



PERSHORE BENEFICE

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 27 June, 2021
FOURTH 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 5](#)

THE COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23,24

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Because God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now

finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 5: 21 - end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum,’

which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION BY REVD STEVE DUNTON

Last Saturday I met up with an old work colleague who I hadn't seen for a while. On greeting me, she asked if we could have a hug. It felt wonderful to be able to do something that we have been either forbidden or strongly discouraged to do for nearly 16 months.

In today's gospel, Jesus accedes to the request of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue to visit his terminally sick daughter. Upon the way, he encounters the woman with the haemorrhage who had been ill for twelve years and had used up all of her resources on futile treatments. Her condition would have rendered her ritually impure and marginalised in her society, experiencing social distancing as a lived reality. The woman would have been utterly starved of touch, living on the outer fringes of her community. She crept up on Jesus from behind in order to unobtrusively touch his cloak, but Jesus did notice her touch and above all her immense faith.

In the fast-paced action that is Mark's gospel, Jesus continues to Jairus' house. He is openly derided and ridiculed by scoffers upon arrival. He reaches out and takes her by the hand and her life is restored. In both healings, the Lord, speaks and acts tenderly to both women. He refers to the woman with the haemorrhage as his 'daughter' and to the girl as "Little lamb or kid," showing that in the new order, we are all part of Jesus' family and should treat each other as family. In both of these accounts, both faith and touch are at the heart of the miracle.

This should not surprise us as Christianity is an incarnational faith, presenting a physical and embodied religion employing sacramental signs to reveal God's grace and presence to us; oil, water, bread, wine as well as the laying on of hands. This is why the pandemic has been hard for us as Christians, particularly when we could not gather for worship or celebrate the sacraments. A yearning for the sacramental reveals a deep need within us to receive, through physical signs, the touch of Christ, bestowing upon us God's love and offering each of us healing and a new life.

Like the woman, none of us ever go unnoticed by the Lord. Jesus longs to away our shame, leading us by the hand, so that we can stand in his presence as a precious members of his family, born from his torn and broken side upon the cross. He then wants us all to help find new members of his family, to bring them to his gentle, saving touch, drawing them in from the margins and restoring them to the fulness of life.

Notice how immediately after Jesus had awoken the girl from her 'sleep,' he tells her parents to get her something to eat. Jesus continues to care for our deepest needs by giving himself to us as food in bread and wine, food that fills our hearts and will sustain us for eternity. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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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.



HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 666

(Londonderry Air)

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
 should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
 to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
 when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
 and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
 as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
 the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
 and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
 for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
 how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
 of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
 and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
 when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
 when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
 when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
 and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

[William Young Fullerton, 1857-1932]

Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias,
we ask Him once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
Turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need;
'Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?

From those forever shackled
to what their wealth can buy,
the fear of lost advantage
provokes the bitter cry,
'Don't query our position!
Don't criticise our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited
by politics and stealth!'

To God who through the prophets
proclaimed a different age,
we offer earth's indifference,
it's agony and rage:
'When will the wronged be righted?
When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous
to all instead of some?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'

(Cont.)

Amused in someone's kitchen,
asleep in someone's boat
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools

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

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HYMN 3

A&M 719

(Shine, Jesus, Shine)

Lord the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

Lord I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:
shine on me, shine on me

[Graham Kendrick, b. 1950]

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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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 July

We will continue to provide on-line service sheets and will be bringing live-streaming to the Benefice soon. See [Page 11](#) for further details on this exciting development.

Please see [Page 17](#) for full details of our in-person Benefice services this July

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

NEW STAFF MEMBER JOINS OUR TEAM: We are delighted to welcome Elizabeth Barnett as our new Parishes' Secretary to work part time in our Benefice Office. She will work with Gail and will start on 21 June. Unfortunately our office is still closed to the general public but we will all be pleased to welcome her when we can, as she joins our team.

DAILY PRAYER IN THE ABBEY APSE: Do join us for this wonderful opportunity to begin and end each day in prayer. We begin our day at 0800 with half an hour of silent prayer, which is followed by Morning Prayer. We hope to be able to resume the Daily Eucharist very soon. We come back together at 1700 for Evening Prayer. Our morning and evening half-hour services are open to all and we very much look forward to welcoming you. 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*

PERSHORE AND EVESHAM DEANERY ADMISSIONS SERVICE: We welcome members of the Deanery to Pershore Abbey this week and give thanks for our churchwardens and the vital role they play. Please be aware the service is by invitation only.

