



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 21 February, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF 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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1: 9-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

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

REFLECTION BY REVD CLAIRE LORDING

Radio 2 recently broadcast the most amazing programme, The All-Time Greatest Song from a Musical, a countdown of the nation’s top twenty musical hits. The variety was incredible as we went from Guys and Dolls to Cabaret, from My Fair Lady to Hamilton.

Looking at today’s gospel got me thinking about another musical, Jesus Christ Superstar the rock opera phenomenon. The title song has the searching line, “Jesus Christ, Superstar, do you think you’re what they say you are?” It’s a question the gospels try to answer. After the excitement of his baptism when it is clear that Jesus is God’s Son, he is driven into the wilderness to discover who he really is. In the midst of the isolation and the being away from all that was familiar, Jesus is tempted. Perhaps the question of “Who am I?” was uppermost in his mind.

The result of this searching and being apart is that Jesus comes out of the wilderness and gets on with proclaiming God's kingdom, bringing hope and forgiveness and the possibility of a new way of living. Jesus Christ is a superstar because he brings good news for all people.

The start of Lent this year may well be feeling different for us. Our usual intention of giving up things and spending time in prayer, study and reflection, may be challenging after a year of being away from much that brings us joy. Maybe this year we can identify with Jesus in the wilderness, socially distanced, away from community distractions, in a way we never thought would have been possible a year ago. We are where we are this Lent and the challenge for us is to ask ourselves what are we going to learn about ourselves this Lent? What is God asking us to be and do when we come out of our wilderness, whenever that might be?

Jesus was never alone in the wilderness because God was with him. We are not alone in our wilderness experience of today because God is with us, encouraging us, calling us to proclaim the life of the kingdom and its good news. Maybe this Lent we might discover who we really are in God's sight. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 702

(Mannheim)

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy

[James Edmeston, 1791 - 1867]

HYMN 2

A&M 748

(Wolvercote)

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

(Cont.)

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

[John Ernest Bode, 1816 - 1874]

HYMN 3

A&M 610

(Nun Danket)

Christ is the world's true light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Day-star clear and bright
of every man and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where'er men own his sway;
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

(Cont.)

In Christ all races meet,
 their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
 from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
 men shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare bear the sword,
 to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name
 unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
 that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
 has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
 come, Prince of Peace, and reign. Amen.

[George Wallace Briggs, 1875 - 1959]

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

21 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

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 15](#) 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.

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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.

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!



Come Worship With Us!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON ZOOM: The first in our Stations of the Cross series of Zoom sessions begins this **Monday, 22 February** at **1900**. Don't forget to contact Claire at vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk before each session for the weekly Zoom invitation. Further details of the service can be found in the Lent section on [Page 10](#)

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?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This inter faith service held on the first Friday in March for many years has sadly had to be postponed locally. The service this year has been written by the women in Vanuatu, an island in the Pacific which has been struck not only by Covid but also in April with devastation caused by hurricane Harold. Please remember them in your prayers. The new date will be advertised on the WWDP website. A video of a service on 5 March from Vanuatu will be available on WDPIC's YouTube channel.

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**.

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*

PERSHORE ABBEY WEBSITE REVIEW: YOUR VIEWS PLEASE!

We are undergoing a review of the temporary changes made to our website in response to the pandemic and the way it has impacted on our worship. 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 by **25th February**. *Thank you.*

LENT 2021

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*



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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 Revd Alma Organ 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: Don't forget to have a look at our weekly soup recipe posted online every Friday throughout Lent to help you experience this traditional aspect of Lent at home. Click here to view this week's recipe: [Lockdown Lenten Lunches](#)

#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 - DATE EXTENDED TO 17 MARCH

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 **Wednesday 17 March**

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.



We have 50 Gift Bags completed—help us reach our target of 100 - that’s one for every member of the ITU team!

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



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.

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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

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

AND FINALLY . . .


CALLED TO ACTION NEWSLETTER FOR LENT:

The Lent edition of the Called to Action newsletter is now available to download from the Worcester Diocese website: [Called to Action Lent Newsletter](#)
 It asks us to take time this Lent to pause, pray, learn and take action, taking time every day to enjoy God's amazing creation.

It also has a **Fairtrade Fortnight** feature encouraging us to try more Fairtrade products and to learn more about the Fairtrade Foundation.

Why not join our **Fairtrade Zoom Coffee Morning** on **27 February** in support of Fairtrade Fortnight and see what you can learn and share?

See [Page 14](#) for more details of this Benefice wide event.



LENT

This Lent pause, pray, learn, and take action to be part of God's love for his Creation.

BACK THE CEE BILL

Join or help organise a Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill debate in your area on 26 March!

Green Christian thinks that the CEE Bill is the legislative answer to the climate and ecological emergency.


<https://greenchristian.org.uk/make-the-cee-debate-happen/>

Fairtrade Fortnight

- 22 Feb to 7 Mar
- Try out more fairtrade products
- Carry on using them throughout Lent
- Learn more about Fairtrade Foundation
- www.fairtrade.org.uk
- Share what you've learned.

Show the Love 1-21 Feb

Use your voice to ask politicians to commit to building a cleaner, greener world that works for everyone. Create a green heart display or wear a green heart. More ideas and info at: www.showthelove.org.uk



And prayers at: <https://greenchristian.org.uk/show-the-love-prayer-2021/>

Eco Church references: – Community and Global Engagement 1, 2, 5, 15, 16 & 20;
 – Lifestyle 9 & 10; – Worship and Teaching 3.

And don't forget to take time every day this Lent to stop and enjoy God's amazing creation! Selah!

ZOOM COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 27 FEB AT 10:30



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

- **FAIRTRADE** News
- Breakout Chat Groups
- Show and Tell - bring along ***your*** favourite **FAIRTRADE** products to share with the group
- 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 21 FEBRUARY 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Monday 22 February

1200 Funeral Service for the
late Ann Jonas (Abbey)*

1400 Social Media Recording (Abbey)

1900 Stations of the Cross (Zoom)

Tuesday 23 February - Shrove Tuesday

1100 FOODBANK (St A)

1500 Funeral Service for the
late Jan Wilson (Abbey)*

Wednesday 24 February - Ash Wednesday

ALL DAY ABBEY BUILDING WORK

1900 V&W (Zoom)

1930 Iona Service (Zoom)

Thursday 25 February

ALL DAY ABBEY BUILDING WORK

0900 Boiler Repairs (A)

Friday 26 February

1230 Funeral Service for the
late George Mason (Vale)*

1300 FOODBANK (St A)

Saturday 27 February

1030 FAIRTRADE Coffee Morning via Zoom

Sunday 28 February - Second Sunday of Lent

1030 Pre-recorded Sunday Praise

(Online via YouTube and Facebook)

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