



PERSHORE BENEFICE

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 09 May, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ROGATION SUNDAY)**

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 15: 9-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

REFLECTION BY PETER STANSBIE (Abbey Reader)

On Wednesday Janet and I drove to Revills Farm shop in Defford (other farm shops are available). Janet hadn't been for a drive for over four weeks as she had been isolating before an operation two weeks ago. She commented how beautiful and green the countryside around us had become, the trees bursting into leaf and fields green with new planting and fresh grass. And I thought how lucky we are to live in such a place.

As it is Rogation Sunday today it seemed so appropriate. The word Rogation comes from Latin and means 'we ask'. Rogation is a time when we traditionally ask God to help us with our land. A time when we can thank him for what we have and all he gives us.

Rogation was also a time when people would 'Beat the bounds' of the Parish, and still in some places it is still done today. This was done originally because there were very few maps available and knowing the Parish boundary, your territory, was important.

As humans we seem keen to always keep boundaries: to have a clear sense of where we are, where 'our people' are and to protect and keep our own territory.

But that seems to me to be the exact opposite of the commandment Jesus gives his disciples, and us, in today's Gospel. It is a 'simple' command. Love one another as I have loved you. Simple perhaps to express but really challenging to even begin to follow.

Jesus's love was unbounded; it was God's love. A love that is complete and unconditional.

And in loving one another in this way there can be no boundaries, no restrictions, no them and us, just an all-embracing love for all.

That was a real challenge to the disciples then, and is to us now. To love each other as God loves us.

So in beating our bounds this year let us make it the whole world. Let us love one another as God loves us. Let us move towards a world of one people, one church, one body in Christ. That will truly bring us closer to everyone and to the Kingdom of God here and now.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 583

(Wareham)

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might;
his will obey, him serve aright;
for thee the saints uplift their voice:
fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,
with joy and peace thou shalt abound;
yea, love with thee shall make his home
until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold:
remember thou his love of old;
walk in his way, his word adore,
and keep his truth for evermore.

[Robert Seymour Bridges, 1844-1930]

HYMN 2

A&M 552

(Genesis)

Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a world without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.
We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

Think of the world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.
We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,
think of a street with no-one living there,
think of a town without any houses,
no-one to love and nobody to care.
We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

[Doreen E. Newport, 1927-2004]

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

[Bryn Rees, 1911-1983]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

09 MAY 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 for services this May

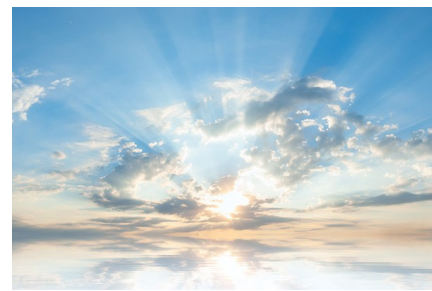
We will continue to provide on-line service sheets for those unable to safely attend church. We will be recording our Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday services live at Pershore Abbey to share with you on our social media pages.

Please see [Page 14](#) for full details of our Benefice in-person services in May

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

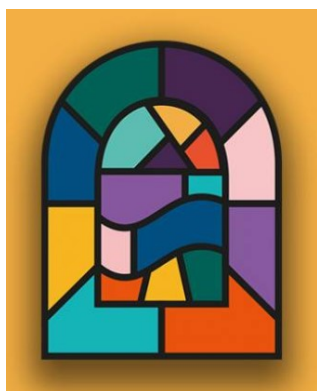
ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST SERVICE - PERSHORE ABBEY, 1900 THURSDAY 13 MAY : As

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 9](#).



LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (LLF) COURSE - WEEK COMMENCING 7 JUNE 2021: This summer, we will be offering the whole benefice the opportunity to join the Church of England's "Living in Love and Faith" course which helps us to think more deeply about what it means to be human. It explores questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church? Each of the five sessions will take place via Zoom and will explore one key topic through video input, discussion, Bible study, reflection and prayer. Listening to each other will be really important. So that we can really engage with the weekly topics well we will be limiting each group to five participants and one leader. There will a group available each week day and we ask participants to stay with the same group for each session.

If you'd like to join this course, and so that we can assign the right number of people to each group, can you please let me know by 2 June what your first and second group preferences are.



