



PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 8 August, 2021

TRINITY 10

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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

1 Kings 19.4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4.25-5.2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let

them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen.**

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

THE GOSPEL

John 6.35,41-51

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION BY REVD STEVE DUNTON

One of the issues raised by the games has been the mental health challenges faced by the competitors. Simone Biles, America's most successful gymnast, temporarily withdrew from the games, citing her mental health, saying, "We're not just athletes. We're people at the end of the day and sometimes you just have to step back."

According to Mind UK, in 4 people will experience a mental health problem of some kind each year in England. 1 in 6 people report experiencing a common mental health problem like anxiety and depression in any given week. Fortunately, through the courage of celebrities such as Simone Biles it is becoming much better understood. We are called to be a church in which hurting and broken brothers and sisters can find unconditional love, acceptance and welcome.

In today's first reading, Elijah appears to be undergoing a mental health crisis of his own, sitting down under the broom tree, asking God that 'he might die.' Some of us, may identify with Elijah's situation having gone through the darkness of intractable depression, where hope seems extinguished and life pointless.

Although many of us experience mental health difficulties, others experience for a time spiritual depression, a heaviness and darkness of soul, where communion with God seems impossible, shrouded under a tremendous cloud or fog; prayer seems pointless or dry. This is what the sixteenth century Spanish mystic described as the 'dark night of the soul.' This is perhaps, what Elijah experienced.

In the utter depth of his crisis, when Elijah is close to utter despair that he is visited by an angel, that he is instructed to 'Get up and eat.' He was presented with hot scones and water which he ate but went back to sleep again. The angel woke him again, encouraging him to eat more, reminiscent of a bird feeding a baby chick, encouraging it to gain strength in order to flourish. This is what God desires for each of us; nurturing and feeding us spiritually. Elijah recognised himself that his troubled spirit needed to seek rest, in order for him to be restored. Following this pandemic, many of us who have been through the trauma of uncertainty and sorrow, need, like Elijah, to allow God to minister to our drooping spirits.

In today's gospel, Jesus describes himself as the bread of life, the one in whom the gift of eternal life is given. In his bread of life discourse, it is clear the Apostle John is referring to the sacrament of the Eucharist, which the church has continually celebrated in obedience of our Lord's command. Jesus bids us to come to the eucharist, to restore our weary souls and draw strength for the journey of faith, whose destination is the heavenly banquet of the Lamb.

Let us not erect barriers to drawing close to Jesus in Holy Communion, barriers of pride or unworthiness. None are worthy, yet Christ still bids us to eat the bread of the angels, so that we like Elijah will have strength for the journey inviting us to seek nourishment in the eucharist and to invite all who are broken to receive him with outstretched hands and open hearts.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Revd Claire Lording for support.



HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 644

(Abbot's Leigh)

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breaths through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

[Timothy Rees (1874-1939)]

HYMN 2

A&M 131

(Caithness)

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

[William Cowper (1731-1800)]

HYMN 3

A&M 422

(Hyfrydol)

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

(Cont.)

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

[William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

8 AUGUST 2021

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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The office remains closed, but we are still working and available by phone and email

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

We pray for 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.

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

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

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

Please see [Page 16](#) for full details of our in-person Benefice services this August

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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

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

HOLD THE DATE: ALPHA COURSE COMES TO PERSHORE: For more information on this exciting new course see [Page 10](#) for full details.

WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE SUNDAY 8 AUGUST AT 1700: The next W&H service will take place via Zoom as we continue to prepare for the re-introduction of our in-person services in September. Please join our Zoom Meeting on the following link:

<https://s04web.zoom.us/j/2618061317?pwd=R1RLRjBtRDNhWTdHOVdCVmR2Mm1kdz09>

Meeting ID: 261 806 1317

Passcode: e5EavK

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

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



Hold the date! Alpha comes to Pershore.

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

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

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

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

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

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS CONTINUED

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

DAILY PRAYER IN THE ABBEY APSE: Do join us for this wonderful opportunity to begin and end each day in prayer. We begin our day at 0800 with half an hour of silent prayer, which is followed by Morning Prayer. We hope to be able to resume the Daily Eucharist very soon. We come back together at 1700 for Evening Prayer. Our morning and evening half-hour services are open to all and we very much look forward to welcoming you. If you are thinking of joining one of these services please use the Wick door entrance into the Abbey, and in the morning please arrive at either 0800 or 0830 to help us with the seating. *Claire*

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

STEWARDSHIP

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

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



OTHER NEWS

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

OTHER NEWS CONTINUED

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

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

HELP IN THE COMMUNITY

CTIP FOODBANK: The Foodbank remains open on Tuesdays 1100 - 1300 and Fridays 1300 - 1500.

Social distancing procedures remain in place with clients being asked to wait in the entrance hall, as guided by a volunteer.

Our thanks go to all of the volunteers who work so hard to make this possible, and to all those who continue to donate items.

Please can you help our Foodbank with these non-perishable items: (We are not able to use chilled or frozen items.)

- Baked Beans
- Tinned Veg
- Tea
- Tinned cold meats



CITIZEN'S ADVICE: Face to Face sessions have now been suspended. To speak to an adviser please ring **01386 712100**.

