



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 24 November 2024

CHRIST THE KING

## 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 453

### Lord enthroned in splendour

*ST HELEN*

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.

2 Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

[ George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)]

*Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins  
in penitence and faith.

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**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one  
glory. **Amen.**

**Reading:** Revelation 1. 4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 436 (CAHON)**

**Majesty, worship his Majesty**

Majesty, worship his majesty;  
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority, flows from his throne  
Unto his own, His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

[Jack W Hayford (b.1934)]

**The Gospel – John 18. 33-37**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

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,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**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

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

**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 227

## Crown him with many crowns

## DIADEMATA

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

[Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)]

## **Thanksgiving and Blessing**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

*Voluntary: Toccata, ' Suite Gothique' - Leon Boellmann*

*The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

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# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 24 NOVEMBER 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**

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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.



**DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE APPEAL:** Conflict in the Middle East is devastating lives. Millions of people across Gaza, Lebanon and the wider region urgently need shelter, food and basic supplies. If you would like to support the DEC appeal for the Middle East by making a donation, please visit: <https://donation.dec.org.uk/middle-east-appeal>

## PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

**23 NOVEMBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE:** Thank you so much for all the messages, cards and good wishes I received before my surgery on Thursday. All went really well and the staff at Kidderminster Hospital were simply amazing. I now have time to recover before I have five sessions of radiotherapy in a couple of months time. Please continue to pray for me, for all being treated for cancer and all health professionals. *Claire*

**PEACEMAKERS - SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 1700 - IONA SERVICE:** November's Iona service will explore how people can be and are peacemakers in the midst of conflict. The service will include stories from around the world, times for reflection, lighting candles and prayer. You are welcome to bring along your own short story about peacemakers. 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)

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** Congratulations to the Rev Philip Hughes for his 90th Birthday on the 25 November. He invites you to join him with Birthday cake after the 1030 service. A big thank you to Hilary Fowler for making such a lovely presentation.



**CHRISTMAS TREE SUNDAY AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** So many people enjoy the Christmas trees which decorate the Abbey during December. As you can imagine, the cost of them has increased. To help fund them, 01 December 2024 will be Christmas Tree Sunday. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of our Abbey Christmas trees, there will be a box at the back of the Abbey labelled 'Christmas Trees'. Any donations will be gratefully received. Thank you. *Claire*

**BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP - CHILDREN IN NEED:** Pershore Abbey's Babies & Toddlers Group baked gingerbread cookies and raised an impressive £48.63 for Children in Need. *Sara Speed*



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 24 November - Christ the King**

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*)

12:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 25 November**

09:00 School Visit - Inkberrow First School  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

### **Tuesday 26 November**

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

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

11:00 Abbey Alarms System Check  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

16:00 Health & Safety Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Private Guided Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Wednesday 27 November**

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

13:45 Bring Your Own Craft And Chat  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Pershore U3A Bridge Group  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Thursday 28 November**

09:30 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

09:45 i-Sing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 John Betjeman Society (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### **Friday 29 November**

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

12:00 Abbey Christmas Tree Installation  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

17:15 Georgian Fayre Procession Gathering  
(*Pershore Abbey, West End*)

18:30 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Saturday 30 November**

09:00 Pershore Crafters Craft Fair (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Christmas Tree Decoration Morning  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Iris Mae Blooms Wreath Making  
Workshop (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:15 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)

### **Sunday 1 December - Advent Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Edible Nativity (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

15:00 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey*)