



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 16 May, 2021
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

A reading from the First Letter of John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the

testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 17: 6-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’

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

REFLECTION BY ANGELA GERRARD (Licenced Lay Minister)

Listening to or reading today’s extract from John’s Gospel we become witnesses to a very personal conversation between Jesus and his Father. Spoken as part of a final prayer before his betrayal and crucifixion but ultimately to his glory through resurrection, Jesus entreats God to protect his apostles as he sends them out into the world with his good news of salvation awaiting.

Yet his plea echoes through time to each of us today, to Christian believers globally and it is a call for unity. Throughout the Bible we can see how God delights when his people come together as one.

Today we face the biggest challenges – not only the global pandemic but the climate change emergency. There is extreme poverty in many countries of the world and those suffering right now must be supported to receive vaccination in pace with the western world and to adapt to their already changed climate, to avoid being pushed back even further. The only way we can confront these multiple challenges before us is through our united action. If Christians throughout the world unite as one voice we can have a more effective global presence and reach out to both halt the pandemic and reverse climate change.

This week has been Christian Aid Week, today is Christian Aid Sunday and hopefully many thousands of people, not necessarily churchgoers but those with a conscience for poverty of any kind or cause, will have made a donation to further their work globally. But more is needed - we need to add our voices by supporting CA campaigns in other ways such as signing online petitions, writing to our MP's, etc. Let no one be in any doubt that it is a global voice to prevent those already in poverty from being pushed back even further by unequal access to vaccinations or needing new ways of surviving climate change where they are, let alone providing them with clean water and sanitation. Equal access to better hygiene, medical care, employment and sustainable farming methods should be available worldwide, not just the western world and the wealthy.

Jesus may have been speaking to his Father about the first eleven followers he was sending into the world to deliver his good news, but those numbers have multiplied with every succeeding generation and he speaks for every one of us today. We are all in the world yet know we are dismissed as irrelevant at best or persecuted for our faith at worst, so our need for God's protection and sanctification is as important today as it ever was and is actually something we can be sure of. Surety in an uncertain world is precious and we need to both see and feel its reality to be emboldened to speak out against injustice in all its forms, especially the divide between rich and poor. Poverty in any form is not part of God's plan, so although individually we may not feel we can make a difference we are never alone in Christ and united we become one voice with the power to change a bleak prospect of the future into one that is filled with hope. Hope for both humankind and the world we inhabit – God's own wonder-filled creation. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 227

(Diademata)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

(Cont.)

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

[Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894]

HYMN 2

A&M 732

(My Jesus, my Saviour)

My Jesus, My Saviour,
Lord there is no one like you
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name!

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

[Darlene Zschech, b. 1965]

HYMN 3

A&M 769

(Gopsal)

Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

(Cont.)

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

[Charles Wesley, 1707-1788]

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

16 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.

We pray for those to be ordained this Petertide by Michael, Bishop of Lichfield.

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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

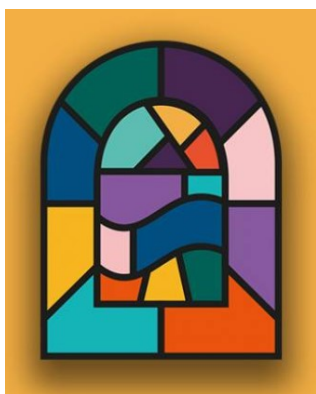
We will continue to provide on-line service sheets for those unable to safely attend church. We will be recording our Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday services live at Pershore Abbey to share with you on our social media pages.

Please see [Page 16](#) for full details of our Benefice in-person services in May

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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

DAILY PRAYER IN THE ABBEY APSE: Do you have half an hour or may be an hour to spare in the morning and half an hour in the evening? The saying of Morning and Evening Prayer offers a wonderful opportunity to start each day in prayer, and to end our day with another time of prayer. There is something very special about remembering that God is with us the whole day through and bringing, in love, the hopes and concerns, the challenges and joys, of ourselves, our community and the world before God each day.

