

4 His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

6 Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and meet his love with mine.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]
Music: Norman Warren (b.1934)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 739

NUN DUNKET

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

[Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)]
Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)]

Voluntary: Nun Danket alle Gott—JS Bach, arr. Virgil Fox
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

20 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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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**

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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

12 OCTOBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. I have now had my last round of chemo. I should be told when my surgery is due to take place when I see my consultant on 5 November. After surgery I will then have a couple of weeks to wait before I am told if I will need any further treatment. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

SARAH WILSON: We were all deeply saddened to learn that news that Sarah had died. Sarah served the Abbey in so many different ways over the years, and even when she was unable to attend she always wanted to know what was going on. We give thanks for her faithful service and pray for David and all her family as they mourn. Sarah's funeral service will be at the Abbey on **Monday 21 October** at 1100, to which everyone is warmly invited. *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*

IONA SERVICE - JESUS AND OTHER FAITHS - 27 OCTOBER, 1700: This month's Iona service is an opportunity to reflect on and maybe rethink our ideas about how Jesus responded to those of other faiths and backgrounds to himself. Catherine Lack will be leading the service. She has a particular interest in interfaith issues and is Chair of Worcestershire Interfaith Forum. Everyone is most welcome. If you're unable to join in the Abbey, please email Helen for a Zoom link: iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

NATIONAL ONLINE SERVICE: We will be recording a 'Morning Praise' type service for the Church of England Online Service that will be broadcast by them on 3 November. The recording will take place this coming Wednesday 23 October starting at 1400 in the Abbey. We would love to have a congregation for this service as it makes it seem much more real. So if you can, please join us. *Peter Stansbie*

ALL SOULS' SERVICE - 3 NOVEMBER: This year's service will take place at Pershore Abbey at 1700. We have written to those who have been bereaved in the last eighteen months and have shared with them that their loved one's name will be remembered at this quiet and reflective service. If your bereavement is from earlier and you would like your loved one to be remembered please let the office know, preferably by email by 30 October to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. There will also be sheets at the back of our churches over the coming weeks if you prefer to leave names that way. *Claire*



**PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION & OTHER NOTICES**

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 20 October - Trinity 21

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade Stall (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

Monday 21 October

09:00 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

11:00 Funeral Service for the late
Sarah Wilson (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*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 22 October

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

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

11:00 CofE Online Recording Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:00 Fabric Committee (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

Wednesday 23 October

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:15 U3A Bridge Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:00 CofE Recording (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Thursday 24 October

09:15 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

09:30 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

11:00 Private Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 25 October

*Pershore Abbey will be lit up purple for POTS
Awareness Day*

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Breathworks Class (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Saturday 26 October

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

Sunday 27 October - Bible 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*)

15:00 Autumn Walk Around Birlingham
(*St James, Birlingham*)

15:00 Light Party (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

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