



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 14 February, 2021
SUNDAY NEXT 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 [here](#) on our YouTube channel and via our 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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

SECOND READING **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

THE GOSPEL **Mark 9: 2-9**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

REFLECTION BY REVD STEVE DUNTON

The Fourteenth of February in the secular calendar is St. Valentine's Day, when lovers everywhere express their affection for their 'beloved.' The shops are full of cards, heart shaped chocolates and roses at exorbitant prices, the day is marketed as a celebration of all that love is meant to be.

Today's Gospel reading at first glance seems to have little connection with Valentine's Day, as our lectionary wasn't prepared with it in mind. Jesus leads his three closest disciples to experience his 'transfiguration.'

His appearance was changed to a 'dazzling white,' appearing alongside Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets. Christ's divine sonship is declared to the disciples as a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

The experience must have been so awesome it was beyond description. The disciples are caught up in the interplay of love between the Father and the Son. No wonder Peter wants to keep hold onto this moment by offering to build three shelters, for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah.

Anyone who has ever fallen in love will know the sheer intensity of the experience that you just want to bottle it up for ever.

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We may feel somewhat ambivalent about it this year, perhaps feeling as though 2020 was one long Lent. Just as lovers can't maintain the intensity of the first flush of love, so too, the disciples had to come down from the mountain top and we have to enter into Lent.

True love, whether between lovers or that of family and friends is always deepened and forged in suffering and adversity. Despite Peter's protestations, Jesus had to go to the cross. It is there that we see God's cross shaped heart, blazing out in love.

Lent affords us each the opportunity to change, not on the outside, but from the inside out. We can do this only when we know that we are loved unconditionally that we are each God's beloved, God's valentine. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 537

(Englands Lane)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

[Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1835 - 1917]

HYMN 2

A&M 546

(How Great Thou Art)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’*

(Cont.)

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
he gave his life, I scarce can take it in:
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, 'My god, how great thou art!'

[Stuart K. Hine, 1899 - 1989]

HYMN 3

A&M 541

(Regent Square)

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shown in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning;
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.

[Cyril Argentine Alington, 1872 - 1955]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

14 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 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 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 14](#) 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 for the final weekly Compline session on **Monday 15 February** at **1900**. Our Stations of the Cross will commence the following week—see the Lent Notice on [page 9](#) for further details. *Claire*

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES PROJECT: Thank you for your response to our call for people to become involved in our Calling Young Disciples (CYD) project. We are really pleased to announce that we have now gathered a group together who will be taking this project on to the next step and into the future.



We very much look forward to welcoming and working with our CYD Mission Enabler when they join us in September. *Claire*

WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE 1700 SUNDAY 14 FEB: This month's Wholeness and Healing Service would have taken place this Sunday. Although there is no online service available, we invite you all to use the sheet available [here](#) and on the website to help you worship in your home at the time we would have come together. We plan to offer our future services on Zoom, so watch this space for news of how to access the link for next month's CTiP Wholeness and Healing Service. *Angela*

IONA SERVICE WEDNESDAY 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. The service sheet is available for you to view here for those joining the service or simply for those wishing to reflect at home: [Iona Service Feb 21](#). Do you have any gardening tips to share about looking after soil that avoid environmentally damaging products such as peat?

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.



Come Worship With Us!

We will be offering everyone in the Pershore Benefice the opportunity to join with us for **Holy Week Compline** on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** evening at **1900** via **Zoom**. Watch this space for details and for further news on our Holy Week services!

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*

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 **1800 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

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](#).



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**.

PERSHORE ABBEY WEBSITE REVIEW: YOUR VIEWS PLEASE!

We are undergoing a review of our website, as over the course of the pandemic the needs of our site have changed quite dramatically. We have made many temporary changes to respond to the ever-evolving way we reach out to our congregation in response to the pandemic and the way it has impacted on our worship. Many of these changes have been implemented at short-notice, but we now need to ensure that the website is able to fulfil its new role and provide an interactive interface for our congregation and community in the long-term. We need your feedback to help us ensure that we get it right, so please send your comments on the current website, any features you would like to improve or any features you would like to add to [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) by **25th February**. *Thank you.*

LENT 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY AND PALM CROSSES: A pre-recorded Ash Wednesday service will be available to view online [here](#) on our YouTube channel and via our 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 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 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



#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. Click [here](#) for more information.

PERSHORE BENEFICE GIFT BAG APPEAL

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 (1st 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*

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



Get all of the latest Covid-19 information from Pershore Town Council at www.pershoretowncouncil.gov.uk/latest-news

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

AND FINALLY . . .

TRAIDCRAFT REAL EASTER EGGS NOW ON SALE! These wonderful TRAIDCRAFT Real Easter Eggs are now on sale at only £5.00 each. This year I am only ordering Easter eggs against a firm order, so if you would like any please let me know as soon as possible.



There are other eggs for sale made in Divine chocolate, but these are larger and in a variety of flavours, and usually retail at £10.00 each. Visit the Traidcraft website at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk for more information.

If you would like to place an order contact me by email at: dorabpaynter@hotmail.com or text me on **07745 119974**

Thank you in advance for your orders.

Dora Paynter Pershore Abbey Traidcraft representative

ZOOM COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 27 FEB AT 1030



Put the kettle on and join us on ZOOM for this Pershore Benefice first!

- FAIRTRADE News
- Breakout Chat Groups
- Quiz and lots more . . .

Join us live at 10:30 so we can share all of our exciting FAIRTRADE news and help you find your way around our first ever virtual coffee morning!

Please email vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link by Thursday 25 Feb.

IN SUPPORT OF FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
(22 Feb - 07 Mar 2021)

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** 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**



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**.

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**/**<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 ABBEY 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 14 FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

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

Out W&H service would also have taken place today at 1700, please use the service sheet [here](#) to aid your worship at home, as there is no online service available

Monday 15 February

ALL DAY ABBEY ROOF REPAIRS

1500 Funeral Service for the
late Maureen Knight (Vale)*

1900 Compline (Zoom)

Tuesday 16 February - Shrove Tuesday

ALL DAY ABBEY ROOF REPAIRS

1100 FOODBANK (St A)

1300 Funeral Preparation (Abbey)

1345 Site Meeting (Abbey)

1530 Social Media Recording (Abbey)

Wednesday 17 February - Ash Wednesday

1130 Funeral Service for the
late Alan Whyte (Vale)*

1530 V&W (Zoom)

1900 Pre-recorded Ash Wednesday Service
(via YouTube and Facebook)

Thursday 18 February

1100 Funeral Service for the
late Janet Redfern (Vale)*

Friday 19 February

1300 FOODBANK (St A)

Saturday 20 February

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Sunday 21 February - First Sunday of Lent

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

*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

WEBSITE:

Please remember you can see all the latest updates and information on our website
www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Search for Pershore Abbey Community to follow us on Facebook.

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