



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with  
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick  
Sunday, 29 August, 2021  
Trinity 13**

**SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

**This service will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.**

You can join in live at 1030 or catch up later in the day or week.

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

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

Following a review of Covid arrangements, you can join in singing the hymns in church but we ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9**

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

## **SECOND READING**

### **James 1.17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **Mark 7.18,14,15,21-23**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

And what did you learn today? Well there were all sorts of rules and regulations we had to follow, some of it made sense and some of it didn't. And there were traditions and customs and ways of doing things that some people knew better than others. And all the while I just didn't want to do anything wrong. It's the kind of conversation that we may remember from school days or have shared in with the younger people around us. It's also a conversation we may feel we've shared in as we continue to adjust to a world, a life, a Church, that has to live with Covid and all its associated guidance. Even with no guidance, there still seems a lot of guidance!

And to make different aspects of life work, to make church work, we find ourselves asking and answering lots of questions. Can we do this? Can we do that? Why can't we do this or that? How can we do the things we used to do? So many questions. Church life is full of questions, always has been, always will be, and that feels particularly true at the moment.

Asking questions though is not just about the practicalities of church buildings and church structures. From the beginning of humanity's engagement with life, humanity has asked questions, to not only make sense of life but of how God fits into it all. And those questions have often come from a place of faith.

Jesus was often asked questions by those around him in response to the teaching he shared with them about the kingdom and faith and God. The Pharisees and scribes ask a question about hand washing (something which resonates more with us today than ever before!), from a place of their faith and their understanding of that faith. They simply cannot make sense of Jesus and his teaching because it is not in line with their expectations of faith, its demands and the answers they already have about life. Perhaps they want to catch him out, or perhaps they do really want to learn more. Jesus always responds with the hope that the questioner will let their heart turn to God. By turning to God their actions and thoughts will have a depth and love to them that will be about building up their relationship with God and with their neighbours. There is the hope that hearts and minds will be turned from worldly matters to godly matters.

Asking questions from a place of faith is such a good thing. It helps us to challenge and be challenged, to grow and to develop in our faith. To highlight that this is such an important part of our faith journey, however far we've got on that journey, or whether we're not even sure of setting off on it in the first place, we are so pleased to be running an Alpha Course this autumn. Alpha really is for everyone, for enquirers, for established worshippers, for every sort of pilgrim imaginable. It provides us with the opportunity to ask all sorts of questions about faith. Over a number of weeks we will look at questions about life, Jesus, faith, prayer, the Bible, the Holy Spirit, those things that challenge us, healing, Church and sharing faith. Together we can explore what our responses and answers to these questions might be. Not with closed minds, as if we are sure we know all the answers, but with open and enquiring minds that reflect we have a desire always to know more about what God might mean for us. Please look at [Page 11](#) on this week's bulletin for more details. And please do sign up on the board at the back of the Abbey.

Let us all step out confidently, full of questions, excited about what we might learn in the weeks to come. Amen

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## HYMN SHEET

### HYMN 1

**A&M 602**

***(Franconia)***

Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

[John Keble (1792-1866)  
And others]

### HYMN 2

**A&M 265**

***(Lauds)***

There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world!'

Loose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world!

*(Cont.)*

Still the spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world!

May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
live tomorrow's life today!

There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world!'

[Brian Wren (b.1936)]

**HYMN 3**

**A&M 264**

***(Walk in the light)***

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light;  
he binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the dead were wakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light.

*(Cont.)*

He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light;  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.

We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light;  
he gave his spirit to be his friend,  
walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.

The spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light;  
his light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.

[Damian Lundy (1944-1996)]

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# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 29 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](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk) for more information on weddings, baptisms and funerals during the pandemic.



**We look forward to welcoming you back in to our churches for services this 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 18](#) for full details of our in-person Benefice services this September

## **MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS**

**ALPHA COURSE COMES TO PERSHORE THIS SEPTEMBER:** See [Page 11](#) for further details. Please sign up using the sheets at the back of Pershore Abbey or email [curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**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](mailto:smorgan@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or via 07943051056

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*



## Hold the date! Alpha comes to Pershore.

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

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

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

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

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

**THERE ARE NOW SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE BACK OF THE ABBEY.**

**PLEASE DO SIGN UP TO TAKE PART IN THIS VALUABLE COURSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

## MINISTRY NEWS CONTINUED

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

## STEWARDSHIP

**ABBEY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:** This will be happening on **September 26** and will provide us all with the opportunity to reflect and pray about how we respond to God's generous love for us all with our resources, gifts, talents and money. We are looking forward to welcoming the new Diocesan Stewardship and Resources Officer, Chris Boden, who will be joining us for the day. *Claire*

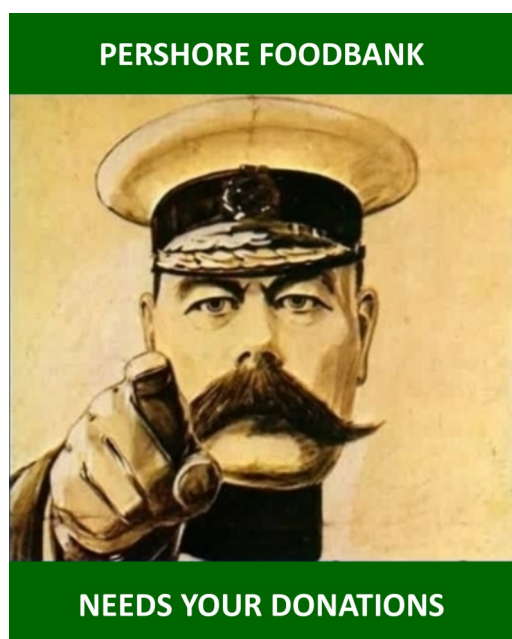
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## OTHER NEWS

**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.

**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.



**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. 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*

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) (temporary organiser while Julie Newman is out of action!).

