



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

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

**Sunday, 18 July, 2021**

**SEVENTH 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**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**

**Jeremiah 23.1-6**

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

## **SECOND READING**

### **Ephesians 2.11-22**

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’ – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **Mark 6.30-34, 53-56**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **REFLECTION BY PETER STANSBIE (Abbey Reader)**

I wonder if you have ever felt out of place somewhere or with some people. Perhaps feeling that you don't belong, that you, or they are 'different'. I can remember feeling like that sometimes, particularly when I was younger. Especially, perhaps, in new situations, new settings.

Usually the feeling passed as I got used to things, but not always.

Now, I am an ordinary sort of person, white, Anglo-Saxon, very British. So it is hard for me to put myself into the shoes of those who are 'different' in any sense. But we have seen in the past week the worst side of how people who are seen as different can be treated. Three brave young men tried to simply score penalties in a game of football but didn't. Nothing unusual in that if you follow the England football team for any time.

They just happened to be men of colour. So they were subjected to awful abuse. In our green and pleasant land, how can this happen? It seems that there are still people out there who somehow think they are superior, better, selected as exclusive in some way.

Sadly there have always been those who feel they are somehow special in the sight of 'their' God. And those who are different to them, in any way, are to be excluded, vilified, hurt, and even destroyed.

Our Gospel today so strongly gives the lie to this. People who wanted his help surround Jesus. And we are told ALL who touched even the fringe of His coat were healed. All, not some, were healed. Not just my tribe, my sect, my nationality, my colour, my sex, my intellect – everyone.

God does not choose who he loves on the basis of strength, power, influence, creed, colour, sexual preference or any other human trait. We are told that we are all made in the image of God. So whatever our image, whatever our choice, whatever our 'being' that must be the image of God. That surely makes us inclusive of everyone, not just those who are like us, like me.

God demands gentleness, kindness, inclusiveness and above all, love, for all.

Of course, that is the challenge for all of us in our lives, in our church, in our faith, in everything we do. I know how hard we work here in the Abbey to be welcoming and inclusive. But as a church we are always called to do more. And the whole church is called to do more.

Some of us have been studying the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) course, which seeks to explore how the Church of England can put the challenge of God to love all into practice. It is a challenging course, it has been for me, but it is a real attempt to find out how we can live with difference, embrace it, and how we need to change our church to be more like what God demands of us. Those of us who have been involved hope and pray that we can lovingly influence the change that is needed.

We are hoping to run more LLF courses in the Autumn, I do encourage you to join in if you can. God's Kingdom here on earth would surely not just recognise the wonderful differences of we humans, but encourage it. That is surely the challenge to us all.

So as we move out of lockdown, carefully and safely, we will meet new people, new challenges, but God wants us to welcome all, however they come to us, whether they simply touch our fringe or fully join this wonderful family of God. As Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians let us welcome all as 'no longer strangers and aliens - but members of the household of God'

God loves us all no matter who or what we are. We are in God's image, all of us, one humanity under one God, who is love.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 488**

*(Lux Eoi)*

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds;  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness,  
into his most marvellous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
let your light so shine around you  
that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
but the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priest, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service –  
sing his praise, his love declare.

[James Seddon (1915-1983)]

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

[Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)]

**HYMN 3****A&M 818*****(To God Be The Glory)***

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

*(Cont.)*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

[Fanny Crosby, (Frances Jane Van Alstyne) (1820-1915)]

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

18 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.

### **INFORMATION FOR THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE CYRIL BAINES**

The funeral of Cyril Baines will take place at the Abbey next week. Whilst we can accommodate up to 80 people, please would you let the family know if you would like to attend. *Thank you.*

Please visit our [Life Events](#) page at [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://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 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*

**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.

**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.



## 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?

## 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*

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## 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

**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 Jean Andrews via [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto: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*

**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 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 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)

## **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 . . .**

**NEW LECTERN RAIL FOR PERSHORE ABBEY:** The Abbey is delighted to share that the new lectern rail has been installed.



A huge thanks to Dominic Harbour who designed this beautiful piece of furniture, and Nic who made it.

It replaces the agricultural metal piping that was very good at keeping people steady as they read but didn't look very good!

*Claire*



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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.

Current 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 18 JULY 2021**

#### **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 with party from 1430 (St Andrew's)  
1230 Service of Holy Baptism (Pershore Abbey)  
1430 Service of Holy Baptism (Pershore Abbey)

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

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

#### **Monday 19 July**

1000 Funeral Service for the  
late Jen Mason (*Vale Crem*)  
1400 Funeral Service for the  
late Doreen Guerrera (*Cemetery Chapel*)\*  
1900 Wick PCC

#### **Tuesday 20 July**

1100 FOODBANK (St A)  
1330 SAEC (St A)  
1530 Burial of Ashes of the  
late Robert Hutchison (Pershore Abbey)  
1930 Deanery Synod (Evesham)

#### **Wednesday 21 July**

1000 V&W (Zoom)  
1000 Iona Service Meeting (Pershore Abbey)  
1400 Wedding of William Begg  
with Fiona Robbins (Pershore Abbey)\*  
1600 Burial of Ashes of the  
late Ernest Foster (Pershore Abbey)  
1930 Eco Church Meeting (St Andrew's)

#### **Thursday 22 July**

1100 Burial of Ashes of the  
late Alan Roberts (St Mary's, Wick)  
1400 Abbey Service (Pershore Abbey)\*  
1930 Pinvin PCC (Zoom)

#### **Friday 23 July**

0930 Babies and Toddlers (St A) *pre-booked only*  
1300 FOODBANK (St A)

#### **Saturday 24 July**

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#### **Sunday 25 July - Trinity 8**

1130 Private Party (St Andrew's)  
1030 Sunday Praise *with choir* (Pershore Abbey)  
1030 Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)  
1230 Service Of Holy Baptism (Pershore Abbey)  
1430 Service of Holy Baptism (St Nicholas, Pinvin)  
1700 Iona Service (Pershore Abbey/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



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

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