The groups will begin meeting on the following days and time, and will continue to meet for five weeks on the same days and times:

- 7 June Monday 1900
- 8 June Tuesday 1430
- 9 June Wednesday 1900
- 10 June Thursday 1430
- 11 June Friday 1015

I will let you know what group you will be in by 5 June.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the whole project, and please do get in touch if you want to have a chat about the course. Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk

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**. The service will be recorded live and then shared on our social media pages.

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.

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 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*

WHOLENESS & HEALING - SUNDAY 9 MAY 1700 by ZOOM: The May Wholeness and Healing service will once again be held by Zoom at 1700. If anyone would like a Zoom invitation please contact Angela Gerrard before 1800 on Friday 7 May.

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 or book via Eventbrite: [Everyday Faith at Work](#)

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*

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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 SESSIONS NOW FULLY BOOKED: The news of our Babies and Toddlers Group restarting has met with a huge response - we are now sadly full and unable to accept any more families under the current restrictions. We look forward to a day when we can welcome all of our young families and carers back into St Andrew's.



We still have 2 vacancies for helpers on the rota – 1 to be an assistant during the play sessions and 1 to help set up/clear away tables & chairs, larger play equipment before and after the sessions. Both are on the 3rd Friday of the month. For more details, please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or via office@pershoreabbey.org

BRASS CLEANING: If you feel inclined to wield a duster and help with making the brass in the Abbey sparkle I would be very grateful to hear from you. At the moment our team does it once a quarter, in pairs, but it would be great if we could have a few more in the team. Thank you in advance. Please contact Wendy Perks or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk



St Catherine's, Salzwedel

THIS WEEKEND - ANGLO-DEUTSCH ZOOM EVENT SATURDAY 8 MAY 1500 : Join us for our first ever Zoom twin parish celebration between Pershore Abbey and our link parish church 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 would like to come along, please contact Claire at vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk and we will send you the Zoom link.

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.



ECO CHURCH NEWS



The latest edition of Called to Action, small steps to save our planet, looks at Rogation and encourages no mowing in May! The Diocesan Climate Crisis Group says: *May is a time of sowing and growing and Rogation is when we ask for God's blessing on our fields planted with crops. Why not let some grassed areas at home or in the churchyard grow out in May and see what appears?* [Download the latest Called to Action.](#)

The next Pershore Abbey Eco Church meeting is due to take place via Zoom on Monday 24 May - email ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 - 16 MAY 2021: Join 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. Please contact the office if you'd like to deliver Christian Aid envelopes close to your home and be nominated as the letterbox for donation to be posted back through. Thank you. *Sarah Thomson*



BIG CHURCH READ: The 3rd **National Big Church Read** will start on the 24 May, focussing on *How to Pray* with Pete Greig. Find out more here: [Big Church Read](#)

AND FINALLY . . .

PERSHORE ABBEY "SHINES A LIGHT" ON NEUROFIBROMATOSIS: Pershore Abbey will light up on World Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day on 17 May 2021 in support of the Nerve Tumours UK "Shine a Light" campaign, in association with the US Children's Tumor Foundation.

The appeal aims to raise awareness of this devastating condition which affects 26,500 people in the UK.

Make sure their voice is not forgotten by helping to raise £26,500 - a £1 donation for each person that has Neurofibromatosis in the UK.

Support and donations can be made on the following link. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/shine-a-light-on-nf>



Sadly, we are not able to light up the Abbey in blue, but we will be making sure that we "Shine a Light" on Neurofibromatosis on Monday 17 May.

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 09 MAY 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ROGATION SUNDAY)

1030 Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

1700 W&H (*Zoom*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES FROM 12 APRIL:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 10 May

0915 Musical Explorers (*St A*)

pre-booked sessions only

1100 Funeral Service of the late

Jeanne Juliff (*Pershore Cemetery*)

1300 Private Recording (*Pershore Abbey*)

The Abbey will be closed until 1600

1900 Compline (*Zoom*)

Tuesday 11 May

0930 Foodbank Steering Group (*Zoom*)

1100 FOODBANK (*St A*)

1900 Pershore Abbey PCC (*Zoom*)

Wednesday 12 May

1300 V&W (*Zoom*)

Thursday 13 May

0930 Benefice Churchwarden's Meeting (*Zoom*)

1900 Ascension Day Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
Service to be recorded live and shared online

Friday 14 May

0930 Babies and Toddlers (*St A*)

*pre-booked places only - **fully booked***

1300 FOODBANK (*St A*)

Saturday 15 May

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Sunday 16 May - Easter 7

1030 Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

1030 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

1430 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)*

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