



PERSHORE BENEFICE

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**
Sunday, 22 August, 2021
Trinity 12

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 Pershore Abbey 1030 Sunday Praise service will be live streamed.

You can join our Sunday Praise service live at 1030 on our YouTube channel or catch up later in the day or week. Click here to join the service: [YouTube Live Stream](#)

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6.10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 6.56-69

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him,

‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION BY ANGELA GERRARD (LICENCED LAY MINISTER)

To be fair to the disciples, mostly uneducated men, a lot of what Jesus told them was very difficult to understand, as in today’s gospel reading. We are very fortunate to have hindsight and knowledge of the whole of Jesus’ mission and ministry and his intentions for us.

Being told that those who believed in him must eat his flesh and drink his blood to abide in him must have seemed impossible, whereas we know Jesus was referring to the communion wafer and wine representing his body and blood, that we partake of at every eucharistic service. But the disciples wondered ‘how can this be?’

Jesus didn’t really explain it to them, but his next words are very important - ‘It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless – the words I have spoken are spirit and life,’ and ‘no-one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’ Even though Peter and those who remained said ‘You have the words of eternal life and we have come to believe and know you are the Holy One of God,’ their trust in Jesus didn’t come from understanding but love and faith that he was offering them redemption and the hope of eternal life.

Sadly I’ve taken a number of funerals both here, at the crematorium and at the cemetery over recent months, and including burials and interments of ashes. A number of people can perform these services, such as humanists and civil celebrants, but we, as Christian ministers offer grieving families something they don’t – we offer hope. Our funeral service explains that our physical bodies are what we dispose of, through burials and cremations, but our faith tells us that our spirit, the essence that makes each of us unique, lives on. Through our belief in Jesus’ words, one day we will all live with Christ in God’s heavenly and eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 805

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your spirit
til work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my king forever
In that Holy place.

[Keith Green (1953-1982)
Melody Green (b1946)]

HYMN 2

A&M 595

(Slane)

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

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

(Cont.)

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

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

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

[Irish 8th Century
Translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)
Versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)]

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!

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.

(Cont.)

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)]

*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.*



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

22 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 to the public, but we are still working and available by phone and email

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms have been affected by the crisis, and for all those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

We pray for all those welcoming new life into their families.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.

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

The 1030 service from Pershore Abbey will be live streamed every week.

We will continue to provide on-line service sheets to enable you to join in with these services at home.

Our live streamed service will be available to view on the [Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel](#) where you can join in live at 1030 or watch on catch up!

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

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

COMING SOON - ALPHA COURSE COMES TO PERSHORE THIS SEPTEMBER: See [Page 10](#) for further details.

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.

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES: This is a project that works with churches across Worcester Diocese, helping them to strengthen their engagement with children, young people and their families, so that they have the opportunity to respond to God's call to be Jesus' disciples and to grow in love for him. As part of this project Pershore Abbey have been allocated a Mission Enabler, to work with us intensively for 12 months.



News from your Mission Enabler – Sian: Hello, I am Sian. I am the Mission Enabler that has been placed with you. I am a wife to James and mum to 4 little ones. William who is 8, Annabel who is 6, Rose who is 5 and George who is 3. I joined the Calling Young Disciples team in November 2019 having been inspired by the project by having a Mission Enabler work with my home church in the 12 months before this. Before joining

the team I was a Children's and Families Worker at St Michaels Norton (our home church) whilst also running the toddler group at St James' Wollaston. My role is to help you strength your engagement with children, young people and their families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the CYD team for the work that they have done so far in getting Café Church ready to launch and thank them for the warm welcome I have received, I am really excited to see how God is going to move through the next 12 months and hope that you are all ready to be part of it.

If you would like to ask any questions about the work we are doing or would like to talk anything through please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting you all soon

Blessings Sian

You can contact Sian on : smorgan@cofe-worcester.org.uk or via 07943051056

GOD'S GOOD EARTH: The August Iona service at 1700 on Sunday 22 of August, reflects on Gratitude, Regret and Commitment about environmental issues, in the lead up to COP26. The service sheet is available [here](#) and is also attached to the bulletin email. 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.

WHOLENESS AND HEALING - HELP 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.



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 NEWS CONTINUED

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*

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OTHER NEWS

LIVE STREAMING: We have now completed our live stream installation at Pershore Abbey and are looking forward to sharing our 1030 service with you live every week on our Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel (click [here](#) to visit our channel)! We are so excited to be able to share live worship with you and look forward to exploring all the opportunities this new technology opens up to our congregation and community.

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

DO YOU NEED ACCESS TO THE FLOWER VESTRY?: 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.

A WORD OF THANKS: Marion Baines would like to thank everyone who has written such lovely cards to her offering condolences following the death of Cyril. These have meant a lot to her at this difficult time.

