



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 29 November, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

A recording of this service will be available to view from 1030 on our
Facebook page and YouTube channel.
Please use this service sheet as an aid for worship at home.

HYMN

A&M 41

(Helmsley)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

[Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788]

ADVENT WREATH SONG

We have this Advent Wreath to remind us of the Coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

**The holly and the ivy
are dancing in a ring,
round the berry bright candles,
and the white and shining King.**

We light this candle to remind us of God's people who in every age watch for his coming.

**And one for God's people,
in every age and day,
we are watching for his coming.
We believe and we obey.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9,

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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

A REFLECTION BY REVD ALMA ORGAN

I was brought up in the Methodist Church and what I have valued since joining the Anglican Church, is the movement through the year with the change in seasons. We are now entering the season of Advent when altar cloths will be purple along with pulpit and lectern cloths and clergy robes. This season is a time of waiting and preparation. It is a time to reflect on our inward spiritual journey that we have travelled during the year. We need to take stock of how we have led our lives. Has it been according to the teachings of Jesus? It is also a time to ask for forgiveness for the things we have done wrong, wished we hadn't done and the way we have treated members of our family, friends and neighbours. In 1 Corinthians we are reminded that "God is faithful" even if we have not always been faithful to him. He wants us to be honest with him and he will forgive us and help us to restore our relationship with him and others and so start our journey anew.

Our Gospel reading reminds us that our world and our lives are unpredictable. In this time of Covid we have experienced this reality but the fact that God is faithful gives us hope that whatever happens, God will support us. We are called to remain faithful to God and pass on that message of hope to those around us, especially to those people who are feeling lonely, frightened even angry with the world.

Let us journey through this season of waiting and preparation, Advent, knowing that our faithful God is with us, to support, encourage and give us hope and light whatever life may bring. Amen.

HYMN

A&M 52

(Dundee)

The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.

(Cont.)

His righteous government and power
shall over all extend;
on judgement and on justice based,
his reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit One.

[John Morrison, 1750 - 1798]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

A&M 45

(Veni Emmanuel)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

[John Mason Neale, 1818 - 1866]

JOIN WITH US IN THE PRAYER FOR THE NATION TODAY AT 1800

Sunday Prayer for Family, Friends and Loved Ones

We lift to God those we hold in our hearts – praying for their health, their well-being and their sense of hope.

We pray that even when loved ones cannot physically be together they would not feel apart.

We ask for God's help in our communicating, our connecting and our caring.

Click here to find out more on Prayer for the Nation and for each day's special prayer:
[Prayer for the Nation](#)



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OPENING THE DOORS OF PERSHORE BENEFICE

Look out for updates on our social media pages and website as we learn how we will move forward when the current lockdown ends on 2nd December



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 29 NOVEMBER 2020

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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The office remains closed, but we are still working and available by phone and email

IMPORTANT UPDATE

**THE CHURCHES OF THE PERSHORE BENEFICE ARE RE-OPEN FOR
PUBLIC WORSHIP AFTER 2 DECEMBER 2020**

Please see [page 13](#) for full details of our Benefice services

Our churches continue to be open for **PERSONAL PRAYER**

See [page 14](#) for full details

PLEASE PRAY FOR

WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT CRISIS

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms have been affected by the crisis, 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.

Please visit our [Life Events](#) page at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk for more information on weddings and funerals during the crisis.

You can also find additional resources and information to help those suffering from bereavement and loss

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS 2020 - COMFORT AND JOY: Comfort and Joy is the Church of England's Christmas campaign for 2020. It holds together the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that – for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – it is the church's role to provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation.



This campaign takes inspirations from the words of St Paul in Romans 12.15, to '**Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep**'. and aims to celebrate, where we can, together in one place, but also embrace a wider community that wants to join in the celebration but may not be physically able or ready to do so.

We hope that this year's theme of Comfort and Joy will help us to reconnect with the rich and joyous traditions of the past and to offer God's consoling love in the present.

