



PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 06 June, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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

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

THE COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING

Genesis 3: 8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – ‘I believed, and so I spoke’ – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 3:20 –35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’ – for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

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

REFLECTION BY ANGELA GERRARD (Licensed Lay Minister)

Jesus challenged the scribes' thinking when they accused him of being a devil to cast out devils. Any kingdom or house cannot stand if it is divided against itself. It may seem obvious to us, but we have to remember the scribes, Pharisees and priests were feeling threatened by Jesus' new teachings – we can all resist change sometimes and we see the disastrous results of this across the world when regimes feel their authority is threatened.

Then later we heard how when Jesus' family were outside asking for him, he queried who were his family – anyone who did God's will was his sister, brother or mother. Harsh words? Or was he again challenging everyone to see the bigger picture? Humanity can only be stronger together, we have to strive for total unity if we are ever to achieve justice and peace throughout the world. In the 20th Century we saw two world wars and smaller wars are still raging now, many of them in the name of religions, whilst opposing their own teachings about the nature of God.

As we live through the Covid pandemic surely we can all see how necessary it is for all countries to have access to the vaccines, yet there are some countries who don't even have access to soap and clean water to fight the disease, let alone state of the art hospitals with sufficient ventilators to meet the need.

We host the G7 conference next week in Cornwall and the COP26 in Glasgow in November where the hope is that all countries can unite to cut global warming and pollution to save the planet God created for us to dwell in, wanting it to be a place in which we could thrive and grow, but we are in danger of suffocating it with what we saw as progress at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution but now can see was the beginning of all the damage we have done.

This coming week sees the start of our new Zoom house group 'Living in Love and Faith', which holds up the mirror to how we see diversity in our families of faith. Whether we are talking of race, colour, ethnicity, sexual or gender identity, if we are all made in the image of God and truly believe that, we have to accept diversity in our efforts to love each other and see everyone as our own brothers, sisters and mothers. Jesus epitomised love and compassion, he made a point of showing his love for the outcasts of society and the untouchables and it is his example we are called to follow. We have to be honest with ourselves about our preferences, remembering God knows all of our imperfections, yet he still loves us. Only our love for each other and our world will bring justice, peace, acceptance and equality, as God, through Jesus, promised to us in our next life with him in heaven.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 631

(Duke Street)

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

[John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1811-1875]

HYMN 2

A&M 624

(Highwood)

Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining,
piercing the doubt and darkness of our world,
walking in trust, we find the way inclining
to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.

Faith overcomes! The truth of God unfolding
Wisdom and Word, in cosmic time and space,
dwells in a single life for our beholding:
eternal glory in a human face.

Faith overcomes! In Jesus God is teaching,
healing, forgiving, loving to the end,
to all who know him not, his arms outreaching
from Calv'ry's cross, our Shepherd and our Friend.

(Cont.)

Faith overcomes! The Bread of God from heaven
gives life to all in laying down his own,
water and blood flow from his body riven,
we drink of him, and thirst for him alone.

Faith overcomes! The life of Christ abundant,
spent and exhausted in the hour of death,
bursts from the tomb in mystery triumphant,
makes us alive through his own Spirit's breath.

Faith overcomes! Christ's witnesses have spoken:
we have not seen, yet now we dare believe
in him is freedom, peace and joy unbroken,
a gift to share with all who will receive.

Faith overcomes! In Jesus' love abiding,
we yield ourselves to follow his commands,
willing to suffer for his name, confiding
our needs and hopes and fears into his hands.

[Christopher Jones, 1954-2012]

HYMN 3

A&M 828

(St Matthew)

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

(Cont.)

Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

[Cyril Argentine Alington, 1872-1955]

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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

06 JUNE 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

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 June

We will continue to provide on-line service sheets and hope to bring live-streaming to the Benefice soon. See [Page 10](#) for further details on this exciting development.

In the meantime, please see [Page 15](#) for full details of our Benefice in-person services this June

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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*

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 1030. Everyone (including dogs) welcome.



**WORLD
ENVIRONMENT
DAY**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Thank you for a truly amazing joint effort and involvement in trying out the modified House to House collection this year. 31 collectors delivered over 1000 envelopes and over **£3000** has been received so far, and that's before Gift Aid is added. It is not too late to donate (either to Abbey, Abbey Office or directly to Christian Aid if that's easier) *Sarah Thomson*

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?

