



PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 1 August, 2021

TRINITY 9

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

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4.1-16

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. **Amen.**

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

THE GOSPEL

John 6.24-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign

are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION BY REVD ALMA ORGAN

1st AUGUST - LAMMAS DAY - This comes from the Old English meaning ‘loaf mass. It was a celebration of the first ripe grain. It was blessed in church and then used in the communion service. This was to remind people that Jesus told his followers that ‘I am the bread of life’. The nourishment Jesus can give us will sustain us through all the difficulties that life has to throw at us. It is broken in the communion service and is distributed to the members of the congregation, to symbolise Jesus’ body, broken on the cross. Just as the wheat seed has to be buried in the ground before it can be transformed into grain, so Jesus was buried in a tomb to be transformed into the Resurrected Christ. This event gives us the assurance that when we die we will resurrected to be with him forever. The life that Jesus offers us is not just for this life but life eternal.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 766

(Praise My Soul)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

[Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)]

*Eat This bread, drink this cup,
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Christ is the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,
But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat his flesh and drink his blood,
And Christ will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread
Will live for ever.

If we believe and eat this bread,
We will have eternal life.

[Taize Community—based on John 6]]

Christ is the King O friends rejoice
Brothers and sisters with one voice
Let the world know He is your choice
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O magnify the Lord and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

(Cont.)

They with a faith for ever new
Followed the King and round Him drew
Thousands of faithful servants true
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O Christian women Christian men
All the world over seek again
The way disciples followed then
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Christ through all ages is the same
Place the same hope in His great name
With the same faith His word proclaim
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let love's unconquerable might
Your scattered companies unite
In service to the Lord of light
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

So shall God's will on earth be done
New lamps be lit new tasks begun
And the whole church at last be one
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

[George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883-1958)]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

1 AUGUST 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

CLERGY AND STAFF HOLIDAYS: As we enter into holiday season, if you require a Priest in an emergency, please telephone the office on 01386 552071 where you will be able to access all emergency contact numbers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT CRISIS:

We pray for NHS staff and all those providing care and support in our hospitals, care homes and communities.

We pray for all teachers, for children and for their families as they enter a new period of remote learning and the challenges it brings.

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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.

Please visit our [Life Events](#) page at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk for more information on weddings, baptisms and funerals during the pandemic.

We look forward to welcoming you back in to our churches for services this August

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

Please see [Page 15](#) for full details of our in-person Benefice services this August

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES & CAFÉ CHURCH : The diocese support parishes in helping to reach out to young families across parishes. Pershore Abbey is extremely fortunate in having been allocated a mission enabler who will work alongside us as, after the pandemic, we seek to find new ways of reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Sian Morgan will be worshipping and working alongside us at the Abbey from September with her three children. I'm sure that you will give her a big Pershore welcome.

As part of this we will be beginning a **Café Church** monthly in St. Andrew's on a Sunday at 0945. This is a way of reaching people who would like to explore faith in an informal and relaxed environment with breakfast thrown in. Café Church is a 'fresh expression' of Church and involves worship, music, activities, and a talk. Perhaps if you know people who may be interested who don't currently attend church, you could mention it to them. You will be hearing more from the Young Disciples team who are working with Rev Steve and Sian over the coming weeks.

HOLD THE DATE: ALPHA COURSE COMES TO PERSHORE: For more information on this exciting new course see [Page 9](#) for full details.

WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE SUNDAY 8 AUGUST AT 1700: The next W&H service will take place via Zoom as we continue to prepare for the re-introduction of our in-person services in September. If you would like the Zoom link for the service, please contact Angela directly or via the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk by Thursday 5 August 12 noon

WHOLENESS AND HEALING – We look forward to resuming our Healing Services in the Abbey on the second Sunday of each month at 5.00pm, beginning on 12th September, and to offering Healing Prayer during communion on the third Sunday each month. At this stage we are not offering the laying-on of hands, just a simple prayer, requiring only to know your name, or the name of the person you would like us to pray for.

Anyone who wishes to share more details with us will be invited to do this in one of the side chapels at the end of the evening service. We are delighted to be resuming this ministry, albeit in a slightly different format, in the Abbey, with the reassurance that we, the team, have continued to pray daily for everyone requesting healing prayers throughout the last year and a half.



