



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with  
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick  
Sunday, 23 May, 2021  
PENTECOST**

**SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

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

This service will be recorded live at Pershore Abbey and made available to view and share across our digital platforms

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

**THE COLLECT**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite us with your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2: 1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!"

Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, "What does this mean?"

But others made fun of the believers, saying, "These people are drunk!"

Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about:

'This is what I will do in the last days, God says: I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. Yes, even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will proclaim my message. I will perform miracles in the sky above and wonders on the earth below. There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke; the sun will be darkened, and the moon will turn red as blood, before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes. And then, whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.'

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

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:22-27**

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

For we know that up to the present time all of creation groans with pain, like the pain of childbirth. But it is not just creation alone which groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves as we wait for God to make us his children and set our whole being free. For it was by hope that we were saved; but if we see what we hope for, then it is not really hope. For who of us hopes for something we see? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

In the same way the Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray; the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express. And God, who sees into our hearts, knows what the thought of the Spirit is; because the Spirit pleads with God on behalf of his people and in accordance with his will.

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

## **THE GOSPEL**

**John 15:26-27; 16.4b-15**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

"The Helper will come - the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and he will speak about me. And you, too, will speak about me, because you have been with me from the very beginning. But I have told you this, so that when the time comes for them to do these things, you will remember what I told you.

"I did not tell you these things at the beginning, for I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me where I am going. And now that I have told you, your hearts are full of sadness. But I am telling you the truth: it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove to the people of the world that they are wrong about sin and about what is right and about God's

judgment. They are wrong about sin, because they do not believe in me; they are wrong about what is right, because I am going to the Father and you will not see me any more; and they are wrong about judgment, because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

“I have much more to tell you, but now it would be too much for you to bear. When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears and will tell you of things to come. He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you. All that my Father has is mine; that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you.

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

### **REFLECTION BY REVD STEVE DUNTON**

Until he retired my dad worked for the National Grid, firstly when at a power station and then in the Grid Control Centre in Birmingham. One of my earliest memories as a young child was to be taken by dad to visit his power station, wearing a hard hat and looking up at these enormous cooling towers with amazement.

Today, our landscapes are covered in giant wind turbines, emerging like giant revolving arms, creating huge forces of energy. Today wind power generates nearly 15% of all of the UK's energy needs with a total of nearly 3000 onshore and offshore turbines, a real achievement for tackling our carbon footprint.

The Book of Acts describes the Holy Spirit as a violent wind. The Spirit fills the room that the disciples are waiting in, with tongues of fire resting upon their heads. The Spirit here is no gentle dove but a power and presence that shakes us and transforms everything in his path. Through our baptism and confirmation, we too are empowered by the Spirit to witness to Christ, serving as his agents in the world. God has equipped us with more than we could ever need. We have to remember to stay plugged into God's power, rather than trying to do his work in our own strength.

The Spirit that came at Pentecost is much more than merely an energy or power but a person, who uncovers and exposes sin and falsehood in our hearts and in the world. She does not expose our sins in order to condemn us, but rather, to take them to Jesus who will bring us his forgiveness and healing. The Spirit will use his church to do this, acting and speaking as kingdom people, proclaiming God's love, and crying out against injustice.

Today, let us celebrate this great feast, the birthday of the Church in order to seek a new personal Pentecost, bringing us closer to Jesus and to the Father, in order that we might know and serve him better.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN SHEET

### HYMN 1

**A&M 242**

***(Diademata)***

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
O let us not despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,  
the foolishness of God.
2. Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
The kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.
3. Spirit of truth, arise;  
inspire the prophet's voice:  
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.  
O Spirit, clear our sight,  
all prejudice remove,  
and help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.
4. Give us the tongues to speak,  
in every time and place,  
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
the word of love and grace.  
Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing
5. Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love!

[Michael Forster, b. 1946]

### HYMN 2

**A&M 235**

***(Repton)***

Be present, Spirit of the Lord,  
let sounds of earth be dumb;  
the Father's love be shed abroad,  
the dew of blessing on us poured:  
O silent Spirit, come!  
O silent Spirit, come!

*(Cont.)*

In power unseen upon us rest,  
your gracious gifts impart:  
a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,  
a life where Christ is manifest,  
an understanding heart,  
an understanding heart.

Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,  
our souls to Christ incline,  
intent to do the Father's will  
and stand by faith before him still  
in righteousness divine,  
in righteousness divine.

O Spirit come, and with us stay;  
make every heart your home.  
So work in us that we who pray  
may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:  
O Holy Spirit, come!  
O Holy Spirit, come!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith , b. 1926]

### **HYMN 3**

### **A&M 259**

***(Thainaky)***

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,  
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;  
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,  
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,  
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;  
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,  
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,  
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;  
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,  
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,  
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;  
she is the key opening the scriptures,  
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

[John L. Bell, b. 1949, Graham Maule, 1958-2019]

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light;  
he binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the dead were wakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light;  
his light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.