PERSHORE FOODBANK NEEDS YOUR FOOD DONATIONS!: During the pandemic the



Foodbank received generous monetary donations from individuals and corporate bodies and we could not have helped our clients without such generosity, especially as lockdowns made donating food items more difficult. The number seeking help remains very high and we continue to support them by buying in food. Last week the food bill was £1200, so the money given is being used up rapidly, which is what it is for but the situation cannot continue for long. 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.



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 Persnore Town Council [here](#)

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 bookstall@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING COFFEES: As we begin to return to a more normal routine, we are beginning to plan for the resumption of coffees following the 10.30 Sunday morning services.

Over the past 18 months, many changes have taken place and a number of our former volunteers can no longer help with this work. *Would you be able to join the rota to serve hot drinks?* With enough helpers, the duty occurs once every 6 weeks. We also need *volunteers for loading the dishwasher* in St Andrew's once refreshments have been served. This would be a separate rota. Coffee time provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and is always much appreciated. If you are interested and would like more details, kindly contact Sara Speed via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk (temporary organiser while Julie Newman is out of action!).

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



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Website: www.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 9 October from 1400—1630 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 <https://www.camomilecornflowers.co.uk> for more information.

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

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 18 - 26 SEPTEMBER: Do join us for coffee in the St Andrew's Centre on 11 September from 10:00 - 12:00 as we prepare to celebrate the Great Big Green Week, a national week of events celebrating action on climate change. We will be holding our Climate Sunday service on 19 September as part of this campaign. More details to follow, or visit the [Great Big Green Week](https://www.greatbiggreenweek.org) website to find out how you can get involved.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RIDE + STRIDE 2021 - SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 0900 - 1700: Pershore Abbey will be open for the annual Ride + Stride event once more this year - the perfect green event! Why not pop in for a coffee at St Andrew's and celebrate supporting the environment. For more information please see: www.rideandstrideuk.org

AND FINALLY . . .

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL - THE LEAVES OF THE TREES: Throughout August, Worcester Cathedral will host 'The Leaves of the Trees' - an installation of 5,000 steel 'Hope' leaves, as a reflective memorial to the effects of the pandemic. The installation is designed to honour those who have lost their lives, but also to allow everyone to take a moment to contemplate what we have been through and to think about loved ones.



The leaves will be laid out in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel until August 31, creating a beautiful impression of autumn leaves fallen from the trees. Appearing as though naturally scattered by the wind, the leaves symbolise the past and what has transpired. However, the leaf is also emblematic of the future.

The artist, Peter Walker, chose a sycamore maple leaf as it symbolises strength, protection, eternity and clarity. The exhibition will be available to visit during normal Cathedral visiting hours, 1000—1700, Mon—Sat (last entry 1630) and 1300-1500 on Sundays (last entry 1430).

WORSHIP DURING COVID-19 AND KEEPING IN TOUCH

PERSHORE ABBEY COMMUNITY ONLINE

The Pershore Abbey 1030 service will be live-streamed every week and available to view on our YouTube Channel. We will continue to provide a copy of the online service sheet and bulletin to aid your worship at home.

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

- 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.



A free phoneline of hymns, reflections and prayers

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.

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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

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1030 Morning Praise

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PERSHORE BENEFICE

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.



ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick, (VC) Vale Crematorium
(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 22 AUGUST 2021

TRINITY 12

10:30 Sunday Praise (A) - *live stream and in person*

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

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

17:00 Iona Service (A)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 23 August

09:00 St Andrew's lighting work (St A - all areas)

12:00 Funeral of the late Lydia Pettit
(Pershore Abbey)

Tuesday 24 August

09:00 St Andrew's lighting work (St A - all areas)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

13:00 Funeral of the late Harold Searle (Vale)

Wednesday 25 August

09:00 St Andrews lighting work (St A - all areas)

15:30 Vicar & Wardens' meeting (Zoom)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A Main Hall)

Thursday 26 August

09:00 St Andrews lighting work (St A - all areas)

10:00 PUC Meeting (Zoom)

11:00 Piano Tuning (Pershore Abbey)

14:00 Thanksgiving for the late Ray Green
(Pershore Abbey)

Friday 27 August

09:00 St Andrew's lighting work (St A - all areas)

09:00 Zumbini with Eve - 0915 start (St A Main)

10:00 Zumbini with Eve - 1010 start (St A Main)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A Main)

14:00 Wedding Rehearsal

Amy Porter & Nic Backshall (Pershore Abbey)

Saturday 28 August

12:00 Wedding of Amy Porter & Nic Backshall
(Pershore Abbey)

13:00 Wedding of Paul Brienza & Rebecca Morris
(St James', Birlingham)

Sunday 29 August - Trinity 13

10:30 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

This service will also be live-streamed

PERSHORE ABBEY ONLINE

Please check our website and social media pages for all the latest information and updates



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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk