



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with  
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick  
Sunday, 11 July, 2021**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, GODPARENTS' SUNDAY**

## **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**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

**Amos 7.7-15**

A reading from the Book of Amos

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

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

## **SECOND READING**

### **Ephesians 1.3-14**

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

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

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **Mark 6.14-29**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of

John the Baptist.’ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, ‘I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.’ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **REFLECTION BY REVD CLAIRE LORDING**

If you mention famous godparents, who comes to mind? Perhaps the slightly scary patriarch Vito Corleone from The Godfather film series, or the wonderfully benevolent fairy godmother of Cinderella fame. These are epic characters who are larger than life and certainly have an impact of those around them.

Today is Godparents’ Sunday, not a day to remember the godparent figures of film and fiction, but an opportunity to think about those who step up to be godparents. It’s the chance to think about those who have been our godparents, those who are still with us and those who have died, but whose influence and love is still felt by us. It’s also the chance to think about our godchildren and the commitment we have made to them for the whole of their lives.

We are so blessed in our benefice that we have many baptisms, and this year has been no exception. There are many parents wanting their children to be welcomed into the family of the Church, wanting to somehow say thank you for the safe arrival of their child and wanting to publicly acknowledge the role of particular friends in their child’s life as godparents. This is a huge event in the life of a child and their family and we really should give thanks that we are invited to be part of it.

At every baptism service we are reminded that godparents stand up and make special promises, which affect not only the life of their godchild, but also themselves. Godparents promise to pray for their godchild and to help them to follow Christ. This doesn’t mean that they can’t take their godchild out and have amazing fun, but it does mean that Christ is invited to be at the heart of this very special relationship. Being able to share something of the love that God in Jesus Christ has for each and everyone of us is the most enormous privilege. What better thing can there be of telling a child that they are loved beyond measure and that they are special in the eyes of God.

We remember at baptism services, and on this special day, that being asked to be a godparent is a huge responsibility, and that every godparent needs the love and support of the Christian community, so that they can be the very best sort of godparent possible. It can be challenging being a godparent as it can be an experience filled with more

questions than answers. Physical distance and questions about faith can make it difficult for godparents and godchildren alike, but we know that the effort to keep connected will be worth it. To see a young person flourish in their exploration of faith is incredible. To be able to pray for a godchild is to always keep them close, wherever they are.

Being a godparent is not always straightforward and today's gospel reminds us of the challenges there are of walking a path of faith. John the Baptist, passionate in his faith and his proclamation of Jesus and God's Kingdom, often found himself in tricky situations. His beheading becomes an illustration of the level of threat and discomfort he made people feel and the costly nature of counter cultural faith. Walking a path of faith and encouraging others to do the same is never without risk, you never know how people might respond. Hopefully, being a godparent today would never put godparents at the same level of risk that John the Baptist experienced, but it can be difficult to be bold about faith, prayer and following in the path of Jesus. That's why we have this special day when we can intentionally pray for all godparents and godchildren, that they may encouraged and strengthened in their faith and that our communities of faith may grow and flourish. Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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 780i**

***(St Ethelwald)***

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies,  
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,  
and in his mighty power:  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.

To keep your armour bright  
attend with constant care,  
still walking in your Captain's sight,  
and watching unto prayer.

From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day;

That, having all things done,  
and all your conflicts past,  
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,  
and stand entire at last.

[Charles Wesley (1707—1788)]  
Based on Ephesians 6.10-18

### **HYMN 2**

**A&M 604**

***(Servant Song)***

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

*(Cont.)*

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you,  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony;  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

[Richard A. M. Gillard (b.1953)]

**HYMN 3**

**A&M 510**

***(Kelvingrove)***

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

*(Cont.)*

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 11 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 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.

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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



## 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

**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 10](#) for full details.

**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*

**WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE SUNDAY 11 JULY at 1700 via ZOOM:** Please join us for this month's Wholeness & Healing Service. If you would like the Zoom link, please contact Angela Gerrard as soon as possible. The service sheet can be viewed here: [W&H July 2021](#)

**IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 25th JULY at 1700, PERSHORE ABBEY:** Our next service at Pershore Abbey will be in person, as well as via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to July's service on the theme of trust, and times when trust made all the difference. With readings, prayers, music, time to reflect and humour. Email Helen on [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) if you would like a Zoom link for the service. Gathered and scattered, God is with us.



## 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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30- 8.30pm	Is there more to life than this?
16 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30pm- 9pm	Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die?
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	6.30- 8.30pm	How can I have faith?
30 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30- 8.30pm	How and why should I pray?
7 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30pm – 9pm	How and why should I read the Bible? How does God guide us?
9 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am- 4pm	Retreat Day- The Holy Spirit
4 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm -8.30pm	How can I resist evil?
11 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm -8.30pm	Does God heal today?
18 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm -8.30pm	What about the Church?
25 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30- 8.30pm	How and why should I share my faith?

**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**

**ABBEY 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*

**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](#).



## **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.

**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*

## **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 Pershore Town  
Council [here](#)**

## **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES CONT.**

**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*



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATIONS:** Judy & Dick Etheridge celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 8 July. Sadly, they are unable to celebrate with tea and cake in the Abbey after the Sunday service, but we all join in sending our congratulations.

### **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 . . .**

**PERSHORE ABBEY LITTER PICK:** The rain didn't stop our enthusiastic gang of Abbey Litter pickers on Saturday 3 July! As an Eco Church we have adopted the roads around the Abbey Park as part of the Wychavon Adopt a Street scheme and are committed to doing a litter pick at least three times a year. Our next litter pick will be in the autumn, so watch this space for more details and get your gloves at the ready!



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

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



## 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 11 JULY 2021**

#### **TRINITY 6 / GODPARENTS' SUNDAY**

1030 Said Eucharist *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

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

1700 W&H Service *(Zoom)*

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

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

#### **Monday 12 July**

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

1330 School Visit *(Pershore Abbey)*

1400 W&H Planning Meeting *(Pershore Abbey)*

#### **Tuesday 13 July**

AM Installation of Lectern Rails *(Pershore Abbey)*

1100 FOODBANK *(St A)*

1700 Pershore Abbey PCC *(Zoom)*

#### **Wednesday 14 July**

All Day Live Stream Troubleshooting *(Pershore Abbey)*

1530 V&W *(Zoom)*

1745 Wedding Rehearsal *(Pershore Abbey)*

#### **Thursday 15 July**

0930 Benefice Treasurers Meeting *(Zoom)*

#### **Friday 16 July**

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

1300 FOODBANK *(St A)*

#### **Saturday 17 July**

Evesham Abbey Trust Pilgrimage Walk *(Pershore Abbey)*

1000 St Andrew's Trustees Meeting *(Zoom)*

1100 ABF Concert Meeting *(Pershore Abbey)*

1530 Burial of Ashes of the late Ann Jonas  
*(Pershore Abbey)*

#### **Sunday 18 July - Trinity 7**

1030 Said Eucharist *with choir (Pershore Abbey)*

1030 Sunday Praise *(St Nicholas', Pinvin)*

1030 Holy Communion *(St James', Birlingham)*

1230 Baptism Party set up *(St Andrew's)*

1230 Service of Holy Baptism *(Pershore Abbey)*

1430 Service of Holy Baptism *(Pershore Abbey)*

1430 Baptism Party *(St Andrew's)*

***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](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)