For General Advice select option 1.

For help to complete your first Universal Credit application select option 2.

**citizens
advice**

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

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

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

OTHER NEWS CONTINUED

RIDE AND STRIDE: Saturday 11th September 2021, 09:00—17:00

Do join us for coffee in St Andrew's Centre across the road 10:00-12:00 for The Big Green Week. For more information please see: www.rideandstrideuk.org *Robin Hancox*

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

guidance. Training and support will be provided to anyone who thinks they can help. So, if you would like to be part of a vital team and share the Abbey welcome please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you. *Claire* vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ECO CHURCH

SUSTAINABLE FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP :

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



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

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

AND FINALLY . . .

CAFÉ CHURCH:

I'm really excited about our Cafe Church that starts meeting monthly from Sunday 12th September. It is an opportunity for us to reach out to those who may be seeking faith in Christ. It's called a cafe because a simple breakfast will be shared by all. It's Church because it's a service with the ingredients of worship with modern worship songs and a simple talk. Please pray for the Cafe Church and tell people who you think may be interested. its for all ages from young people, families to older folks as well. For more details have a chat with me. *Revd Steve Dunton*



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

Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

WORSHIP DURING COVID-19 AND KEEPING IN TOUCH

PERSHORE ABBEY COMMUNITY ONLINE - UPDATE

Following on from freedom day on 19 July, we will continue to review our online activity. Pershore Abbey is awaiting the completion of our live streaming facility which will enable us to share our services for those unable to attend church going forward.

In the meantime, we will continue to update our social media pages with new items when we can.

There will be no regular recorded service at this time but a copy of our weekly service sheet will be available for you to use as an aid to worship at home.

Do continue to check out our activity on the following platforms in the meantime:

- Our YouTube channel is called **Pershore Abbey Community**
- Our Facebook page can be found at **#pershoreabbeycom**
- Our Facebook posts, latest Instagram posts and a Twitter feed can also all be found on our website at **www.pershoreabbey.org.uk** at the bottom of every page.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

C OF E LAUNCHES WORSHIP PHONE LINE:

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services 24 hours a day.



Please share this with those who are not online.

C OF E ONLINE SERVICES AND SUPPORT:

The Church of England continues to broadcast online each Sunday via social media at 09:00. For simple daytime and night prayer



services, download the free Church of England App "Time to Pray".

The "Daily Prayer" App is free to download and is now available through our website.

There is also an accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes led by the Archbishop of Canterbury .

STAYING UP TO DATE: The best way to stay up to date with all the current news and information at this time is through our website and Facebook pages.

All of our platforms can be easily accessed directly from **www.pershoreabbey.org.uk**



SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN AND DIARY: If you would like to receive email updates and a copy of the Benefice Service Sheet direct to your inbox, please email the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

A copy is also uploaded to the website every Friday

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC WORSHIP AUGUST 2021

Details of the current planned public worship services within the Pershore Benefice are given below, but please do check our social media pages and website for full service details in case of any changes. Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDING A PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICE

It is important that you only attend a public worship service if you feel that it is appropriate and safe for you to do so within the current guidelines.

We understand that some of our congregation are shielding or will not feel able to attend. A digital version of our service sheet is available to assist those who wish to worship at home.

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

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

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

1030 Sunday Praise with choir
1700 IONA Service

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

1030 Eucharist with choir

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

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

1030 Holy Communion

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PERSONAL PRAYER & VISITING THE ABBEY

Please see below for information on the current situation for each church in the Benefice.

Please be aware that only restricted areas of our churches will be open and numbers will be limited to ensure your safety.

PERSHORE ABBEY

DAILY

0900 - 1700

The Abbey may sometimes be closed for recording

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAYS ONLY

1030 - 1330

ST MARY'S, WICK

DAILY

1000 - 1600

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

**DUE TO LOCATION, ST NICHOLAS
IS OPEN BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT
ONLY**

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS IS STILL REQUIRED FOR ALL THOSE ENTERING OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF EVERYONE.

Please be mindful that due to social distancing capacity will be reduced in our churches.

When entering our church please observe social distancing rules at all times.

Hand-sanitiser and tissues will be available to keep you and others safe.

Please be considerate of others and keep to the guidelines.

NHS COVID-19 APP - TEST AND TRACE THROUGH QR SCANNING

We continue to display a QR code poster at all entrance points to our buildings.

Visitors with smart phones can choose to leave their details by scanning this code with the NHS COVID 19 App.



ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

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

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2021

TRINITY 10

10:30 Said Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 9 August

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18:00 Wedding Rehearsal of Paddy Mullarkey and Anna Fedden (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 10 August

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

Saturday 14 August

13:00 Wedding of Paddy Mullarkey and Anna Fedden (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wednesday 11 August

09:00 Carpet replacement—*All day*
(*St Andrews*)

Sunday 15 August - Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 Said Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

Thursday 12 August

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Friday 13 August

09:00 Zumbini (*St Andrews, Main Hall*)

10:00 Zumbini (*St Andrews, Mani Hall*)

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

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

All are welcome to join our baptism services

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