



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 4 April, 2021
EASTER DAY



SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

This service will be recorded live at Pershore Abbey and will be available to view on Easter Sunday from 1500 on our YouTube channel and via our Facebook pages.

Please use this service sheet as an aid to worship at home in conjunction with the Easter to Pentecost Service Booklet

A hymn sheet to accompany this service is available on [Page 5](#)

THE COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people

and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 20: 1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

REFLECTION BY REVD CLAIRE LORDING

What are you going to do differently because of today? After another time of lockdown it may be that seeing family and friends is top of your priority list. Catching up in person, sharing time together and hearing all the news; it can only be a good thing. Will our lives be changed by being able to see other people, those we care about? It probably will, because that's the power of encounters with others.

Easter Day is a day full of difference, encounter and lives being changed. At the end of a harrowing week, with Jesus being laid in a tomb, where the darkness of the early morning resonates with the darkness of the tomb and the feelings of Jesus' friends and followers, an incredible encounter take place. Mary, in the midst of her grief and sadness, goes to the tomb so that she can pay her respects. An action that will be familiar to so many who have been bereaved, and most especially in the past year, when our remembering and respecting of those who have died has been interrupted by a situation beyond our control.

But this is the first Easter day and every thing is different. Mary's grief and devastation is magnified when she sees that the tomb is empty. How much worse can things get? Mary, overwhelmed by her love for Jesus, weeps, because there is nothing else for her to do. Her love for Jesus knows no end and the loss of his body is devastating.

Mary's Easter encounter with the risen Christ changes everything. As Jesus lovingly calls her by name, the strength of their relationship is revealed and their love for one another is clear. Not even death and a cold tomb has ended this life giving relationship. Now, in the power of the resurrection, their relationship changes into something new, that will bring hope and life to others. Go, Jesus says to Mary, go and tell others what you have

seen and experienced. And that is exactly what Mary does. She becomes a witness and an evangelist for the good news of the gospel, that Jesus has risen; that love has overcome death and all that makes us less than human; that Jesus wants to share his love with every single one of us.

Mary is the first in a long line of people who have called out, “I have seen the Lord”, and changed lives. What are we going to do differently because of today? How might we witness to the glorious news of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which reveals that hope and joy can transform the darkest places in our hearts and lives? Perhaps today, and in the days to come, we can be like Mary. Simply tell someone that you have seen the Lord and what a difference that has made to your life. This news is so good we mustn’t keep it to ourselves. This Easter let’s all do what we can to spread the love of God so that together we can transform the world. Alleluia! Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 205

(Easter Hymn)

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*
Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*
Who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia!*
Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia!*
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia!*
Who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia!*
Sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia!*

But the pains that he endured, *Alleluia!*
Our salvation have procured; *Alleluia!*
Now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia!*
Where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!*

[Lyra Davidica, 1708 and others]

HYMN 2

A&M 215

(See what a morning)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

(Cont.)

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
 through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
 to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
 death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
 for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

[Stuart Townsend *b.*1963 and Keith Getty *b.* 1974]

HYMN 3

A&M 218

(Maccabaeus)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
 life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

[Edmond Budry, 1854-1932,
translated by Richard Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

04 APRIL 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

PERSHORE ABBEY APCM AND ST ANDREW'S PARISH CENTRE TRUST AGM

NEW DATE: THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021 AT 19:00 VIA ZOOM

The Pershore Abbey APCM and the St Andrew's AGM for 2021 has now been confirmed as **Thursday 22nd April at 19:00** via **Zoom**

If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Sara Speed (tel: 01386 710776) or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for further details.

Access to a Zoom meeting will be available through a mobile, tablet, laptop or landline.

Elections of the Churchwardens, up to 8 additional PCC members and 2 representatives to the Deanery Synod will take place at this meeting. Anyone wishing to be nominated for any of these roles should contact Sara Speed, as above, for further information.

The APCM booklet is now available on our website [here](#) and a link will be sent by email to those on the Abbey circulation list. Should you require a printed copy, please contact Sara Speed by **Thursday 15th April** at the latest.

If you would like an email copy sent direct to your email address, please contact the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is due to be revised before the APCM.

Anyone who wishes to be added should apply now.

The Roll will of course be open again after the meeting.

Names remain on the roll for period of its lifetime of 6 years.

Please contact the office on **01386 552071** (answerphone only), email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or speak to Bill Newman if you would like to be added.

Alternatively you can download the form here and return it to the Benefice office:

[ELECTORAL ROLL APPLICATION 2021](#)

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 6 APRIL

PERSHORE BENEFICE NOW OPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We look forward to welcoming you back in to our churches in April
for in-person worship.

We will continue to provide on-line service sheets for those unable to
safely attend church at this time.

Please see [Page 15](#) for full details of our in-person April services

Easter Day

Sunday 4 April

HE IS RISEN



0600 Dawn Service (*YouTube only - recorded 2021*)

0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

1030 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*) This will be a ticketed service.

Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk to book your ticket or leave a message on the office answerphone - **01386 552071**

1030 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)

1030 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*) This will be a ticketed service.

Contact Pinvin Churchwarden Glen Hurst for more information.

1030 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

1500 Eucharist (*YouTube – a recording of the 1030 Easter Service 2021.*

Recorded live at Pershore Abbey this Easter Sunday)

EASTER 2021

Facebook: [@pershoreabbeycom](#)

YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

WHOLENESS AND HEALING - SUNDAY 11 APRIL AT 1700 BY ZOOM: The April Wholeness and Healing will once again be held by Zoom at 1700. If anyone would like a Zoom invitation please contact Angela Gerrard before 6pm on Friday 9 April. A copy of the service can be found here: [W&H April 2021](#)

DAILY PRAYER AT THE ABBEY: Everyone is very welcome to join Steve and me in the Apse in the Abbey for the keeping of silence at 0800 followed by Matins at 0830, and Evening Prayer at 1700 **from 12 April**. Please feel free to come to all or just one of these services. In the mornings, please arrive at either 0800 or 0830 as that will help with seating arrangements. Please enter the Abbey by the Wick door. If you are thinking of coming it would also help if you could let me know so we can get a seat ready for you, but don't worry if that is impossible.



If you have a smart phone or tablet you can download the Church of England Daily Prayer App which will enable you to share in the services without having to use a book,. We hope to resume a daily Eucharist very soon. Please get in touch if you want to know more.
Claire

COMPLINE BY ZOOM CONTINUES!: For several months now a group of around 30 people have been meeting on Monday nights via Zoom for Compline or Stations of the Cross. There has been enthusiasm for this to continue, which is wonderful. Compline by Zoom will start again after an Easter break on 12th April at 1900 and will run until 17th May, when we shall once again review our online service provision. If you'd like to join our Compline service please email me for the Zoom invitation. It will be lovely to share worship with you. *Claire*

STEWARDSHIP

BOXED ENVELOPES: Could you please let the office know if you would like to receive the next annual boxed set of planned giving envelopes. We will deliver the box to you so please confirm your address and the identification number on your envelopes in your request. Email [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on **01386 552071** (answerphone service only). Thank you. *Sarah Thomson*

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](#).



THANKS

A THANK YOU MESSAGE: We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages for our big Anniversary. It was so very kind of you. We hope to celebrate if and when we can. *David and Ann Bray*

OTHER NEWS

PERSHORE ABBEY/SALZWEDEL KATHERINENKIRCHE ANGLO DEUTSCH ZOOM EVENT

SATURDAY 8 MAY 1500: We might not be able to travel to our twin parish in Germany or invite our Salzwedel friends to come to Pershore at the moment due to COVID restrictions, but we can do the next best thing!!

On Saturday 8 May at 1500 a joint Zoom twin parish celebration is planned and we can all take part!! Everyone will speak in their own native tongue and we will use divine guidance, common sense and our own translators to assist in overcoming any language barriers encountered

An interactive 40-minute event is planned with news updates, greetings, stories, poetry and reflections.

If you'd like to come along please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk and we will send you the Zoom link.

If you would like to share a photograph of Pandemic Pershore or perhaps read a reflection, please contact Michael Hodges at mh@broadwayplc.com. Claire and Michael are looking forward to hearing from you.

GET VACCINATED - #GIVEHOPE: When it comes to sharing the good news of the Covid vaccines, the best way to give hope to your neighbours is through a kind and constructive conversation. It's as simple as H - O - P - E.

Visit yourneighbour.org to find out more about the Give Hope campaign and the work of the YourNeighbour organisation.

If you have any concerns about the Covid 19 vaccine, or need practical help and support, then do get in touch with our Ministry Team via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk



The COVID-19 vaccine is the first glimpse of light in the darkness. Be part of the mission and give HOPE.

- Have a Conversation**
Open up a conversation about the vaccine & listen to concerns.
- Offer accurate information**
Combat misinformation & bust myths with accurate information.
- Provide practical support**
Some people may want help to get the vaccine.
- Engage others & share opportunity**
Share on social media & in your WhatsApp groups to friends & family.

OFFICE STAFFING OVER EASTER PERIOD

The Benefice Office will not be staffed over the Easter period.

Our office staff will be on annual leave from:

12 noon on Thursday 1 April 2021 until Tuesday 13 April 2021

All email enquiries and answerphone messages will be dealt with on their return.

If your enquiry is urgent please call the answerphone service on **01386 552071** to access the latest emergency contact details over the Easter period.

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.)

- Coffee
- Rice Pudding
- Cereal
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Instant Mash
- Sponge Puddings
- Veg /Tomato Soup
- Pasta in Sauce
- Tinned Meat
- Deodorant
- EASTER EGGS!!



CITIZEN'S ADVICE: Face to Face sessions have now been suspended. To speak to an adviser please ring **01386 712100**.

For General Advice select option 1.

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



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

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

Get all of the latest Covid-19 information from Pershore Town Council [here](#)

ST ANDREW'S SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY AT PERSHORE LIBRARY

We have had a terrific response to the survey so far, but we are aware that there are people who are not able to access the links online to be able to have their say.