The C of E will be producing weekly reflections published on social media and available by email and app for each Sunday of Advent: **Comfort and Joy: Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas** mirrors the structure of a traditional carol service, exploring both biblical texts and the words of much-loved Christmas carols.

In collaboration with a range of Christian charities and organisations, there will also be online services throughout Advent and Christmas.

To find out more about how to access these C of E Comfort and Joy services and reflections, visit www.churchofengland.org, or to find out more about this year's campaign visit the Worcester Diocese Website: [Comfort and Joy Campaign](#)

COMFORT AND JOY IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE: Details of our own Pershore Benefice Christmas services embracing the Comfort and Joy theme will be available soon. In the meantime, if you would like a printed copy of this year's reflection booklet, **Comfort and Joy: Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas**, we have a limited number of copies available to purchase for £1. Please email the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk by Friday 4 December if you would like to reserve a copy.



ADVENT COMPLINE ON ZOOM!: Please join us for this quiet and reflective service as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Instead of meeting in the Apse of the Abbey we will be meeting on Zoom, from the comfort of our own homes. The service will be around 20 minutes long and will enable us all to pause and reflect on our Advent journeys. Join us live at 1900 on 30th November, 7th December, 14th December and 21st December. If you would like to be part of this new way of worshipping, please get in touch with me for the Zoom invitation and a copy of the order of service. *Claire*

CHRISTMAS CARD MESSAGE FOR CHRISTIAN AID:

TAKE BACK CONTROL with love that unites and builds hope.

Despite restrictions and isolation, reach out to both friends in the Abbey and communities abroad who are having to cope with the fear and impact of Covid in their vulnerable existence in poverty.

Send your Christmas greeting (to be displayed in the Abbey - we'll pin up a card to go with it) together with donation for Christian Aid Christmas Appeal.

GET INVOLVED by sending a cheque (made out to "Christian Aid") or cash, with your message. If you can Gift Aid the donation include your address, amount and name.

Either deliver to the Benefice Office, Broad Street or put in an envelope in the offering plate when there is a Sunday service, marking your envelopes '**Christian Aid**'

Thank you. Please spread the word and help us fill the display board and transform lives

Sarah Thomson



FAITH AT WORK IN WORCESTERSHIRE:

The **DISCOVER CHAPLAINCY** event, **Tuesday January 26th, 1900 – 2030** is for anyone wanting to know more – those thinking about volunteering as chaplains as well as people who are just curious. To book a place sign up via [Eventbrite-discovering-workplace-chaplaincy](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovering-workplace-chaplaincy-tickets-123456789012)

Faith at Work in Worcestershire have produced a video containing simple, practical and helpful advice for not only workplace chaplains but anyone wishing to support a friend, neighbour or family member who has lost their job. We as Christians and as a Church are acutely aware there are many who have been made redundant and others who fear they too may be laid off. This 28min video may help you feel more confident in reaching out to our local community in this time of crisis. <https://vimeo.com/446770267>

A copy of the latest Faith at Work newsletter is available to view and download here: [Faith at Work Newsletter November 2020](#)

CHURCH GIVING - GIVE.NET DONATION PAGE NOW LIVE:

We need your support now more than ever, so please consider giving through our dedicated give.net page, which offers secure regular or one-off payments from as little as £1. Click on the logo here or visit our website to donate. If you would prefer to set up a Standing Order, download the form [here](#).



HELP IN THE COMMUNITY

CTIP FOODBANK NOW OPEN ON TUESDAYS:

The Foodbank remains open on Tuesdays 1100 - 1300 and Fridays 1300 - 1500.

Social distancing procedures remain in place with clients being asked to wait in the entrance hall, as guided by a volunteer.

Our thanks go to all of the volunteers who work so hard to make this possible, and to all those who continue to donate items.



CITIZEN'S ADVICE:

Face to Face sessions have now been suspended. To speak to an adviser please ring **01386 712100**.

For General Advice select option 1.

For help to complete your first Universal Credit application select option 2.

This service is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1000 -1300.