## **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](mailto:enquiries.wychavon@citizensadvice.org.uk)

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



## **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED**

**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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.uk) 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! If you are taking part in this event why not pop in for a coffee at St Andrew's and celebrate supporting the environment at our Big Green Coffee Morning?

For more information please see: [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org)

## OTHER NEWS

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** We would like to wish Brian and Margaret Clarke Congratulations on celebrating their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 2 September.



**GARDEN GAZEBO:** Denis Wager has a beautiful square garden gazebo to dispose of. If you think you can make use of this item, please contact the office at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**BREAKING NEWS - STOP PRESS!** After nineteen years of faithful service as the editor of Abbey Link, Colin Reeves has decided to hang up his pencil.

Colin has been an enthusiastic and energetic editor whose desire to reach out into the wider community with good news has been infectious. Colin has also shared his skills more widely with those at a diocesan and national level who are involved in church magazines.

We are grateful that Colin has trained up his successor, Christopher Kimberley, who is looking forward to taking Abbey Link on the next stage of its journey. Here's to the next 30 years of Abbey Link! *Claire*

## AND FINALLY . . .

**ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES:** A collection point for people in the Vale to donate items for Afghan families arriving in Britain is being set up in Evesham this weekend.

There is a poster on the following page giving full details of the items needed and information on the collection point opening times and location in Davies Road, Evesham.

If you have items that you would like to donate, you can also bring them to **PERSHORE ABBEY** and leave them at the back of the church by the font on **SUNDAY 29 AUGUST ONLY BEFORE 1230**. We are very grateful to Sara Speed for agreeing to transport these donated goods to the main collection point. *Claire*



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**Evesham Vale Welcomes Refugees**

# **Collection for Donations**

**For Afghan Families Arriving in Britain**

**Friday August 27th, 14:00 to 19:00**

**Saturday August 28th 10:00 to 16:00**

**Sunday August 29th 10:00 to 16:00**

**Bring items to:**

**Teams 4 U, Four Pools Shopping Centre, Davies Rd, Evesham, WR11 1YP**

**ITEMS CAN BE LEFT AT PERSHORE ABBEY ON SUNDAY 29 AUGUST ONLY  
PLEASE LEAVE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH BY THE FONT BY 12:30**

**Items suitable for donation:**

**Small and medium ladies or men's OUTER clothing (good condition); NEW underwear and socks**

**Child & Baby clothes (good condition)**

**Paired shoes and boots, all sizes; gloves, hats, scarves**

**Warm bedding, including blankets**

**Toiletries for all ages, including sanitary wear**

**Baby equipment, nappies, wipes**

**Children's toys/drawing equipment/books  
(suitable for use indoors)**



# 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](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

A copy is also uploaded to the website every Friday

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

# PERSHORE BENEFICE

## INFORMATION ON PUBLIC WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 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 5 SEPTEMBER**

0800 BCP Eucharist  
1030 Eucharist with choir

##### **SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

###### **Holy Cross Day**

0945 Café Church  
1030 Eucharist  
1700 Wholeness & Healing

##### **SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

###### **Climate Sunday**

1030 Eucharist with choir

##### **SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

###### **Stewardship Sunday**

0800 Eucharist  
1030 Sunday Praise with choir  
1700 Iona

#### ST MARY'S, WICK

##### **SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

1030 Morning Praise

##### **SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

1030 Parish Communion

#### ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

##### **SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

1030 Holy Communion

##### **SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

1030 Sunday Praise

#### ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

##### **SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

1030 Holy Communion

##### **SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

1500 Harvest Festival

# 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

**SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY ONLY**  
**1030 - 1630**

### 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, (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 29 AUGUST 2021**

#### **TRINITY 13**

10:30 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

#### **Monday 30 August**

Summer Bank Holiday

11:00 Funeral of the Late Alan Perks

(*Vale Crematorium*)

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

15:00 Flower prep for Wedding Blessing

(*Pershore Abbey*)

#### **Tuesday 31 August**

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

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

19:30 PODYS Rehearsal (*St A Upper*)

#### **Saturday 4 September**

11:00 Wedding Blessing of

Jeremy & Hannah Temme (*Pershore Abbey*)

#### **Wednesday 1 September**

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

14:30 Brass Cleaning (*Pershore Abbey*)

20:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)

#### **Sunday 5 September - Trinity 14**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicolas', Pinvin*)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Pianoscapes (*St A Main*)

#### **Thursday 2 September**

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

18:00 2 Hour Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Vicar & Wardens' meeting (Zoom)

18:30 Alpha Training (*St A Main*)

#### **Friday 3 September**

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

09:30 Babies & Toddler—Toy cleaning & Prep

(*St A Main*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY ONLINE**

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



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

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