We have teamed up with Pershore Library who are happy for anyone who is a library member and who is computer confident to complete the survey using the public computers .

If you are a non-library member or not comfortable with using the computer, they may be able to complete the survey over the phone with you. Just call the Customer Contact Centre on 01905 822722 (Mon – Fri 0900—1700) and ask to be put through to Pershore Library .

Pershore Library is open Mon – Fri 1000 - 1700 & Sat 1000 - 1600 .

Please do spread the word to anyone who may not be able to access the digital links or QR code so that we can get as great a range of views as possible to help us move St Andrew's forward.

St Andrew's - have your say...

Please

fill in our on-line survey about St Andrew's,
the town's vital Community Centre.
Plans for improved facilities and repairs are
afoot and we need public comments
to get grants. Go to

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5CJB6FL

or click on the QR code.



ECO NEWS

The latest edition of the Called to Action Newsletter is now available to view and download from the Worcester Diocese website: [Called to Action March 2021](#)



This edition looks at the journey to COP26 and focusses on targets we can all set ourselves to move forward on the journey.

Find out more about how Worcester Diocese is responding to the lead up to COP26 here:

[Journey with Us to COP26](#)

[Climate Crisis](#)

AND FINALLY . . .

Easter Message from the Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge

During the last year we've been confronted with death in a spectacular and shocking way. Thousands and thousands of people have died prematurely in the pandemic.

Death, the death of Jesus, is at the heart of the Christian Festival of Easter; but death does not have the last word. When God raised Jesus from the dead it was made clear for all to see that his love is stronger than death and stretches out into all eternity.

Easter can give hope in the face of the terrible death toll of this last year – and in the face of our own mortality – in a way that nothing else can. Yet many people find resurrection difficult to believe. As a former scientist, I don't. As my late wife, Denise, wrote shortly before she died:

The whole of human history is littered with things that were once deemed impossible. We know so much about matter and energy, but there is also much that we do not yet know and our knowledge is always changing. Five hundred years ago no one imagined light bulbs, or space travel, or genetic engineering. A decade or two ago saying we are made of star dust would have sounded like the stuff of a fairy tale, and now it sounds like particle physics. So I do not find it hard to imagine the possibility of a bodily resurrection.

No, neither do I, and it gives me hope for the future. Resurrection is not just about the future, though: it's about the here and now. It can bring meaning and purpose and hope. May it do that for you this Easter, as it has for millions over hundreds of years.

Happy Easter!

Bishop John.

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



PERSHORE BENEFICE

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC WORSHIP APRIL 2021

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

ATTENDING A PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICE

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

We understand that some of our congregation are shielding or will not feel able to attend. A digital version of our service sheet is available to assist those who wish to worship at home.

For those who do wish to attend a service, things will be different and our services will be shorter.

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

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 4 APRIL

Eucharist at 0800

Eucharist at 1030 (*ticket only*)

SUNDAY 11 APRIL

Eucharist at 1030

SUNDAY 18 APRIL

Eucharist at 1030

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

Sunday Praise at 1030

PLEASE NOTE:

Daily Offices resume 12 April 2021

*Please check on our Social Media
and website for any changes to
our advertised services*

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 4 APRIL

Parish Communion at 1030

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

Morning Praise at 1030

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 4 APRIL

Holy Communion at 1030
(*ticket only*)

SUNDAY 18 APRIL

Sunday Praise at 1030

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 4 APRIL

Holy Communion at 1030

SUNDAY 18 APRIL

Sunday Praise at 1030

PERSHORE BENEFICE

PERSONAL PRAYER OPENING TIMES

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 - UPDATE

As we move out of the latest National Lockdown and move forwards on the Government Roadmap, we will continue to review our online activity and to consider how best to provide a sustainable programme of in-person, 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 and take some time to recover from the pressures of constantly producing online material.

There will be no recorded service on Sunday 11 April, but a copy of our weekly service sheet will be available for you to use as an aid to worship at home.

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.

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 CHURCHES OF THE PERSHORE BENEFICE ARE NOW OPEN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP

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 4 APRIL 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

- 0600 Dawn Service (YouTube only - recorded 2021)
0800 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)
1030 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) - **pre-booked ticket only**
1030 Holy Communion (St James', Birlingham)
1030 Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin) - **pre-booked ticket only**
1030 Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)
1500 Eucharist (YouTube - recorded live at Pershore Abbey 1030 Easter Sunday)

Monday 5 April - Easter Monday

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Tuesday 6 April

1100 FOODBANK (St A)

Wednesday 7 April

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Thursday 8 April

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Friday 9 April

1300 FOODBANK (St A)

Saturday 10 April

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Sunday 11 April - Easter 2

1030 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

1700 Wholeness & Healing (Zoom)

A copy of the service sheet for the Eucharist service will be available online through our social media platforms and website for those unable to attend in person. There will be no online service available this week.

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.

We are also on Twitter and Instagram.



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