Hold the date! Alpha comes to Pershore.

We are going to be running an in- person Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Centre from September - November, please see below for the course timetable.

This is an opportunity to engage with and learn more about our Christian faith in a safe and friendly environment and also a chance for us to bring friends, neighbours, and family members along to explore what Christianity is about without any pressure. The course uses video presentations, small group discussion and we are hoping to offer light refreshments. It's a great way to reconnect with each other and deepen our faith after the pandemic.

We do need to know numbers in order-to-order materials and spaces are limited. Please contact Rev Steve curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on the office answer machine with your name, number and how many people will be coming on 01383 552071.

More details will be released in due course, but in the meantime, please contact Rev Steve if you have any questions.

Alpha dates – Autumn 2021		
Date	Timing	Session title
9 th September	6.30- 8.30pm	Is there more to life than this?
16 th September	6.30pm- 9pm	Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die?
23 rd September	6.30- 8.30pm	How can I have faith?
30 th September	6.30- 8.30pm	How and why should I pray?
7 th October	6.30pm – 9pm	How and why should I read the Bible? How does God guide us?
9 th October	9.30am- 4pm	Retreat Day- The Holy Spirit
4 th November	6.30pm -8.30pm	How can I resist evil?
11 th November	6.30pm -8.30pm	Does God heal today?
18 th November	6.30pm -8.30pm	What about the Church?
25 th November	6.30- 8.30pm	How and why should I share my faith?

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS CONTINUED

WHOLENESS AND HEALING – Your help is needed. We would welcome any pianists who would like to play the hymns for our 2nd Sunday evening service, together with someone familiar with our new sound system to play appropriate music both before and during the service. We have relied heavily on just one or two people in the past and would love to be able to make up a small rota, so they are not so in demand. **ALSO** there are now only two of us able to offer healing prayer during communion on the 3rd Sunday and really need assistants for this. If you feel you could join us in accompanying our prayer and perhaps later laying-on hands, please contact Angela Gerrard.

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*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS HAVE NOW RESUMED: The Intercessory Prayer group has now resumed meeting in the Abbey on the 1st Thursday of every month at 1415. For further information contact the Abbey Office, or Pauline Greenwood.

STEWARDSHIP

ABBAY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: This will be happening on **September 26** and will provide us all with the opportunity to reflect and pray about how we respond to God's generous love for us all with our resources, gifts, talents and money. We are looking forward to welcoming the new Diocesan Stewardship and Resources Officer, Chris Boden, who will be joining us for the day. I am gathering a small group who will work with Chris to plan what we do on this important Sunday. If you are interested in any aspect of Christian stewardship and want to be part of this planning group please get in touch with me as soon as you can. Many thanks, *Claire*

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



OTHER NEWS

LIVE STREAMING: We have now completed 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 test the system over the coming weeks.

OTHER NEWS CONTINUED

RAY GREEN 'Sister Green' : Rays family are holding a celebration of life for this well loved lady, at 2pm on Thursday 26 August, at Pershore Abbey. Any Friends, colleagues, Parishioner's, Abbey Women's Fellowship and Royal British Legion members are all welcome. Please wear bright colours, no black.

IMPORTANT FOODBANK NEWS—During the pandemic the Foodbank received generous monetary donations from individuals and corporate bodies. We could not have helped our clients without such generosity, especially as lockdowns made the giving of food donations more difficult. The number of clients seeking help remains very high and we are continuing to support them by buying in food. Last week the food bill was £1200. So the money given is being used up very rapidly. This, of course, is what it is for but this situation cannot continue for long. So, please donate non-perishable goods (tins, packets etc) as soon as possible to enable us to continue supporting people in crisis. There is a box at the back of church – *Judy Dale*

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
- Tinned Veg
- Fruit
- Tinned hot meats



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.

**citizens
advice**

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 Pershore Town Council [here](#)

OTHER NEWS CONTINUED

RICHARD & JUDY ETHERIDGE : Would like to say thankyou to our friends at the Abbey and in Pershore Mother's Union for their messages of congratulation, cards and gifts on the celebration of our diamond wedding. We will remember everyone's love and kindness for a long time. Thank you very much. *Judy Etheridge*

WATER MUSIC: Thank you to all who wonderfully supported the party on Thursday and especially for the encouragement and generous donation from those who couldn't attend. £1,400 has been split between Christian Aid and MSF, but further donations are gratefully accepted. *Sarah Thompson*

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

ABBEY BOOKSTALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY COVER: If you have a few spare hours to give on a Saturday why not consider joining the Bookstall and Welcomer team? It's a great day to be in the Abbey as we get plenty of visitors - we need to ensure they all receive a wonderful Abbey welcome! If you are interested, please contact Anita Boston via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

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? Contact Claire, Steve or the Churchwardens, Bill and Suzanne, if you can help. *Robin Hancox*

HOW ARE YOUR (TECHNICAL) DRAWING SKILLS? Could you prepare a drawing that can be sent to a furniture manufacture? We need to add a table top compartment to our new Sound/Live Streaming Desk. If you think you can help, contact Robin via the [office](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

ST ANDREW'S DIY SOS: St Andrew's is still looking for the man or woman who can wield a paint brush—nothing complicated, standard emulsion and gloss—to help us get ready for the autumn. Could thank be you? Contact the office on 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk *Robin Hancox*

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*

ABBEY 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. *Roger Piper*

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

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

SUSTAINABLE FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP :

Chelsea flower show have banned using floral foam (Oasis) this year. Would you be interested in a workshop on using different methods of flower arranging, and how to make best use of locally grown flowers?

Kate Hurst of [Camomile Cornflowers](#) can run a workshop at churches, inside or out, or in her garden. A time could be arranged to suit in late September or early October. To find out more, please contact Helen Oldham via The Abbey offices at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk



WILDFLOWER & GARDEN SEEDS/PLANTS - If you have grown wildflowers in your garden, now is a good time for gathering some to keep for next year or share with someone. If there is enough interest, we could have a seed and plant share. Please let me know what you think. Helen Oldham

AND FINALLY . . .

LIVING CHURCHYARD: As you walk around the churchyard of St James' in Birlingham, you will notice that in some areas the grass has been left to grow longer. This is done for the benefit of the local wildlife as part of the Worcestershire Living Churchyard scheme. If managed sensitively, a churchyard can provide a home to a variety of wildlife, including many species that are declining in the wider countryside. The Living Churchyard scheme aims to encourage wildlife to flourish in these quiet tranquil places. With your help, birds, butterflies, insects and wildflowers can all thrive here. For further information on Worcestershire's Living Churchyards scheme call Worcester County Council's countryside service on 01905 844 946.



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

Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

WORSHIP DURING COVID-19 AND KEEPING IN TOUCH

PERSHORE ABBEY COMMUNITY ONLINE - UPDATE

Following on from freedom day on 19 July, we will 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 AUGUST 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.

We ask that those attending public services, continue to wear masks when entering, leaving and moving about our churches. Once seated masks can be removed at your discretion.

You may now join in with our hymns, but we do ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

1030 Sunday Praise with choir
1700 IONA Service

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

1030 Eucharist with choir

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

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

1030 Holy Communion

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PERSONAL PRAYER & VISITING THE ABBEY

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 STILL REQUIRED 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 continue to display 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.



ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick,
(St A) St Andrew's, (V) New Vicarage, (CTIP) Churches Together in Pershore

Rev Claire's usual day off is Friday and Rev Steve's is Saturday. They will not be available for commitments on those days but will get back to you as soon as they can.

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2021

TRINITY 9

08:00 BCP Eucharist

10:30 Said Eucharist (A)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*) - Evelyn Dine

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 2 August

14:00 Pershore U3A History Group (St A)

Tuesday 3 August

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A*)

19:00 Pershore Civic Soc. Exec. Meeting (St A U)

Wednesday 4 August

15:45 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting (*Zoom*)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal Rachel and Rupert (*St Mary's, Wick*)

Thursday 5 August

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 6 August

09:30 Flower Prep for Wedding on 7 August
(*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrews*)

14:00 Wedding of Rupert Earl & Rachel Marr
(*St Mary's, Wick*)

19:00 Wedding Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 7 August

13:00 Wedding of Alex Prosser with Jess Lomath
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 8 August - Trinity 10

10:30 Said Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Wholeness and Healing Service (*Zoom*)

**Please be aware that these services are subject to controls on the number of people attending in order to maintain social distancing*

All are welcome to join our baptism services

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