The Worcestershire Adviceline is also available Monday to Friday between 1000 - 1600: ring 03444111303 or email enquiries.wychavon@citizensadvice.org.uk

IMPORTANT LOCAL INFORMATION:

Get all of the latest Covid-19 information from Pershore Town Council by following this link.

www.pershoretowncouncil.gov.uk/latest-news

FOODBANK REQUESTS CHRISTMAS 2020

Once again the Foodbank is giving out Christmas bags to our clients.

This year we will deliver the weeks beginning 7th and 14th December.

We also make up small chocolate bags for children; often Mum's tuck these away ready for Christmas day.

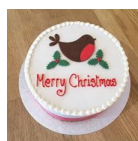
Last year the hampers were blessed in the Abbey; we hope to be able to do so again this year.

Please bring your donations to St Andrew's in Church Walk, during our Tuesday and Friday sessions.

Please, please, could you kindly make sure donations are well in date (Mince Pies seem to have a short shelf life) .

Lynne Raymer

Please can you help to provide a Christmas Parcel to those in need. We would particularly like



Christmas Cakes



Biscuits



Sweets and Chocolates
For both Children and Grown ups



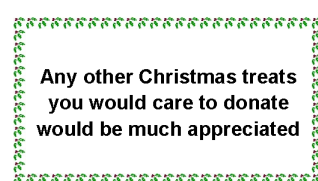
Tinned Ham, Salmon or Chicken



Chocolate money



Custard



Mince Pies

(We are not able to use fresh, chilled or frozen items.)
Churches Together in Pershore

Pershore Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches facilitated by Pershore Abbey
Registered charity number: 1133566 | Registered in England & Wales

FABRIC COMMITTEE UPDATE

FABRIC COMMITTEE UPDATE NOVEMBER 2020: Remarkable progress has been made with the major projects started before the lockdown which were resumed when the Abbey was conditionally reopened in July. Here is an outline of some of our achievements:

- **New Energy Efficient Lighting System**
- **New Organ Enabling Works**
- **Ruffatti Progress Report**
- **Abbey Development Project**
 - ◆ **St Andrew's**
 - ◆ **Vestry Block Enhancement Project**
 - ◆ **Organ 'Adopt a Pipe' Scheme:**
- **Lectern Rail**



Organ console cabinet under construction



Blower room under construction

The full report can be viewed here: [Fabric Committee Update November 2020](#)

David Long

ADOPT A PIPE UPDATE - ONLY 10 LARGE PIPES REMAINING!

The adopt a pipe scheme continues to be well supported with only 10 of the large visible pipes left for donors to adopt!

There are many smaller pipes still available too, so if you are looking for an alternative Christmas gift, take a look at the [Adopt a Pipe Scheme Leaflet](#) for further details on the scheme.

We also have special certificates available for those wishing to adopt a pipe as a gift.

OTHER NEWS

INTERIM TREASURER NEEDED FOR ST JAMES CHURCH DEFFORD: Defford are desperate for someone to cover this role whilst they look for a more permanent solution. I understand that this is a small account to manage so shouldn't be too arduous for the right person to simply keep the books up to date. If you think you can help and want more details please contact the Rector of Defford, Revd Allison Davies direct eckingtonvicarage@hotmail.com

DOORSTEP CAROLS 16TH DECEMBER AT 1800: An invitation to everyone to sing along to carols on the radio on your own doorstep. This website gives you a carol sheet to download and the various radio stations involved. If you don't have a radio, you are able to listen in to local radio stations via a computer: <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/>

HANDMADE WITH LOVE IN PERSHORE: If, like us, you have excited little bears longing for Christmas decorations, you may be using lockdown to think ahead towards your decorations this year.

Pershore Abi has been offered these Pershore handcrafted decorations to raise money for both the Abbey and the Pershore Community Cupboard in Farleigh Road. 100 per cent of the proceeds will be equally divided between the two charitable organisations. Isn't that kind? It brings home the #truespiritofchristmas

The pack of 2 holy decorations is £3 and the pack of 5 angels £5. We will have them available from Wednesday 3rd December when, hopefully, lockdown has ended.