Damian Lundy, 1944-1996

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



# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

23 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](http://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 15](#) 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](mailto: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*

**NOVENA OF PRAYER:** Our *Novena of prayer* ends on Pentecost Eve on 22 May. It's been really well supported and has been a fabulous way to join in a great river of prayer of Christians not only here but all over the world and across many different denominations. We look forward to seeing you all again when we restart our regular Compline sessions in the Autumn.

**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](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk). The service sheet is available here: [Iona May 2021](#)

**EVERYDAY FAITH IN WORK WORKSHOP - ONLINE 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?



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

**ABBEY BOOKSTALL REOPENING!:** We are really pleased to announce that the bookstall is now re-open for business! All we ask is that customers sanitise before browsing. When unattended, payments can be made through the slot on the desk or via the contactless device by the noticeboards.

**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*

**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 grant and look forward to re-opening our Centre.

**ABBEY BOOKSTALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** So that we can offer a warm Abbey welcome we are in need of some new bookstall volunteers who can supplement the current team. If you think you might be interested in doing this rewarding role can you please contact Anita Boston ([anitaboston22@gmail.com](mailto:anitaboston22@gmail.com) or **07779712524**). Full training will be given so don't worry if you're not sure what you need to do. If there are any volunteers who have now retired from this role could they please let Anita have their bookstall keys. And a huge thank you to all volunteers, past, present and those yet to help! Anita Boston (Bookstall Volunteer Co-ordinator)

**ABBEY SIDESPEOPLE URGENTLY NEEDED!:** Our fantastic team of sidespeople have been working incredibly hard to ensure that everyone receives a warm and safe welcome when they come to any of our Abbey services. However, the team is quite small at the moment and everyone does need a Sunday or two when they are not on duty so they can simply come to church or keep other commitments on a Sunday. We desperately need more people who feel able to be a sidesperson as we continue to live with Covid guidance. Training and support will be provided to anyone who thinks they can help. So, if you would like to be part of a vital team and share the Abbey welcome please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you. *Claire* [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk)



# 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](http://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](mailto: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.





## 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! [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](mailto:ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for more information.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – SATURDAY 5 JUNE:** In the week before the G7 summit in Cornwall, Tearfund are promoting ‘Prayer in the Park’ as an opportunity for us to pray for decisions that create a better world for us all – especially the poorest communities across the world. Angela Gerrard will lead prayers outside the Abbey – our own church in the park – at 10.30. Everyone (including dogs) welcome.



**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 . . .

**BABIES AND TODDLERS SET TO GROW!** Following the easing of lockdown restrictions we are thrilled to announce that our Babies and Toddler’s groups will be able to accept more of our young families and carers back into St Andrew’s.



The new limit for each session will be approximately 25 which is great news for all of those on our ever-growing waiting list. Places are still limited though, so people will need to book in advance to secure their place. Contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or via [office@pershoreabbey.org](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org) for more details.

The response to the return of these popular and much-loved sessions has been quite overwhelming and has really brought home how important it is to connect with our younger members and the wider community, something we look forward to developing when our Mission Enabler joins us in September. Here’s what some of our regular mums have to say about the group:

*“My son and I love this group. It is clean and welcoming environment, with a relaxed atmosphere. There are lots of different toys, activities and equipment for the children to play with. I can meet other parents and the children can play together and build confidence.”*

*‘Being the mother of two little boys under three our little community toddler group is a lifeline for support and continuity in these strange times. It has been sorely missed and I cannot tell you the joy Sarah, Wendy and the team brings to our lives! Thrilled to be back!!’ (Laura)*

We still have vacancies for helpers on the rota, please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or via [office@pershoreabbey.org](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org) for more details.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 23 MAY 2021**

#### **PENTECOST**

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

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

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

#### **Monday 24 May**

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

1530 V&W *(Zoom)*

1930 Eco Church Meeting *(Zoom)*

#### **Tuesday 25 May**

1100 FOODBANK *(St A)*

1100 Funeral Service

of the late Edward Marshall *(Vale Crem)\**

1200 Private photo shoot *(Pershore Abbey)*

1900 Pinvin PCC *(Zoom)*

1900 Pershore Civic Soc. Exec. Meeting *(St A U)*

#### **Wednesday 26 May**

All Day - St Andrew's Broadband Upgrade

1130 Funeral Service

of the late Vivienne Ellis *(Worcs Crem)\**

1930 Iona Service *(Zoom)*

#### **Thursday 27 May**

All Day - St Andrew's Broadband Upgrade

#### **Friday 28 May**

0930 Babies and Toddlers *(St A)*

*pre-booked places only*

1300 FOODBANK *(St A)*

#### **Saturday 29 May**

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#### **Sunday 30 May - Trinity Sunday**

1030 Eucharist *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

### **PERSHORE ABBEY ONLINE**

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



Facebook: [#pershoreabbeycom](https://www.facebook.com/pershoreabbeycom) YouTube: [Pershore Abbey Community](https://www.youtube.com/PershoreAbbeyCommunity)

Website: [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)