



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 7 February, 2021**  
**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

In person worship in the Pershore Benefice has been suspended until further notice, this service will be recorded in advance and available to view on Sunday morning from 1030 on our YouTube channel and Facebook pages.

Please use this service sheet as an aid to worship at home.

A hymn sheet to accompany this service is available on [Page 4](#)

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Proverbs 8:1, 22-31**

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

**SECOND READING**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the

body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **John 1: 1-14**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

## **REFLECTION BY JAYNE PARKER (Ordinand)**

We are living in dark and difficult times. It is mid-winter. The news is gloomy. No-one has expected this pandemic, nor the length or the effects of it. We have had a hard week. The number of deaths attributed to COVID-19 are unimaginably large; the equivalent, I have heard, of the entire population of our nearest city, Worcester. That's a bit close to home. It is scary. As we listen to the Gospel, what do we hear? What comfort can there be? We hear that God is with us and has been with us for all time, since the very beginning of time. We hear that he sent prophets to tell us to look to Him, and when we as His people didn't listen, He became flesh and lived among us – Emmanuel; God is with us. Jesus; divine and yet human too. Able to live our human life, know our human concerns, feel the road we are travelling with its ups and downs, its twists and turns, its care and sadness.

Can you remember perhaps as a small child, or when caring for one, you or they woke in the night, in the dark, scared and unsure of what was there? You can see an outline that could be something untoward. What did you do? You called for help, and a gentle help

came and showed you that the outline was just a shadow.

Jesus gives the power to become children of God. He will shine His light on our situation, on those things in the darkness to reveal them for what they truly are. This is the light of Christ. The light shining in the darkness. The light that will keep beckoning to us to follow, to hope, to not be afraid despite how dark the season feels, to trust that He is with us and will remain with us for the rest of time. Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## HYMN SHEET

### HYMN 1

**A&M 696**

**(Wareham)**

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee when they come,  
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

[William Cowper, 1731 - 1800]

### HYMN 2

**A&M 787**

**(Nottingham)**

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

(Cont.)

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

[Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836 - 1879]

### **HYMN 3**

### **A&M 325**

*As the deer longs for running streams,  
so I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

A-thirst my soul for you the God who is my life!  
When shall I see, when shall I see,  
see the face of God?

Echoes meet as deep is calling unto deep,  
over my head, all your mighty waters,  
sweeping over me

Continually the foe delights in taunting me:  
“Where is God, where is your God?”  
Where, O where, are you?

Defend me, God, send forth your light and your truth,  
they will lead me to your holy mountain,  
to your dwelling place.

Then I shall go unto the altar of my God.  
Praising you, O my joy and gladness,  
I shall praise your name.

[Bob Hurd , b. 1950]  
Based on Psalms 42, 43

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# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 7 FEBRUARY 2021

**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*

### 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 remember Captain Tom and his family at this time and all of our nation's unsung heroes who have lost their lives in the course of the Coronavirus pandemic.

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.

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Please visit our [Life Events](#) page at [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://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

### ALL OF THE PERSHORE BENEFICE CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED FOR IN PERSON PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Abbey will remain open for personal prayer only from 9:00 till 17:00 seven days a week. The Village Churches will also continue to open for personal prayer. See [Page 13](#) for details.

We will continue to offer access to worship through our online service sheets and pre-recorded services for those of you who decide to stay at home during these difficult times.

**WEEKLY COMPLINE ON ZOOM!:** Don't forget to contact Claire for this week's Zoom link if you want to join us once again for this quiet and reflective service as we journey through the current lockdown at **1900** every **Monday**. Final session 15 February. *Claire*

**NEW AREA DEAN:** The Bishop has announced that the new Area Dean for Pershore and Evesham will be Sarah Dangerfield (our former Rural Dean!). Please remember Sarah in your thoughts and prayers as she takes up this new and demanding role in the life of our new deanery. *Claire*

#### **CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES PROJECT:**

The Abbey PCC, after being approached by the diocese, agreed to engage a Mission Enabler from the Calling Young Disciples Project (CYD), who will hopefully start with us from September. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop our work with children and young people. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the project and the role of a Mission Enabler.