IONA PRAYERS WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE AT 1930: The theme this month, is our 'Dreams, Hopes and Prayers' for our communities and God's world. Everyone is most welcome. The service will be both online and in-person. Please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link and up-to-date details of the in-person gathering for the service.

The service sheet is available to view and download here: [iona June 2021](https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f2144e1c592d/content/pages/documents/dreams-hopes-and-prayers-template.pdf). You will also need to have handy, a pen/pencils, and piece of paper to draw a circle on. Or you can print off this circle template: <https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f2144e1c592d/content/pages/documents/dreams-hopes-and-prayers-template.pdf>

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*

Leading Worship in Church

Lay ministry in the Persore and Evesham Deanery is thriving in many different ways. Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) further enables and affirms this. ALM Worship Leaders are one form of authorised lay ministry.

Do you know someone in your parish or benefice who you think might be called to serve as an ALM Worship Leader?

Might it be you who God is asking to take this step?

With encouragement from the Diocese, the Persore and Evesham Deanery is intending to offer the diocesan ALM Worship Leaders training course in our local area. We want to develop and encourage those who may be called to serve their communities and churches by this ministry.

The training consists of a one-year course. An outline of the modules and an introductory video to the diocesan 2020 course can be found here:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-church-role/alm/>

The intention of running the same course locally within our Deanery is to facilitate local support between those training, both through and beyond the duration of the course. It is also hoped that current ALM Worship Leaders will share in ongoing supportive relationships.

Once we know how many are interested, we will plan where the training will be provided, the dates, and for the core days in the programme whether it is preferable to team up with another deanery offering a similar course, to broaden the contexts of ministry.

Please consider if God is calling you to lead worship. Please think if you know someone in your benefice who might be called to serve in this way. Then, speak with Claire or Steve who will be pleased to help you discern a calling. They will also be able to support your next step. For the first course, please have this conversation **before 28th June 2021**.

Ordained ministry, licensed lay ministry, and authorised lay ministry all work together to support the shared witness and service of all who are called into Christ's fellowship.

Sarah

Revd Sarah Dangerfield
Area Dean of Persore and Evesham

3 June 2021

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](#).



OTHER NEWS

LIVE STREAMING: We are currently installing equipment in the Abbey to allow us to show our services and other events live over the Internet. We hope this will help people who can't join us in person to be able to be part of our community with a real sense of being there with us. This is an exciting development so please be patient as we complete the installation.

ABBEY LIBRARY: The Abbey Library, which can be found next to the bookstall, is now open after an absence of fifteen months. There is a wonderful selection of books that people are very welcome to borrow. We just ask that you sanitise before browsing and sign out any books you want to take away. When you return them can you please put them in a plastic bag, preferably with a date on them, and leave them on the side. Happy reading!



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.

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.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU A "TECHIE"? Can you drive a PC, use a Smart phone or operate a TV remote? Then you have the skills needed to help the small team who look after the sound system at Pershore Abbey and be in at the beginning of Live Streaming. Could you give us a couple of Sundays a month - even better if you are around during the week? Please do contact Claire, Steve or the Churchwardens, Bill and Suzanne, if you think you can help.
Robin Hancox

BRASS CLEANING VOLUNTEER MEETING FRIDAY 2 JULY AT 1500 There will be a meeting at my home for all who have volunteered to help clean the brass in the Abbey. There will be tea/coffee and cake as, hopefully, we will be outside or well spaced inside! It will be lovely to meet up again and anyone who is interested, please do join us. It is a small, very friendly group. Address details available through the office. *Wendy Perks*

BOOKSTALL VOLUNTEERS AND ABBEY WELCOMERS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 30 AT 1000 IN PERSHORE ABBEY: Volunteers, both old and new, are invited to attend this meeting, as I am sure that we all need a little refresher on our duties and the opportunity to ask questions. Printed rotas and calendars will be distributed, as well as keys for the new volunteers. We hope that you will all commence your duties from the start of July.

Claire will be there to welcome us and Judy Dale will give us a few pointers on Abbey history and answer any questions we may have. Sadly there will be no coffee and biscuits this time but we will have a proper coffee morning again just as soon as we are able. *Jean Andrews and Anita Boston*

ST ANDREW'S DIY SOS: St Andrew's needs the skills of a DIY decorator to help us get ready to fully reopen. Can you help please - our toilet corridor really needs freshening up. We'll supply the emulsion.