So if you want to have something on your tree specially hand-crafted in the town and do your bit to help others at the same time, please message us through our social media pages or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk and we will reserve them for you.



AND FINALLY . . .

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE, HOW LOVELY ARE THY BRANCHES!: Watch this space for news of the Abbey Christmas Tree, which we are hoping to have in place soon.



Pershore Abbey Christmas Tree, 2019

Although we aren't able to hold our hugely enjoyable Bauble Morning this year, we are delighted that we will still be able to embrace this wonderful tradition with a magnificent tree to welcome all of our congregation to the Abbey this Christmas.

Why not have a look at the Christmas Bauble service from last year, available to view on our YouTube channel by following this link: [**Christmas Bauble Service 2019**](#)

*Let us all remember in our gift giving and merriment
With our family and friends and loved ones
The real and true meaning of Christmas.
The birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Revd Claire Lording for support.



PERSHORE BENEFICE

INFORMATION ON RE-OPENING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Details of our planned public worship services for December and Christmas in the Pershore Benefice are given below, but please do check our social media pages and website for full service details in case of any changes. Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDING A PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICE

It is important that you only attend a public worship service if you feel that it is appropriate and safe for you to do so within the current guidelines.

We understand that some of our congregation are still shielding and will not feel able to attend, however, the decision to attend or not is yours and yours alone.

For those who do wish to attend a service, things will be different. There will be no hymns and the service will be shorter than usual. Please rest assured that people will be available to help you with clear instructions and guidance.

New guidance requires that face-coverings must be worn by those attending a place of worship. The full guidance and list of exemptions can be found [here](#).

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

BCP Eucharist at 0800

SUNDAY 6, 13 & 20 DECEMBER

Said Eucharist at 1030

CHRISTMAS EVE

Said Eucharist at 2100*

Midnight Mass at 2315*



CHRISTMAS DAY

Said Eucharist at 0800

All Age Eucharist at 1030*

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER

Sunday Praise at 1030

Further Christmas services will be available online - details to follow

** These services will be ticketed to enable us to maintain a Covid-secure environment - full details on how to book to follow soon*

Please Note:

Daily Offices resume from 2 December

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

Morning Praise at 1030

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

'Walking Carols' at 1800

CHRISTMAS DAY

Said Eucharist at 0900

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

Said Eucharist at 1030

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

Sunday Praise at 1030

CHRISTMAS EVE

To be confirmed

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

Christmas Celebration at 1800

Please contact Adrienne Woodward on 01386 750936 to book your place at this event

CHRISTMAS DAY

Said Eucharist at 1030

PERSHORE BENEFICE

INFORMATION ON CHURCHES OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

Please see below for information on the current situation for each church in the Benefice.

Please be aware that only restricted areas of our churches will be open and numbers will be limited to ensure your safety.

PERSHORE ABBEY

OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER ONLY

DAILY

1000 - 1700

ST MARY'S, WICK

OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER ONLY

DAILY

1000 - 1600

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

SUNDAYS ONLY

1030 - 1330

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

SELECTED SUNDAYS

(see website for opening updates)

1000 - 1300

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS IS NOW MANDATORY FOR ALL THOSE ENTERING OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF EVERYONE.

Please be mindful that due to social distancing capacity will be reduced in our churches.

When entering our church please observe social distancing rules at all times.

Hand-sanitiser and tissues will be available to keep you and others safe.

Please be considerate of others and keep to the guidelines.



PERSHORE BENEFICE

NHS COVID-19 APP - TEST AND TRACE THROUGH QR SCANNING

We are now displaying a QR code poster at all entrance points to our buildings.

Visitors with smart phones can chose to leave their details by scanning this code with the NHS COVID 19 App, which is now live and available to download and install using the following links:

iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/nhs-covid-19/id1520427663>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.nhs.covid19.production>

HOW TO USE THE APP

Once you have opened the downloaded app you need to enter some information.