As part of the project we need to gather a group of people to form a local CYD group who will pray, plan and prepare alongside the Mission Enabler, so that any ideas or projects we have for our work with children and young people can be locally grounded and have the best chance of succeeding and continuing after the Mission Enabler moves on after a year. The group will need to be committed to meeting with the Mission Enabler so that plans can develop. There is also a project commitment that our group will meet with similar groups elsewhere in the diocese for learning hub weekends - a total of five weekends on **12-13 March 2021, 17-18 September 2021, 11-12 March 2022, 16-17 September 2022** and **18 March 2023**. These hub weekends are vital for creating relationships between groups which give energy, inspiration and life to the overall project.

If you feel that this is a project that you would like to be involved with please contact Suzanne Clarke [suzclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:suzclarke@btinternet.com) or me [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) as soon as you can, and no later than **8th February**. We'd love to hear from anyone who's interested from across the benefice. We need to let the diocese know if we can gather a group in time for the March hub weekend which will take place virtually on 12-13 March. Thank you. *Claire and Suzanne*



*Come Worship With Us!*

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2021:** We are in the process of working through all of our Holy Week and Easter services and deciding how we can best deliver them to be able to reach all of our congregation, whether in church, at home or a combination of both. Watch this space for further news!

**IONA SERVICE WEDS 24 FEB 1930 VIA ZOOM:** You are welcome to join this service focussing on God's wonderful gift of 'Soil'. Please contact Helen Oldham for further details and the Zoom link at [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) Do you have any gardening tips to share about looking after soil that avoid environmentally damaging products such as peat?

**SARAH MARTIN:** After thirteen years of loyal and faithful service as Secretary in the Benefice Office, Sarah is retiring on 19th March. Her warm and welcoming manner, as well as her ability to get things done, has been appreciated by us all and she will be very missed. If you would like to contribute to the leaving gift for Sarah, you can post cash or a cheque made out to **Pershore Abbey PCC** and placed in an envelope marked *S. Martin Gift* through the office door, or alternatively contact the office for BACS details. Thank you. *Claire*

**PATTERNS FOR KINGDOM LIVING - A NEW RESOURCE FOR A NEW YEAR:** For many of us the sense of making a fresh start at the turn of a year will be stronger than usual at the end of 2020. With this in mind, a new recently developed, self-directed, "**Patterns for Kingdom Living**" resource is now available through the Diocese of Worcester website. You will find all the relevant links, including a 1 minute taster video, here: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/kingdom-patterns/>

### **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND INVITES YOU TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION:**

In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops invite all to call on God in Prayer. Starting on **1 February** we invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at **6pm each day**. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. Click here to find out more: [Prayer for the Nation](#)



### **OTHER NEWS**

**ST ANDREW'S NEEDS A KEY!:** Have you a shed type of key - one with a long shaft? If so, please email Robin Hancox at [standrews@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:standrews@pershoreabbey.org.uk). Many thanks. *Robin*

### **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](#).





## LENT 2021

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND PALM CROSSES:** A pre-recorded Ash Wednesday service will be available to view online through our YouTube channel and Facebook page on **Ash Wednesday** at **1900**. Please post any crosses you have from last year through the Benefice Office letterbox, safely sealed in an envelope so that we can create the ash in the traditional way ready for this service. Many thanks. *Claire*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** This quiet and reflective service which will last half an hour will be held every Monday, commencing on **22 February**, at **1900** via **Zoom**. We will spend time with some of the stations of the cross each week, hopefully enabling us all to actively engage with the path of suffering walked by Jesus. Please contact me for more information and for the Zoom invitation for each week. *Claire*

**THURSDAY LENT GROUP STARTING 25 FEBRUARY:** This year we are offering a half an hour session every **Thursday** evening from **1900-1930** via **Zoom**, enabling us to reflect on the following Sunday's gospel reading. Sessions start on **Thursday 25 February**.

The format will be gentle; listening to the gospel passage, a period of silence and reading it through again to see what God might be saying to us. Some of us may then choose to share any insights that we have without comments; a question to prompt a brief discussion will follow. This will help us to deepen our love of God and his word, prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter and to have fellowship with one another.