The saying of Morning and Evening Prayer is not just for the clergy but for everyone. We begin our day at 0800 with half an hour of silent prayer, which is followed by Morning Prayer, which usually lasts for about half an hour. We hope to be able to resume the Daily Eucharist very soon. We then come back together at 1700 for Evening Prayer. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for any or all of these times of prayer. You don't have to come everyday, just come when you can or when you want. Praying together is such a powerful thing and such a privilege. Feel free to get in touch if you want to know more. The only specific instructions at the moment are that if you are thinking of joining one of these services please use the Wick door entrance into the Abbey, and in the morning please arrive at either 0800 or 0830 to help us with the seating. *Claire*

FINAL COMPLINE BY ZOOM THIS MONDAY!: Monday 17 May will be the last service of online Compline. It's been fantastic to have an online congregation sharing in worship and has been a time of real fellowship. We will now be joining the online Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer - see notice on [Page 10](#) Come and join us! *Claire*

IONA WORSHIP - WEDNESDAY MAY 26 AT 1930: **HUMAN RIGHTS** is the theme of the Iona service at 1930 on Wednesday 26 May. All are welcome to join in this thoughtful service inspired by the events of the last year. For the Zoom link please email Helen at: iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

FINAL CALL FOR FIRST WORKSHOP SESSION - 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](#)



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'?

NOVENA OF PRAYER: This year in the Pershore Benefice we are holding an online Zoom ***Novena of prayer*** from the Friday after Ascension to Pentecost Eve on 22nd May. A Novena is made up of a nine day period of prayer and meditation and are an ancient tradition that date back to the days of the Apostles. There will be daily prayer together at **1840** 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.

STEWARDSHIP

BOXED ENVELOPES: 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 only). Thank you. *Sarah Thomson*

CHURCH GIVING THROUGH GIVE.NET . Click on the logo or visit our website to donate. If you would prefer to set up a Standing Order, download the form [here](#).



OTHER NEWS

LIVE STREAMING IS COMING TO THE ABBEY!: The PCC is pleased to inform you that Archdeacon's permission has been granted for a permanent live streaming facility to be installed at the Abbey. This will enable us to share worship, services and other events as they happen across our social media platforms. We have become more aware during the past year of people who are not able to attend church in person, whether that's because of health, frailty or where they live. Live streaming is an important way in which we can connect with those people and with those perhaps exploring faith and church. We are hopeful that our live streaming will be up and running at some point in the summer. If you'd like to get involved with operating the equipment please let us know - full training from our provider will be available. *Claire*

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 vacancies for helpers on the rota, please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or via office@pershoreabbey.org for more details.

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. Please contact Wendy Perks or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ST ANDREW'S GRANT WORK STARTS: You will see some work has started at St Andrew's and there will be more happening in the near future. It was awarded just over £59,000 from the Culture Heritage Fund to help it reopen after the Pandemic. Robin Hancox is leading the work to spend the money, which we have to do by the end of June. You might already have noticed the new water butts near the garage and the gravel in the area by the main door. Other work includes a new emergency exit door from the main hall, new gutters, some new carpeting, repointing of the stonework next to the garden and improvements to the internet (this has also been funded for the Abbey). The money will also help us build up our reserves following the loss of income over the last year. We are so pleased to receive this money and look forward to the re-opening of our Centre.

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.



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 PERSORE 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.

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

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 . . .

FLYING THE FLAG AT PERSHORE ABBEY: Some of you may have noticed that whilst flying the Union flag at half mast back in April following the death of Prince Philip, the flag got so tightly tangled in the high winds that it left us with urgent repairs being needed to the pole.

On Wednesday 12 May Dawson's were able to carry out this work for us. Mercifully the dreadful storms subsided but it was still very windy on the Abbey roof so we give our sincere thanks that they have been able to carry out the work safely

Those eagle eyed amongst you will note our shiny new pole topper as well which will hopefully help to prevent this occurring again.

We managed to capture some of the work on film so put together this short film for our archives:

<https://youtu.be/-ycSymlQOBA>

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.



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.

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).



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 16 MAY 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

1030 Sunday Praise with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 17 May

**Pershore Abbey lit up in support of
World Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day**

0915 Musical Explorers (*St A*)
pre-booked places only

1840 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

1900 Compline (*Zoom*)

Tuesday 18 May

1100 FOODBANK (*St A*)

1530 V&W (*Zoom*)

1840 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Wednesday 19 May

All Day - St Andrew's Broadband Upgrade

0945 Burial of Ashes of the late Janet Redfern
(*St Mary's, Wick*)

1030 ADP Site Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

1840 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Thursday 20 May

All Day - St Andrew's Broadband Upgrade

1100 Burial of Ashes of the late Kenneth &
Jane Hastings (*St James', Birlingham*)

1400 Funeral Service of the late Barbara Byrd
(*Pershore Abbey*)*

1530 Lighting Project Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

1840 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Friday 21 May

0930 Babies and Toddlers (*St A*) - **fully booked**

1300 FOODBANK (*St A*)

1840 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Saturday 22 May

1840 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Sunday 23 May - Pentecost

1030 All Age Eucharist *with choir* (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

PERSHORE ABBEY ONLINE

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



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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk