



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

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

**Sunday, 4 July, 2021**

**FIFTH 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 2:1-5**

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not

boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

### **THE GOSPEL**

### **Mark 6:1-13**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **REFLECTION BY REVD STEVE DUNTON**

I was once mentioned in an article in the national press because I was one of nine of former pupils who had begun working as teachers in their old school. The journalist and article wanted to explore whether this had been difficult for us in any way. I remember the first time that I went into the 'holy of holies', the staffroom and seeing my old teachers sat there, staring at their former pupil now joining their ranks. I wonder what they must have thought?

Most welcomed me and I was soon on first name terms with them but one or two always maintained their reserve around me. I was a young teacher, so some of my pupils were younger siblings of people I had gone to school with, so knew me warts and all. By the time I left teaching for the priesthood, I was teaching the children of people I had gone to school with.

Jesus is invited to preach in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. Mark tells us that the congregation were astounded at his teaching, wisdom, and deeds of power. Instead of being receptive and proud of the local boy 'done good,' instead we are told that they sniped about him, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary? In other words, 'who does he think he is coming here, he's just the local craftsman and we know all about him and his family?'

The Gospel says that the townsfolk 'took offence at him;' him being the local boy, a stumbling block that they were unable to overcome. Sometimes we can be the same. How many of us visit places on holiday but ignore the nice places on our own doorsteps? It is easy for us to dismiss the people that we meet every-day in our ordinary lives, forgetting that God can speak prophetically through them.

God wants us to be agents of his kingdom within the communities in which we live and move. This may be a daunting task. We may feel more comfortable talking of faith with strangers, rather than to those nearest to us. We are afraid that perhaps they know the 'real us,' perhaps too well and therefore be unreceptive to our words.

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the twelve on a mission and he wants to sends us out too. He sends the disciples out, seemingly unequipped, instructing them to leave their own resources behind, save for a staff and a pair of sandals. This is to teach them to rely not upon themselves but on God alone.

Likewise, God has equipped us with his authority to speak and act in his name, we merely need to have the courage to try. God's grace will supply the rest. The Holy Spirit often nudges us to speak to someone about faith. Next time, instead of ignoring the nudging, perhaps offer to pray for them or to invite them along to the Abbey. In doing so, we need to trust that we aren't acting alone but that God will speak and act through us.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through 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 595**

***(Slane)***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart:  
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

[Translator: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880—1931)]

[Versifier: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860—1935)]

### HYMN 2

**A&M 104**

***(St Edmund)***

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in man made manifest.

*(Cont.)*

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
    prophet, priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding-guest  
    in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
    changing water into wine:  
anthems be to thee address,  
    God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
    palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
    quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
    ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee address,  
    God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
    stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
    all will see his glorious sign;  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
    all will see the judge appear:  
thou by all wilt be confest,  
    God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
    mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
    and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
    at thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
    God in man made manifest.

[Christopher Wadsworth (1807—1885)]

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross! Let not its weight  
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:  
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave;  
'twill guide thee to a better home,  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only he who bears the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the one in three,  
all praise for evermore ascend:  
O grant us in our home to see  
the heavenly life that knows no end.

[Charles William Everest (1814—1877)]

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 4 JULY 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 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

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Please visit our [Life Events](#) page at [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk) for more information on weddings and funerals during the crisis.

You can also find additional resources and information to help those suffering from bereavement and loss



## PERSHORE BENEFICE NOW OPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

**We look forward to welcoming you back in to our churches for services this 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 15](#) 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*

**IONA PRAYERS NOW EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY AT 1700:** Our Iona Service is changing day and time to 1700 on the 4th Sunday in the month. The next service will be at 1700 on Sunday 25 July in the Abbey. Everyone is very welcome. Watch this space for further details.

**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

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



## Leading Worship in Church

Lay ministry in the Pershore 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 Pershore 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 Monday 5th July**.

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 Pershore and Evesham

3 June 2021

## OTHER NEWS

**RINGING THE ABBEY BELLS FOR THE NHS:** The NHS was founded on July 5 1948. To celebrate this, and also mark the work done in Social Care and by Frontline Workers, a day of events has been arranged for 5 July 2021, led by Bruno Peek with pledges of support from multiple organisations. Visit <https://www.nhsfrontlineday.org/> for more details or view the programme of events here: [Programme](#)

At 20:00 there will be 'Clapping Our Heroes & The Ringing of Church Bells' in celebration and support and here at Pershore Abbey we will be joining in by ringing the Abbey bells from 2000 to make our mark on the day's events.

**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.

**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!

**GRANT WORK AT ST ANDREW'S CONTINUES:** With the guttering and water butts now complete and broadband available in the building contractors return in July to replace the emergency exit door and the back door. Starting inside will be the installation of new light fittings both in the main hall and the upper room.

Permission is being sought to extend the deadline from June to December due to the difficulties in appointing specialist stonemasons. The Culture Heritage Fund is making a lot of difference to buildings like St Andrew's as we prepare to re-open - we await July 19 with interest.

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

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

**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*

## **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.

**citizens  
advice**

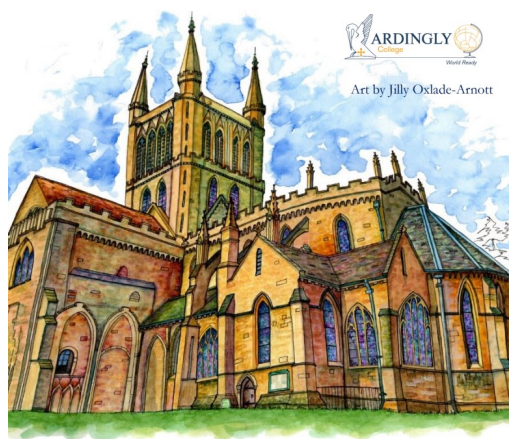
This service is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1000 -1300.

The Worcestershire Adviceline is also available Monday to Friday between 1000 - 1600: ring 03444111303 or email [enquiries.wychavon@citizensadvice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.wychavon@citizensadvice.org.uk)

**Get all of the latest Covid-19 information from Persore Town Council [here](#)**

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN PERSHORE ABBEY AND ST ANDREW'S

Please remember that you do need to book your meetings and activities in the Abbey and St Andrew's through the office to ensure there are no clashes, particularly as we continue to move forward out of lockdown and our diary becomes fuller.



Ardingly College  
Chamber Music Recital

### MUSIC RECITAL - THURSDAY 8 JULY 1230

We are thrilled to welcome Ardingly College to Pershore Abbey for a Chamber Music Recital.

The concert will be held in accordance with current Covid guidelines.

Ardingly would very much appreciate a small audience as they have worked hard to make this tour happen amid changing guidance.

**Admission to the recital is free.**

### 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 . . .

**NATIONAL THANK YOU DAY - SUNDAY 4 JULY 2021:** Over 16 million Brits are planning to take part in the country's first ever National Thank You Day on Sunday 4 July. There isn't a strict plan for the day (the idea is to say thank you however you want!) but people are already organising lots of activities which we can all join in with and support.



The idea of Thank You Day came from a grassroots campaign to hold the country's biggest ever thank you party in our local communities as a way of thanking each other and of building on the community spirit that so many felt during lockdown.

Find out more [here](#) and take some time to say your own Thank You this Sunday.



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

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



## 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](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

A copy is also uploaded to the website every Friday

**PASTORAL SUPPORT:** The Ministry Team and Abbey Pastoral Group are doing their best to keep in touch with everyone. This is mostly by telephone or email. If you have yet to hear from anyone or have a particular need please contact Claire ([vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk)/tel:552071) or Angela Gerrard.

# PERSHORE BENEFICE

## INFORMATION ON PUBLIC WORSHIP 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**

**Godparents' Sunday**  
1030 Eucharist with choir

##### **SUNDAY 18 JULY**

1030 Eucharist with choir

##### **SUNDAY 25 JULY**

1030 Sunday Praise with choir  
1700 Iona Service

**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 4 JULY 2021**

#### **TRINITY 5**

0800 BCP Eucharist *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

1030 Said Eucharist *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

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

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

1230 Service of Holy Baptism for Harrison Buzzard-Kibble *(Pershore Abbey)*

1430 Service of Holy Baptism for Millie Rouse *(Pershore Abbey)*

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

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

#### **Monday 5 July**

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

1015 W&H Planning Meeting *(Pershore Abbey)*

1900 CYD Planning Meeting *(St Andrew's)*

2000 National Bell Ringing for NHS *(Pershore Abbey)*

#### **Tuesday 6 July**

1100 FOODBANK *(St A)*

#### **Wednesday 7 July**

1400 Graveside Funeral of the late Wendy Giles  
*(St Nicholas', Pinvin)*

1530 V&W *(Zoom)*

#### **Thursday 8 July**

All Day Window Blind Fitting *(St Andrew's)*

1230 Ardingly College Recital *(Pershore Abbey)*  
*with use of St Andrew's for performers only*

#### **Friday 9 July**

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

1300 FOODBANK *(St A)*

#### **Saturday 10 July**

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#### **Sunday 11 July - Trinity 6**

1030 Said Eucharist *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

1030 Morning Praise *(St Mary's, Wick)*

1700 W&H Service *(Zoom)*

***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



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