



PERSHORE BENEFICE

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 25 April, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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

There is no online service available to view this week.

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 5: 11-18

A reading from the Book of Acts

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-25

A reading from the First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 10: 11-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

REFLECTION BY REVD STEVE DUNTON

Today is Vocations Sunday when we reflect as a Church on the wonderful gift of ministry both ordained and lay that God has given to us. The image of the Christ, the Good Shepherd can help us to unpack this gift more fully.

I grew up in a town, so the image of the shepherd is more theoretical rather than from my experience, although on my way to work I did go past sheep at pasture with a shepherd who guided them using a quad bike. Jesus is the good or better translated,

‘beautiful shepherd,’ whose character is so deeply attractive that he can’t fail to draw in sheep into his sheepfold. The sheep know the shepherd and listen to his voice. The Shepherd always seeks to protect the sheep, guarding them from attack even to the point of laying down his life for them. This reveals a deep truth that not only is any form of Christian ministry an absolute privilege, it is also one that is both costly and sacrificial.

The Church needs more shepherds in order to serve the people of God at the table of his word and at the banquet of the eucharist. It needs more women and men to generously respond to his call to serve in ordained or lay ministry and for others to serve him in the consecrated single or religious life.

Vocations never emerge in a vacuum but out of from Christian communities such as our own. I know from my own story that my own sense of calling was nurtured and discerned by faithful members of the congregation. Perhaps there is someone that you know in our church or outside it, who you think would make an effective minister of the gospel. I would encourage you to pray for them and have the courage to speak to them about vocation. Being faithful shepherds to the flock of Christ is a particular responsibility that lies with those called and chosen for ministry. Some people fail to respond to God’s call out of a sense of unworthiness. They need have no fear though, just look at Christ’s disciples and how God used them despite their faults and foibles. What is required is persons in ministry, who to quote Pope Francis have a ‘smell of the sheep,’ being willing to journey alongside others in their walk of faith. Those of us in ministry or training need your prayers to help sustain us in our calling.

In baptism, God calls each of us, lay or ordained, young, and old to serve him, setting us apart to be ‘a royal priesthood and a holy nation.’ St Therese of Lisieux, the ‘Little Flower,’ a great nineteenth century mystic said, ‘My vocation is love.’ Let this be ours too. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 671

(Hyfrydol)

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me—
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
Then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

[Francis Harold Rowley, 1854-1952]

HYMN 2

A&M 493

(Woodlands)

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
will bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[Ally Barrett, b. 1975]

HYMN 3

A&M 612

(Guiting Power)

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

[Michael Saward, b. 1932]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

25 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 BENEFICE NOW OPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We look forward to welcoming you back in to our churches in May and beyond for in-person worship.

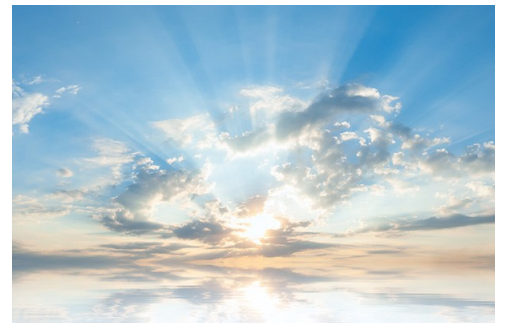
We will continue to provide on-line service sheets for those unable to safely attend church, although there will be no online pre-recorded service to follow at this time.

Please see [Page 15](#) for full details of our in-person services taking place across the Benefice this May and don't forget our weekly Compline service which takes place every Monday by Zoom.

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE - PERSHORE ABBEY, 1900

THURSDAY 13 MAY : As we enter the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come 2021 on 13 May, we begin our journey with a special Eucharist at 1900 at Pershore Abbey on Ascension Day, marking the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem. Read more about **Thy Kingdom Come 2021** in the Pershore Benefice on [Page 8](#).



0800 BCP EUCHARIST AT PERSHORE ABBEY SUNDAY 02 MAY: Don't forget the 0800 service held on the first Sunday of each month at Pershore Abbey takes place next week

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. 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 12 April at 1900 and will run until 17 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*

THY KINGDOM COME 13 - 23 MAY 2021:

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.



During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

1. *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
2. *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
3. *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

What are we going to do in the Pershore Benefice for 'Thy Kingdom Come'?

Join us in church at **Pershore Abbey** on **13 May** for our **Ascension Day Service** at **1900**

This year in the Pershore Benefice we are also going to have an online Zoom ***Novena of prayer*** from the Friday after Ascension to Pentecost Eve on 22nd May. There will be daily prayer together at **1900** that will last between **10- 15 minutes** on each of these days. It's a great way to join in a great river of prayer of Christians not only here but all over the world and across many different denominations.