The first screen asks you to enter your postcode. You simply enter WR10 if you live in Pershore.

You need to enable notifications to receive “Exposure notifications”.

You need to then allow “NHS COVID-19” to send you notifications

You will then see the next screen which shows WR10 risk as medium

Within this App is a Venue Check in. Outside Pershore Abbey and all our village churches will be posters with a QR box. Open that tab and hold your phone so that the black and white box on the poster is in the square box on your phone. The App will do the rest for you.

You can find out more information about the NHS Covid-19 App, including a short video, by visiting the NHS website from here: [NHS COVID-19.](#)



WORSHIP DURING COVID-19 AND KEEPING IN TOUCH

PERSHORE ABBEY COMMUNITY ONLINE

As we move out of this second lockdown phase on 2 December, we will continue to make a copy of the Benefice Service Sheet available both online and by email, and will post a recording of the weekly Sunday Service of worship online through our Social Media channels from 3pm every Sunday.

We will continue to regularly update Facebook with new items, messages of encouragement, video recordings and special vicar vlogs from Claire, Steve, Peter and other members of the Ministry Team as we continue to navigate our way through these difficult times.



PRAYER FOR THE NATION: The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and senior church leaders have called for a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown in November, asking people to unite in prayer each day at 6pm.

Find out more here: [Prayer for the Nation](#)

KEEPING IN TOUCH

C OF E LAUNCHES WORSHIP PHONE LINE:

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services 24 hours a day.

Please share this with those who are not online.



C OF E ONLINE SERVICES AND SUPPORT:

The Church of England continues to broadcast online each Sunday via social media at 09:00. For simple daytime and night prayer services, download the free Church of England App "Time to Pray".



The "Daily Prayer" App is free to download and is now available through our website.

There is also an accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes led by the Archbishop of Canterbury .

STAYING UP TO DATE: The best way to stay up to date with all the current news and information at this time is through our website and Facebook pages.

All of our platforms can be easily accessed directly from www.pershoreabbey.org.uk



SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN AND DIARY: If you would like to receive email updates and a copy of the Benefice Service Sheet direct to your inbox, please email the office at office@persshoreabbey.org.uk.

A copy is also uploaded to the website every Friday

PASTORAL SUPPORT: The Ministry Team and Abbey Pastoral Group are doing their best to keep in touch with everyone. This is mostly by telephone or email. If you have yet to hear from anyone or have a particular need please contact Claire (vicar@persshoreabbey.org.uk/<tel:552071>) or Angela Gerrard.

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick,
(St A) St Andrew's, (V) New Vicarage, (CTIP) Churches Together in Pershore

**ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED DUE
TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AS OF 5 NOVEMBER 2020**

LIVE SERVICES WILL RESUME FROM 2 DECEMBER

The Abbey remains open daily from 0900 - 1700 for personal prayer
Please check on social media and our website for the latest updates as we come out of
this second lockdown period.

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2020

First Sunday of Advent

A Pre-recorded service will be available online at 1030 through our
Social Media channels for you to follow at home

A recording of our 2019 Advent Carol Service will also be available to view through our normal
channels from 1700

Monday 30 November

0915 Musical Explorers - *SUSPENDED*

Tuesday 1 December

1100 FOODBANK (St A)

Wednesday 2 December

Thursday 3 December

0930 WW Weigh and Go - *SUSPENDED*

Friday 4 December

1300 FOODBANK (St A)

Saturday 5 December

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Sunday 6 December- Advent 2

0800 BCP Eucharist (Abbey)

1030 Said Eucharist (Abbey)

1030 Said Eucharist (St Nicholas', Pinvin)



*All Sunday Abbey Eucharist Services after 2nd
December will be recorded and shown on our
YouTube channel at 3pm*

Please be aware that all funeral, wedding and baptism services are subject to strict
controls on the number of people attending, and are therefore private events

Please check our social media pages and website for further updates

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www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

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