



PERSHORE BENEFICE

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 15 August, 2021
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

Please use this service sheet as an aid to worship at home

A hymn sheet to accompany this service is available on [Page 4](#)

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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

Isaiah 61.10,11

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations .

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

SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. **Amen.**

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1.46-55

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION BY PETER STANSBIE (Abbey Reader)

Just like for most of us, Jesus’ mother was central to his life here on earth. She gave birth to him, was there for his growing up, at the start of his ministry and right at the end of his life. Without Mary there is no Jesus. It is no wonder that we have a special day when we remember her. So today we celebrate her, which is why we hear the words of her song of praise, that we know as the Magnificat, in our Gospel reading.

So what do we know about this woman the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God?

According to the Gospels, Mary grew up in Nazareth, a small, ordinary village in Galilee, where she was engaged to a carpenter called Joseph. After the angel appeared to her with the news that she would become pregnant by the Holy Spirit, she accepted it and embraced it. That was a big risk in those days, becoming pregnant out of marriage could result in stoning, but still she said ‘yes’ to God.

The bible says nothing about Jesus’ childhood except for one story when he was 12 and the family went to Jerusalem for the Passover and Jesus stayed behind in the temple. When Mary and Joseph realised that he was missing they had to go back to the temple

where, after three days searching, they found him happily talking to the elders and scholars. There, it was Mary, the frantic mother, who scolded him.

It seems that during his boyhood Jesus was obedient to his parents and 'grew in wisdom'. Not surprisingly, Mary was very proud of her son and not afraid to show him off. So when the wine ran out at the wedding of one of her relatives in Cana, Mary came to Jesus to solve the problem. And he did, somewhat reluctantly, performing His first miracle.

Mary was widowed before Jesus began his public ministry: a time when she effectively lost her son. But she never forgot him, like mothers then and today.

Mary was present at the crucifixion of Jesus, along with her sister, his aunt. The agony of that for His mother must have been dreadful. But Jesus had never forgotten her and gave her into the care of his beloved disciple. This was surely an amazing example of love from a son in agony on the cross and shows his feelings of love and respect for his earthly mother.

So today let us celebrate Mary and reclaim once again this remarkable, strong, brave woman and mother. She came through a demanding life, to know that her son Jesus is also her Lord. As our Gospel shows, she is someone who praises God and serves him. Because of her, and through her son, God is able to show us all how we can bring about His wonderful Kingdom here on earth today and everyday.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; 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 589

(Angel Voices)

Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

[Francis Pott (1832-1909)]

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair;
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

Whene'er the sweet church bell
peals over hill and dell,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
O hark to what it sings,
as joyously it rings,
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

My tongue shall never tire
of chanting with the choir,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
this song of sacred joy,
it never seems to cloy,
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
the powers of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear,
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

(Cont.)

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
be this the eternal song
through ages all along,
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

[Bein Fruhen Morgenlicht (German, 19th
Century or earlier)
Translated by Edward Caswell (1814-1878)]

HYMN 3

A&M 456

Now let us from this table rise
 renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
 his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
 to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
 at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
 it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
 we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
 to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
 the challenge of tomorrow's day.

[Fred Kaan (1929-2009)]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

15 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 10](#) for further details on this exciting development.

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

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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

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

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

GOD'S GOOD EARTH - The August Iona service at 5pm on Sunday 22nd of August, reflects on Gratitude, Regret and Commitment about environmental issues, in the lead up to COP26. Everyone is welcome to join a social time before the service, as well as worship in the Abbey or from home via Zoom. Please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk for further details and the zoom link information.

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.

THE FOODBANK IS GREATLY IN NEED OF DONATIONS -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 Persore Town
Council [here](#)**

OTHER NEWS CONTINUED

RIDE AND STRIDE: Saturday 11 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*

DO YOU NEED ACCESS TO THE FLOWER VESTERY?

The existing lock failed this week and has had to be replaced. Do you have a key and do you really need one? Please contact the churchwardens.

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*

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

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 CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Kate Hurst of Camomile & Cornflowers Ltd, will demonstrate how to make a pedestal arrangement without using Oasis. Kate will then support you in creating your own arrangement. Please bring your own scissors, plus any extra flowers you would like to use. The workshop takes place on Saturday 9th October from 2pm—4.30pm at Droitwich Methodist Church. A concessionary fee of £20, to include a suitable vessel, chicken wire, foliage and some locally grown flowers. Please note, this is only available to church flower arrangers.



Booking is essential. Please contact Kate by email kate@camomilecornflowers.co.uk or via telephone on 01886 812184. Alternatively, you can visit her website for more information <https://www.camomilecornflowers.co.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 by emailing office@pershoreabbey.co.uk Helen Oldham

AND FINALLY . . .

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE, AVAILABLE TO HIRE: -St Andrew's welcomes two new children's groups, Trainmaster : mini-trains for pre-school starts on Monday 19th and Zumbini and Zumba Kids on Fridays 20th and 27th, and later in the Autumn we have a U3A Singers Choir on Wednesday afternoons.

There are still slots for hire for your club or committee looking for premises.

Meanwhile we have been getting St Andrew's ready for you. We now have replaced our carpet and the electricians have started on replacing the lighting. Lots more still to do. We have big jobs which involve contractors but your help as a volunteer would be much appreciated - we are still looking for the person who has completed their decorating during lockdown and itching to get that paint brush out again!



PS..A couple of Coffee Morning dates for your diary - Saturday September 11th & 18th.



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

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 15 AUGUST 2021

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:30 Said Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 16 August

09:00 St Andrew's lighting work (*St A U & MH*)

Tuesday 17 August

09:00 St Andrew's lighting work (*St A U & MH*)

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

14:30 WPO meeting with RB & RH (*A*)

Wednesday 18 August

09:00 St Andrews lighting work (*St A U & MH*)

14:00 Funeral of the late Ann Champion (*A*)

15:30 Vicar & Wardens' meeting (*Zoom*)

Thursday 19 August

09:00 St Andrews lighting work (*St A U & MH*)

09:30 Trainmaster (playgroup) (*St A*)

19:00 Wedding Rehearsal of Marc Clarke & Megan Humphreys (*A*)

Friday 20 August

09:00 St Andrew's lighting work (*St A U & MH*)

09:00 Zumbini (*St A, MH*)

09:30 Flower prep for wedding (*A*)

10:00 Zumbini (*St A, MH*)

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

Saturday 21 August

12:00 Wedding of Marc Clarke & Megan Humphreys (*A*)

Sunday 22 August - Trinity 12

10:30 Sunday Praise (*A*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Marys', Wick*)

12:30 Baptism of Maxwell & Darcy Reynolds (*A*)

14:30 Baptism of Shereen, Harper and Jake Evans, and Minnie Munro (*A*)

17:00 Iona Service (*A*)

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

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