We are also looking for someone who has good DIY skills with Lime Plastering. A bit of a dying art, but we need a repair to an internal wall. If you can help, or know a good tradesman then please get in touch. If you think you can help with our DIY SOS please contact the office on 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

We are steadily working our way through the bigger jobs - you will have noticed the new guttering; we have the first stages of replacement lighting and next month will hopefully see the replacement of the main hall outside doors. *Robin Hancox*

ABBAY 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

ABBAY LINK NEEDS YOU! The Abbey Link Magazine needs more deliverers, especially on the new estates. This usually takes less than half an hour once every three months. The magazines would be delivered to you, for posting through letterboxes in a street near you. If you can help please contact Roger Piper on 01386 553110. *Roger Piper*

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU DO NEED TO BOOK YOUR ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS IN THE ABBEY AND ST ANDREW'S THROUGH THE OFFICE TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO CLASHES WITH OTHER EVENTS

ECO CHURCH NEWS

ABBEY LITTER PICK: The Abbey Eco Church group has organised a litter pick for 3 July starting at 1000. We shall meet at the West Doors of the Abbey. We do have ten sets of 'official' litter picking equipment, so it would be helpful if you could bring your own set of gloves, just in case we have more than ten people wanting to help. We shall be walking around the roads surrounding the park, which are the ones we have pledged to keep clean. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch and I look forward to seeing you on the 3rd. *Claire*

SAVE THE DATE

WATER MUSIC - THURSDAY 22 JULY: Water Music will be held in the garden of 55 Bridge Street again this year on Thursday 22 July from 1730 to 2000, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid and MSF. Music, boating, refreshments - tickets from Blue £7, or £8 on the day. Should restricted numbers due to an extension of COVID restrictions prevent entry, your ticket can be refunded by contacting Sarah Thomson *Sarah Thomson*

AND FINALLY . . .

POP THE KETTLE ON FOR THE NHS BIG TEA - MONDAY 5 JULY: We had very much hoped to host our own NHS Big Tea event, but sadly the extension to Covid restrictions has made it impossible for us to invite you to join us in this national outpouring of love, thanks, and generosity for the people who've gone above and beyond to care for us this year.



The NHS Big Tea is a national celebration of our amazing NHS staff – ordinary, yet extraordinary people who continue to go above and beyond for us and our loved ones, so we thought we would ask you to consider holding your own small gathering to mark the occasion

Monday 5 July has been chosen as the official date as it is the NHS's birthday, but you can choose any date that's best for you! You just need to bring whoever is in your tea-round together to raise spirits and raise some money. Your event could be on line or in person, with friends, family or colleagues.

If you aren't able to host a party, you can still get involved by joining the national tea break at 1500 on 5 July and tagging 5 friends on social media to do the same.

Please sign up by visiting <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/nhsbigtea/> and get the kettle on to say thank you to our NHS!



Facebook: [#pershoreabbeycom](#) YouTube: [Pershore Abbey Community](#)

Website: www.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

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 completion 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 JULY 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 4 JULY

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 11 JULY

Godparent's Sunday
1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 18 JULY

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 25 JULY

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*

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 11 JULY

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 25 JULY

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 4 JULY

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 18 JULY

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 4 JULY

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 18 JULY

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
controls on the number of people attending in order to maintain social distancing

SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021

TRINITY 4

1030 Sunday Praise *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

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

1230 Service of Holy Baptism for Oscar Connor *(Pershore Abbey)*

1430 Service of Holy Baptism for Lamara Lambert & Merryn Moore *(Pershore Abbey)*

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 28 June

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

1030 Funeral Service of the late Lilian Wright*
(Pershore Abbey)

1200 Kitchen Cleaning *(St Andrews)*

1430 Iona Meeting *(Pershore Abbey)*

Tuesday 29 June

Broadband Upgrade *(Pershore Abbey)*

1100 FOODBANK *(St A)*

1200 Funeral Service of the late Keith Appleyard*
(Pershore Cemetery)

1900 Pershore & Evesham Deanery Admissions
Service *(Pershore Abbey - Invitation Only)**

Wednesday 30 June

Broadband Upgrade *(Pershore Abbey)*

1000 Bookstall Volunteer Meeting *(Pershore Abbey)*

1530 V&W *(Zoom)*

1930 Iona Service *(Pershore Abbey & Zoom)*

Thursday 1 July

1200 Funeral of the late Tony Payne*
(Pershore Abbey)

1330 Abbey Finance Committee *(Zoom)*

Friday 2 July

0930 Babies and Toddlers *(St A) pre-booked only*

1300 FOODBANK *(St A)*

Saturday 3 July

1000 Eco Church Litter Pick *(Pershore Abbey)*

Sunday 4 July - Trinity 5

1030 Said Eucharist *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

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

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

1230 Service of Holy Baptism *(Pershore Abbey)*

1430 Service of Holy Baptism *(Pershore Abbey)*

All are welcome to join our baptism services

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