In order to receive the Zoom link and service sheets please **email Rev. Steve** at [**curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

Prayer journal and family resources

We have a 100 prayer journals and family prayer adventure maps to give away to help you to reflect and pray during this grace filled time. They will be available to collect from a table at the back of the Abbey from 0900 on Sunday 2nd May.

We will also share on social media some of the amazing 'Cheeky Panda' videos for our younger members.

STORIES FOR PEACE - All are welcome to join in the Iona prayers on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm via Zoom. If you do not use Zoom or cannot make this time, I can email the reading to you. The service will be a time of prayer and reflection on stories with the theme of conflict resolution and peace building. For the Zoom link, please email Helen on: iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk You may wish to light a candle during the service.

EVERYDAY FAITH IN WORK WORKSHOP - ONLINE MAY 19 / JUNE 10 2021, 19.30– 21:00

How do your faith and your work connect with each other? A lot of what is said and written about faith in the workplace is about relationships: treating people well, finding opportunities to share appropriately what we believe, bearing witness through our character and behaviour to the difference God makes in our lives. But what about the nature of the work itself?

If we are employees, what are the aims and purposes of the companies we work for? Is the business about making money or making useful products, and where does the balance lie? How does my workplace serve the economy, or build up the common good? How does its structure promote just and equitable treatment of employee and customer alike? How much of a pay differential should there be between CEO and the lowest paid? Whether I am employed or self-employed, where do I, on a personal level, feel most fulfilled in my work and why? Do I see my work as a vocation to which God has called me? How does my faith help when things go wrong at work? These are more difficult questions, having no cut and dried answers, no obvious connections with what the bible has to say, nor any straightforward moral prescriptions.

This workshop is for people to come together to explore these and other questions, and how they might relate to their own work and workplace. The workshop is convened by Doug Chaplin, Discipleship and Lay Training Officer for the diocese and Dick Johnson, lead chaplain for Faith at Work in Worcestershire and lead chaplain to the Police and Fire Services. Click [here](#) for more information on this event or book here via Eventbrite:

Faith at Work Workshop.



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 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](#).



OTHER NEWS

BABIES AND TODDLERS REOPENING SOON!: We hope to re-start our weekly sessions from **FRIDAY 30th APRIL, 9.30 -11.15** at St Andrew's Centre.

Numbers will be restricted and places **MUST** be pre-booked. For more details, and to reserve a place, kindly contact Sara Speed on **01386 710776** or via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk



ANGLO-DEUTSCH ZOOM EVENT SATURDAY 8 MAY 1500 :



Join us for our first ever Zoom twin parish celebration between Pershore Abbey and Salzwedel Katherinenkirche!!

Everyone will speak in their own native tongue in an interactive 40-minute event including 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.

St Catherine's, Salzwedel

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.

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



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 Persore 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 Persore 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 Persore Library .

Persore 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.



PIPE DREAMS UPDATE

Work has continued at the Fratelli Ruffatti factory in Italy on the construction of the organ pipes, console and other internals for our new organ. Sadly national and international Covid-19 restrictions means that Ruffatti are now unable to deliver and install our new organ until 2022. Whilst this delay is very disappointing for us, we have been using the additional time to explore enhancements to the organ specification.

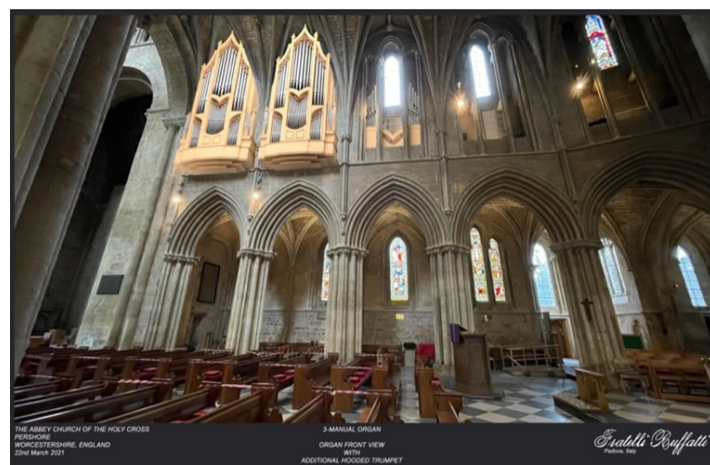
The stoplist for the original organ design provides the conditions for the highest possible versatility to support the liturgy, lead the choir and congregational singing and perform the classical organ repertoire of different styles including the performance of romantic organ music with special reference to the great works of the French composers.

Despite the very creative use of the available space within the original organ casings, it has not been possible to include stops that would satisfy the desired completeness of specification we identified with the Diocesan Organ Advisor in 2017. At that time of funding uncertainty, it was agreed that a suitably designed Festival Trumpet stop would fill the gap in specification although the additional pipes would have to be positioned in a separate location. Because of the funding uncertainties, it was decided to design the new organ console to make provision for such a stop at a time of greater funding certainty. We have now reached that time and, at our invitation, Ruffatti have prepared a proposal for the addition of a separate Festival Trumpet stop with the additional pipes located in the third triforium bay next to the main organ casings, as illustrated in the photomontage of the proposed new arrangement.

The proposal includes new access doors to the triforium from the new blower room to facilitate tuning. We have also taken the opportunity to add a Zimbelstern stop to our specification within the faculty application. This stop is to be made of 12 small brass bells on a rotating platform which when operated produces a very special effect that has been used in organs for centuries to enhance musical atmosphere. This stop may be used for Christmas carols, and a variety of baroque pieces and is small enough to be located within the main instrument casings.

These enhancements will add a new dimension to the instrument allowing performers a wider choice of repertoire. We are pleased to announce that the Friends of Pershore Abbey have generously agreed funding support for the additional work should our faculty application be successful.

More detailed information may be obtained from David Long, Chairman Fabric Committee.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 - 16 MAY 2021: Watch this space for more information on this year's envelope scheme to combat climate change and help make a difference where it matters. Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives.



AND FINALLY . . .

FUNDING SUCCESS FOR ST ANDREW'S AND PERSHORE ABBEY: With thanks to a government fund (and some finance from the Trustees) to help heritage buildings prepare for "normal" business this summer, St Andrew's will see some much needed repairs taking place!

These include repairs to the stonework by the back door, completion of the gutter replacement project and new emergency and back doors.

Inside St Andrew's will get new carpets and will also see the completion of the lighting project.

The Abbey and St Andrew's will both get improved broadband and contactless donation facilities.

We very much look forward to being able to receive visitors, our regular users and concert goers alongside being able to worship, sing, share a coffee and meet face-to-face and that ZOOM will be no more!!

Robin Hancox

Culture
Recovery Fund
for Heritage

The
National Lottery
Heritage Fund

Historic
England



Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport

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 MAY 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 2 MAY

0800 BCP Eucharist at
1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 9 MAY

1030 Eucharist with choir

ASCENSION DAY 13 MAY

1900 Eucharist

SUNDAY 16 MAY

1030 Sunday Praise with choir

SUNDAY 23 MAY

1030 All Age Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 30 MAY

1030 Eucharist with choir

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Offices have resumed

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

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 9 MAY

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 23 MAY

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 2 MAY

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 16 MAY

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 2 MAY

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 16 MAY

1030 Holy Communion

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

**DUE TO LOCATION, ST NICHOLAS
IS OPEN BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT
ONLY**

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 forward on the Government Roadmap, we continue to review our online activity. Pershore Abbey is awaiting formal permission to install a live streaming facility which will enable us to share our services for those unable to attend church going forward.

In the meantime, we will continue to update our social media pages with new items when we can.

There will be no recorded service at this time 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.

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

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

*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

SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / VOCATIONS SUNDAY

1030 Sunday Praise with choir - Vocations Sunday (*Pershore Abbey*)

1030 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES FROM 12 APRIL:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 26 April

0915 Musical Explorers (St A)

pre-booked places only

1400 Funeral Service for the late

Rob Faulkner (*Pershore Abbey*)*

1900 Compline (*Zoom*)

Tuesday 27 April

1100 FOODBANK (St A)

Wednesday 28 April

1400 Funeral Service for the late

Harold Badger (*Pershore Abbey*)*

1530 SAEC & V&W (*Zoom*)

1930 Iona Service (*Zoom*)

Thursday 29 April

1330 Abbey Finance Committee (*Zoom*)

1430 Funeral Service for the late

Nancy Hoskins (*Pershore Abbey*)*

Friday 30 April

0930 Babies and Toddlers (St A)

pre-booked places only

1300 FOODBANK (St A)

Saturday 1 May

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Sunday 2 May - Easter 5

0800 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

1030 Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

1030 Sunday Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)

1030 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

A copy of our weekly service sheet and bulletin will be available online through our social media platforms and website for those unable to attend church in person

PERSHORE ABBEY ONLINE

Check our website and social media pages for all the latest information and updates



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