



PERSHORE ABBEY

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

Sunday, 7 November, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

with Traidcraft Stall

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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

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

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

A hymn sheet to accompany this service is available on [Page 3](#) . 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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Jonah 3.1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9.24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1.14-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 324(ii)

(St Andrew)

1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred
leaving all for his dear sake.

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures
that we love him more than these.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

5. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

[Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Mozart - Ave Verum

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

HYMN 2

A&M 156

(Bow Brickhill)

1. We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
he sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

4. It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

3. The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

[Thomas Kelly 1769-1855]

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
 he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
 firm through the fiercest draught and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my All in All,
 here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
 fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
 the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid;
 here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
 up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
 sin's curse has lost it grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
 bought with precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
 can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
 here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

[Stuart Townsend (b. 1963)
And Keith Getty (b.1974)]

1. Tell all the world of Jesus,
our Saviour, Lord and King;
and let the whole creation
of his salvation sing:
proclaim his glorious greatness
in nature and in grace;
Creator and Redeemer,
the Lord of time and space.

2. Tell all the world of Jesus,
that every one may find
the joy of his forgiveness—
true peace of heart and mind:
proclaim his perfect goodness,
his deep, unfailing care;
his love so rich in mercy,
a love beyond compare.

3. Tell all the world of Jesus,
that every one may know
of his almighty triumph
defeating every foe:
proclaim his coming glory,
when sin is overthrown,
and he shall reign in splendor—
the King upon his throne!

[James Seddon (1915-1983)]

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This service is being live streamed to the Abbey's YouTube Channel

To find the recording please visit:

www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

You can also follow the link below:

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

7 NOVEMBER 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 BENEFICE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Repairs to the office are now underway, but it remains necessary to close the office completely to the public until further notice. Our Benefice Staff have reverted to home working and will continue to be available to you via email at

office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or through our answerphone service on **01386 552071**.

Thank you for your understanding.

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.

A THANK YOU NOTE: Thank you for the flowers, cards and messages received following Tim and Fred's deaths. Judy and I really appreciate all of your support. *Di Jeffries*

WEEKLY BULLETIN 07 NOVEMBER 2021

PERSHORE ABBEY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 1040 NOVEMBER 14

A reminder that our Remembrance Sunday service this year is to be a **ticketed** event. Unfortunately, given the ongoing Covid situation we have no choice but to limit numbers. Please ensure that you do book a ticket if you wish to come to the service.

From Monday 25 October 100 tickets will be available for the general congregation. Please contact the Benefice Office on **01386 552071** or by email at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you would like to book. Very limited socially distanced seating will be available, so please ask at the time of booking if you need this.



For those who will be unable to attend in person the service will be live streamed and available on our [You Tube](#) channel. *Claire*

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS



We welcome our **Traidcraft Stall** back to Pershore Abbey today so please do take a look! Our Traidcraft Stall is an important part of our commitment to being a Fairtrade Church, so your support is very much appreciated.



TODAY - ALL SOULS' SERVICE 07 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700: You are welcome to join us for this special service to remember those we love but no longer see. If you are unable to join us in church, the service will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. Search for Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube or click [here](#)

CHURCHWARDEN - PERSHORE ABBEY: Bill Newman completes his term as Churchwarden in Spring 2022. We will therefore be looking for his successor soon. It would be really good if we could find someone with a real interest in the fabric of the church. If you want to know more please contact Suzanne Clarke or me. *Claire*

Please see the monthly bulletin for full details of our Advent services including our Iona Gathering on 28 November, which replaces the regular Iona service this month
You can also read more about our Christmas season of services and events.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

ABBEY LINK DISTRIBUTOR ROLES: in order to continue the work of the Abbey Link magazine, we are urgently seeking people to take on the vital role of distributor on a quarterly basis. More details are available in the Monthly bulletin, but if you feel that you could offer to help with this please contact the office on office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

ABBEY FLOODLIGHTING: Eddie Howell is retiring from his involvement with the Abbey Floodlighting after a number of years of dedicated commitment. Angela Gerrard keeps the register, adding new donors and sending out reminders when renewals are due, please speak with her if this is something you feel able to take on or have a look in the Monthly Bulletin to find out a little more about the role.

ECO CHURCH

WALK OF WITNESS IN WORCESTER 6 NOVEMBER: Initiated by Christians, but open to all, this is a local response to the Day of Action call from COP26 Coalition taking place on Saturday 6 November. Starting at St George's Catholic Church, WR1 1UG, people are asked to gather from 1145 and will be setting off after a prayer at midday, stopping to pray and listen to short talks on a route of less than a mile and reaching the Cathedral by about 1300.

DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS - WHAT'S THAT? A Talk on Monday 8th November 7:45pm **by Zoom** Local teacher and councillor, Dan Boatright will give an explanation of this new way of thinking and planning that puts social and environmental well-being at its core rather than GDP. Now being used in cities around the world, as well as by councils and churches, 'Doughnut Economics' has a lot in common with Kingdom Values. Organised by local churches and open to all. If you would like the Zoom link for Doughnut Economics, please contact Helen at ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk

LITTER PICK SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER 10:00 - 10:45: Meet in front of the Abbey for a quick spruce up of Abbey Park. Please bring your own gardening type gloves and dress for the weather. Other equipment will be provided. For further information please speak to David Oldham or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

AND FINALLY . . .

CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . WITH AN EDIBLE NATIVITY!: Yes, Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of services, concerts and special events which we hope to bring to you this year, some of which you can find more details of in the monthly bulletin, including our regular Shoebox Sunday, the Christmas Bauble Coffee Morning , Advent Services and something entirely new for 2021 - the Edible Nativity!

On **Sunday 5 December** from **1030-1145** in the **St Andrew's Centre** we are going to tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a fun way, making an edible nativity. There may be gingerbread involved - yum!!! Places are strictly limited to 20, so please book your place by emailing office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071. **YOU MUST BOOK BY 28/ NOVEMBER TO SECURE A PLACE.**

Drop off your child by 1030 at St. Andrew's and collect them from the Abbey at 1145 or stay with your child if younger.



PERSHORE BENEFICE

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC WORSHIP NOVEMBER 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 and the 1030 Abbey service will be live-streamed each week.

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

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER

0800 BCP Eucharist

0945 Café Church

1030 Eucharist

1700 All Souls' Service

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday

0800 Eucharist

1040 Remembrance Service (**ticket only**)

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

1030 Eucharist with choir

(healing prayer ministry will be available)

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Advent Sunday

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise with choir

1330 Iona Gathering

1500 Advent Carol Service

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

1500 Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

1030 Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Revd Claire's usual day off is Friday and Revd 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 7 NOVEMBER 2021 - ALL SOULS'

- 08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:30 Café Church - start time **0945** (*St A Main Hall*)
- 10:30 Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 12:30 Service of Holy Baptism for Mya McLatchy (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:30 Private Party (*St A Main Hall*)
- 17:00 All Souls' Service (*Pershore Abbey*) *This service will be live-streamed*

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

**** ONGOING MAINTENANCE WORK TO ST ANDREW'S THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK ****

Mon 8 November 2021

- 09:30 Abbey Flower Guild Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:30 Jungle Jiggles (*St A Main Hall*)
- 10:00 & 11:45 session start times**
- 10:00 Dramatherapy - *event starts 1030*
(*St A Upper Room*)
- 14:00 Me, You and a Brew Drop-in session
(*St A Upper Room*)
- 14:00 Pastoral Group (*Hunter Rise*)
- 15:30 Remembrance Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community choir (*St A Main Hall*)

Tue 9 November 2021

- 11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
- 14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship (*St A Main Hall*)
- 19:00 Pershore Abbey PCC (*Zoom*)
- 19:30 PODYS Rehearsal (*St A Upper Room*)

Wed 10 November 2021

- 10:00 Birlingham PCC
- 11:30 V&W Meeting (*St A Upper Room*)
- 13:00 Art & Craft for well-being
event starts at 1315 (St A Upper room)
- 19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)

Thu 11 November 2021

- 09:30 Trainmasters (*St A Main Hall*)
session starts at 1030
- 11:00 Remembrance Service (*St James' Birlingham*)

- 12:00 Funeral Service of the late
Fred Roberts (*Vale Crem*)
- 14:00 Funeral Service of the late
John Middleton (*Vale Crem*)
- 14:00 Remembrance Bells Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 18:30 Alpha Study Course (*St A Main Hall*)

Fri 12 November 2021

- 09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St A Main Hall*)
- 13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
- 14:00 Remembrance Flowers (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Piano Tuning (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 18:00 Private Event (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)
event starts at 1900

Sat 13 November 2021

- 09:00 Pershore Crafters Craft Fair (*St A Main Hall*)
Event from 1000-1145
- 09:30 Concert Prep and Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 12:15 Concert Use (*St A Main Hall*)
- 14:30 Concert - Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra
(*Pershore Abbey and St A Main Hall*)

Sun 14 November 2021 - Remembrance Sunday

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Remembrance Service (*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)
- 10:40 Remembrance Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
PRE-BOOKED TICKET ONLY
This service will also be live-streamed
- 14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:00 Remembrance Service (*St Mary's Wick*)
- 17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)