We will only be able to run these groups if there are sufficient numbers, so in order to book a place on the first Zoom session, please email [curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk) by **Monday 22 February** at the latest. *Steve*

**LENT BOOK READING GROUP - THY WILL BE DONE by Stephen Cherry:** Are you interested in joining our Lent Book Group? We will be reading Stephen Cherry's book, which sets out to enliven our faith through study of the Lord's Prayer. The group will aim to read a chapter a week and at the end of the week readers will be asked to email comments, questions and insights to me to distribute among the group. Alma will need permission to use and share your email. Please email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) if you would like to join.

Providing insights from those who have used the Lord's Prayer throughout the centuries, the book explores how we can live its challenges and learn from its guidance, deepening our understanding of the prayer that holds us together as individuals and as a church.

The book is currently available to buy from Amazon at £7.38 but is also available from other book shops. Click here to go to Amazon and read the full review. [Lent Book 2021](#)

**LENTEN LUNCHESES:** As we are unlikely to be able to come together for Lenten Lunches this year, we are looking for simple recipes to share with our online community each Friday throughout Lent. Please email recipes to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)



**#LIVE LENT 2021:** The Church of England will be running its #LiveLent 2021 campaign from Ash Wednesday (17 February) to Easter Sunday (4 April) with six reflections for each week including a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer.

## HELP IN THE COMMUNITY

**CTIP FOODBANK:** 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.

**Please can you help our Foodbank with these non-perishable items:** (We are not able to use chilled or frozen items.)

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Potatoes
- Toilet Rolls
- Cooking Sauces
- Sponge Puddings
- Jam and Honey



**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.

**citizens  
advice**

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](mailto:enquiries.wychavon@citizensadvice.org.uk)

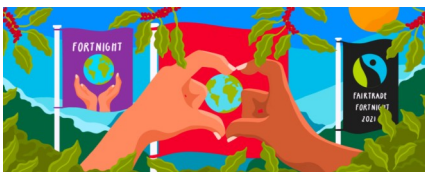
Get all of the latest Covid-19 information from Pershore Town Council at [www.pershoretowncouncil.gov.uk/latest-news](http://www.pershoretowncouncil.gov.uk/latest-news)

**PERSHORE ALMSHOUSE TRUST VACANCY:** Pershore Almshouses Trust have a vacancy for one single-bedroomed semi-detached bungalow for occupancy on Defford Road, Pershore. To meet the criteria for occupancy you must have been resident in Pershore or the surrounding villages for five years or have family who have been resident in Pershore for ten years. You must also be over state retirement age with limited financial means, able to live independently and be a non-smoker with no pets. If you think you meet the criteria please contact: The Clerk to the Almshouses Trustees on 01386 642635. All applications to be received by **Monday 1 March 2021**.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT AT PERSHORE ABBEY 22 FEB - 02 MARCH 2021**

**VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 27 FEB 1030 VIA ZOOM - ALL WELCOME TO JOIN**



Pershore Abbey invites you to join our virtual coffee morning on **Saturday 27 Feb** from **1030** to **1130** in support of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Please email [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the Zoom link by Thursday 25 Feb. We would like everyone to be online at the start of the session at 1030 so that we can share all of our exciting Fairtrade news with you together!

## AND FINALLY . . .

**PERSHORE BENEFICE GIFT BAG INITIATIVE FOR NHS STAFF:** Recent news reports have shown hospital staff exhausted and upset after working for long periods, under severe stress, during the Coronavirus pandemic. Staff morale is very low and they feel unsupported.

Would you like to help show that we do care and are very grateful for all they do? My idea, with the support of Revd Claire, is to put together small gift bags of treats for distribution to staff at local hospitals.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Fill a gift bag** - choose a paper gift bag, approx. 8 – 10 inches (20 -30cms) tall.

Please choose a selection of items from those suggested below. Remember we'll need bags suitable for male staff, as well as female.

- **Toiletries:** hand cream, moisturiser, shampoo, shower gel, bubble bath, lip balm, pocket-size tissues
- **Snacks:** packets of cookies, chocolate biscuits, cereal snack bars, small packets of dried fruits or nuts, savoury crackers, cheese straws
- **Treats:** small boxes of chocolates, a chocolate orange, truffles, nougat, mints, chocolate Florentines, fruit drops
- **Provisions:** herbal or fruit tea, hot chocolate, jars of jam, marmalade or chutney

The list is not exhaustive – you choose! Don't worry if you can't provide something from each group – top-ups will be provided.