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 or leave a message on **01386 552071**. Thank you. *Sarah Thomson*

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



PART-TIME PARISHES' SECRETARY

We need a capable self-starter to help in our busy office serving the Abbey, Birlingham, Pinvin and Wick churches.

Excellent interpersonal and IT skills are needed together with some experience of bookkeeping using a cloud based system such as Sage or Xero.

12 hours a week over three days of which Wednesday must be one. A mix of Office and home working is available.

For an information pack please phone **01386 552071** and leave your name, address and a phone number or email details to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 11 JUNE 2021

OTHER NEWS



ABBEY BOOKSTALL REOPENING!: We are really pleased to announce that the bookstall is now 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 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

ECO CHURCH NEWS

The latest edition of Called to Action is available to view on the Diocesan website and explores what it means to be an Eco Church. Read it here: [Called to Action June 2021](#)

WATER FOR WILDLIFE: Thanks to the garden volunteers, St Andrew's garden now has a watering hole for wildlife. An old planter has been dug into the ground and is being filled with stones and water, with an exit ramp to avoid casualties. Large or small, creating a pond is one of the best ways to attract wildlife such as slug eating toads, frogs and hedgehogs. Find out how to create your own here: [Create a mini pond](#)

GEE SEVEN: Why not listen to the toe-tapping new song created by Sir Tim Rice and Peter Hobbs for Sing2G7, an apolitical international engagement programme with a vision to enable children to raise their voices in song and be heard by world leaders. Listen here: [Gee Seven with the Truro Cathedral Choristers](#)

SAVE THE DATE! The Abbey Eco Church group are organising a litter pick for **3 July** starting at **1000**. More details will follow, but please put this date in your diary if you'd like to be involved.

AND FINALLY . . .

DO YOU REMEMBER SIR GEORGE DOWTY AND HIS FAMILY?: We have been contacted by Martin Robins who is writing a book about Sir George and the Dowty Group he developed near Cheltenham with branches across the world. He asks if anyone has knowledge or memories of Sir George or his family they get in touch. If you can help, please contact Gail at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk who will give you further details.

Sir George Dowty was born in Pershore in 1901 at Rembrandt House (now Persora) in the High Street - the son of William Dowty, a chemist in Pershore, and his wife Laura.

An inventive aeronautical engineer and industrialist, he set up a successful business near Cheltenham. In WWII aircraft were fitted with Dowty undercarriage hydraulic units and later the company made hydraulic motorcycle forks, pit props and more.

Sir George died in 1975, his ashes buried in Pershore Cemetery with his twin brother Edward, who tragically died in a car accident in 1945.



We were delighted to host a photo shoot at Pershore Abbey last week in connection with Martin's other interest - classic cars! It featured a classic vehicle from Dundee which was captured against the backdrop of the Abbey church and will be included in a calendar which references the Dowty Group. *Judy Dale*

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.

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 the installation of our 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 regular 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 JUNE 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 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 6 JUNE

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 13 JUNE

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 20 JUNE

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 27 JUNE

1030 Sunday Praise with choir

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Offices have resumed

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

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ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 13 JUNE

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 27 JUNE

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 6 JUNE

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20 JUNE

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 6 JUNE

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 20 JUNE

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 these services are subject to strict
controls on the number of people attending, and are therefore private events

SUNDAY 06 JUNE 2021

TRINITY 1

0800 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
1030 Eucharist *with choir* (*Pershore Abbey*)
1030 Morning Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)
1030 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 7 June

0915 Musical Explorers (*St A*)
pre-booked places only
1100 Burial of Ashes
of the late Karsalie Fraser (*A*)*

Tuesday 8 June

1100 FOODBANK (*St A*)
1430 SAEC (*St A*)
1730 FOPA Exec. Meeting (*Zoom*)

Wednesday 9 June

1000 Birlingham PCC (*Zoom*)
1100 Funeral Service
of the late Margaret Hollier (*Vale Crem*)*
1530 V&W (*Zoom*)

Thursday 10 June

ALL DAY - ALARM SERVICING (*A*)

Friday 11 June

0930 Babies and Toddlers (*St A*)
pre-booked places only
1100 Funeral Service
of the late Donald Cooper (*Worcs Crem*)*
1300 FOODBANK (*St A*)

Saturday 12 June

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Sunday 13 June - Trinity 2

1030 Eucharist *with choir* (*Pershore Abbey*)
1030 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
1230 Service of Holy Baptism
Penelope Cutts (*Pershore Abbey*)
1430 Service of Holy Baptism
Orlando-Cruz La-Croix (*Pershore Abbey*)

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