Examples of what your gift bag might include

2. **Provide extra items** - perhaps you don't feel able to provide a bag but would like to help? You could give some bottles of shampoo, or packets of fruit teas or jars of marmalade – anything from the suggested lists. These will be used by the team to make up extra gift bags.
3. **Make a heart** - we'd like to include a small heart in each bag. These could be knitted, crocheted or sewn. Patterns are available on the [Take Heart Create](#) website or for free NHS knitted or crocheted heart instructions click [here](#). Please contact Sara Speed if you are able to help by making hearts.

## COLLECTION AND DROP OFF POINTS FOR ITEMS

Please can we have your completed bags as soon as possible and by no later than **Saturday 27 February**

The people listed below have kindly offered to accept your completed gift bags :

### **PERSHORE**

- **Sandra Long:** please ring **01386 554981** to arrange drop off time.
- **Wendy Perks:** Please leave your items in the plastic storage box beside her front door at “Omega”, 5 Holloway (1<sup>st</sup> bungalow on the left) – Wendy will check regularly!

### **WICK**

- **Martin & Jill Williams:** 6 Wick House Close, Wick

### **BIRLINGHAM**

- **Caryl Mills:** 4 Church Street, Birlingham (a labelled box will be placed in the covered porch)

### **PINVIN**

- Would anyone like to offer to be a collection point? Please phone Sara!

### **COLLECTION**

Phone **Sara Speed** on **01386 710776** to arrange collection from your home.



**Let's bring a little cheer to the hard-working staff!**

Thank you. *Sara Speed, Abbey PCC Secretary*

*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

## OUR CHURCHES REMAIN OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER ONLY

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

**DAILY**

**0900 - 1700**

The Abbey may sometimes be closed for recording

### ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

**SUNDAYS ONLY**

**1030 - 1330**

### ST MARY'S, WICK

**DAILY**

**1000 - 1600**

### ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

**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.

### 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 choose to leave their details by scanning this code with the NHS COVID 19 App. 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](https://www.nhs.uk/covid-19).



## WORSHIP DURING COVID-19 AND KEEPING IN TOUCH

### PERSHORE ABBEY COMMUNITY ONLINE DURING NEW LOCKDOWN

As we move into this new period of lockdown we are continuing to review our online activity and to consider how best to move forward with a sustainable programme of online and digital activity.

We will continue to update Facebook with new items when we can, but hope you will bear with us as we go through this process.

A copy of our weekly service sheet will be available every week for you to use as an aid to worship at home, together with a pre-recorded online service.

Do continue to check out our activity on the following platforms in the meantime:

- Our YouTube channel is called **Pershore Abbey Community**
- Our Facebook page can be found at **#pershoreabbeycom**
- Our Facebook posts, latest Instagram posts and a Twitter feed can also all be found on our website at **[www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)** at the bottom of every page.

### 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](http://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@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.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@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.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

### **THE PERSHORE ABBAY BENEFICE CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED FOR IN PERSON PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Please check on social media and our website for the latest updates

The Abbey remains open daily from 0900 - 1700 for personal prayer

**Please note:** the Abbey may sometimes be closed to allow for recording of services

### **SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2021 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

1030 Pre-recorded Eucharist Service available to view via Facebook and YouTube

#### **Monday 8 February**

1100 Funeral Service for the  
late David Harber (*Cemetery Chapel*)  
1900 Compline (*Zoom*)

#### **Tuesday 9 February**

1100 FOODBANK (*St A*)  
1400 Social Media Recording (*Abbey*)

#### **Wednesday 10 February**

0930 ALL DAY Fire Alarm Engineer (*Abbey/St A*)  
1900 V&W (*Zoom*)

#### **Thursday 11 February**

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#### **Friday 12 February**

1300 FOODBANK (*St A*)

#### **Saturday 13 February**

1000 Interment of Ashes of the  
late Eileen Waters (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

#### **Sunday 14 February– Next before Lent**

1030 Pre-recorded Eucharist  
(Online via Facebook and YouTube)

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

**AS THE COVID PANDEMIC CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, PLEASE DO CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES AND OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES TO ADVERTISED SERVICES AND FOR ALL OF THE LATEST INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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