

PERSHORE ABBEY

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 21 November, 2021**

CHRIST THE KING

Healing Prayer Ministry will be available during this service

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

**TODAY IS ALSO SHOEBOX SUNDAY WHERE WE WILL BE BLESSING THE SHOEBOXES
PACKED BY OUR JUNIOR CHURCH DURING THE SERVICE**

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

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!

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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Daniel 7.9-10,13,14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. *Amen.*

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 18.33-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



HYMN SHEET

HYMN 1

A&M 223

(Miles Lane)

1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.
3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.
4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
6. Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.

[Edward Perronet (1726-1792) and Others]

COMMUNION MOTET

Howells—My Eyes for Beauty

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

HYMN 2

A&M 544

(Song 13)

1. Morning glory, starlit sky,
soaring music, scholars' truth,
flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
memory's treasure, grace of youth:
2. Open are the gifts of God,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavour, love's expense.
3. Love that gives, gives ever more,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all, its all expends.
4. Drained is love in making full,
bound in setting others free,
poor in making many rich,
weak in giving power to be.

Cont'd

5. Therefore he who shows us God
helpless hangs upon the tree,
and the nails and crown of thorns
tell of what God's love must be.

6. Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

[William Hubert Vanstone (1923-1999)]

HYMN 3

A&M 691

(Truro)

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.
4. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.
5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

[Isaac Watts (1674-1748)]

Based on Psalm 72]

1. Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know He is your choice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of servants brave and true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in His great name,
With the same faith His word proclaim.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[George Kennedy Allen Bell (2883-1958)]

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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

21 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 ongoing and 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.

The Pershore Abbey Flower Guild have donated and arranged flowers this week in memory of Mary Darrington, former Chair of the Guild.

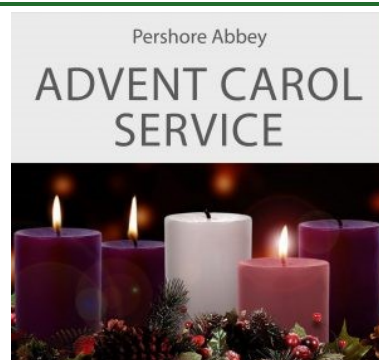


WEEKLY BULLETIN 21 NOVEMBER 2021

PERSHORE ABBEY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 1500:

A reminder that our Advent Carol Service takes place next week on 28 November. It will include favourite advent carols and will feature the Abbey Choir singing beautiful advent anthems.

We hope that you will be able to join in with the carols, but please be prepared to wear a face-covering and sing quietly.



MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE: The full list of our Christmas services, events and activities is included on [Page 8](#), so please take a look. There will be flyers available at the back of all of the Pershore Benefice Churches from next week.

We do hope that we will be able to move forward with all of our Christmas services as planned, but please be aware that it may be necessary to make changes, so do keep yourselves updated through the bulletin, our website and our social media pages.



ADVENT THEMED, IONA GATHERING AND SERVICE 28 NOVEMBER 1330: Come along to the **St Andrew's Centre** from **1330** for a cuppa followed by a short service 'Watching, Waiting and Praying' at **1400** on **Sunday 28 November**. There will be time before and during the service, to decorate lanterns and light candles. Some of us will then take lanterns over to the Abbey and join in the 1500 Advent Carol Service. Joining the Iona gathering and service by Zoom will be available from 1350. For a Zoom link, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk (NB. This replaces the 1700 Iona service)

LLF DIGGING DEEPER: THE BIBLE, INTERPRETATION AND SEXUALITY ON TUES 23 NOVEMBER 1915 - 2100, ST MARTIN WITH ST PETER, WORCESTER

We're really privileged to have top-class contributors on this important subject:

- Sean Doherty, principal of Trinity College Bristol
- Sarah Northall, vicar of St Wulstan's, Worcester
- David Runcorn, writer, speaker and 'free-range priest'

The event will be primarily a conversation between these contributors with some opportunities for questions. This event complements the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) Course, and is offered in the same appreciative spirit of seeking greater understanding, not least of views different from our own. The event will be chaired by Claire Lording, Priest in Charge of Pershore Benefice and Chair of the House of Clergy, and introduced by Jonathan Kimber, diocesan LLF Advocate (and Director of Ministry and Discipleship). Please book in advance: <https://bit.ly/3tMCqKG>

COMING NEXT WEEK - NEWS FROM PERSHORE ABBEY PCC: Watch this space!

At the heart of Christmas



Please join us in the
PERSHORE BENEFICE for CHRISTMAS 2021

Sunday 19th December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Tinsel-Free Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Holy Communion and Carols (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
- 1330 Iona Gathering and Service (*St Andrew's and Zoom*)
- 1700 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1800 Walkabout Carol Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1800 Carol and Christingle Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

- 1530 **JOIN US IN ABBEY PARK (TBC):** Outdoor Christingle - new for 2021 (*Abbey Park*)
Dress up in your favourite nativity outfit for our Christingle in the Park!
- 1600 Christingle Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1700 Christingle and Crib Service (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
- 2315 Midnight Mass with choir (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 0900 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1030 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 1030 All Age Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*



Sunday 26th December

- 1030 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

**Join in with our LIVESTREAM services at the time advertised on the
Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel or catch up later*

**A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU THIS CHRISTMAS
BOTH IN CHURCH AND ONLINE**



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

ABBEY FLOODLIGHTING HELP: Please speak to Angela Gerrard 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 which is available.

ECO CHURCH

LITTER PICK SATURDAY 27 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EDIBLE NATIVITY STILL BOOKING: 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.**

AND FINALLY . . .

DON'T FORGET IT'S SHOEBOX SUNDAY! On **Sunday 21 November**, we are relaunching our Junior Church by holding our annual Shoebox Sunday, all children and young people are very welcome to come along at **1030** in **St Andrew's** to help pack the boxes. We would be very grateful for donations of empty **shoe boxes** and the following items to help fill them - we particularly need **soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, yoyos, and boy's toys. Sweets and chocolates** with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the church during service times. Again, this year we will be supporting Teams4U, it costs a minimum of £2.50 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

Don't forget to check the November Monthly Edition for a full list of services and news!

Look out for the Dec / Jan Edition of the Church News Monthly Edition next week .

If you would like to include an item, please email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk
by **1200 noon on Wednesday 25 November**

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.

Sun 21 November 2021

10:30 Junior Church - Shoebox Sunday (*St A Main Hall*)
10:30 Eucharist with Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
Healing prayer ministry will be available
10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)
10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

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

Mon 22 November 2021

10:00 Jungle Jiggles (*St A Main Hall*)
10:30 Dramatherapy (*St A Upper Room*)
11:45 Jungle Jiggles (*St A Main Hall*)
11:00 Funeral Service for the late Audrey Giles
(*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
14:30 PASA Meeting (*St A Main Hall*)
18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St A Main Hall*)

Tue 23 November 2021

10:00 Art Exhibition Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)
11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
14:30 Mothers' Union (*St A Main Hall*)
19:00 Pershore Civic Soc. Exec. (*St A Upper Room*)

Wed 24 November 2021

09:30 Flower Guild Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)
11:30 Vicar & Wardens (*St A Upper Room*)
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St A Upper Room*)
17:30 Wedding Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)
19:30 Pinvin PCC

Thu 25 November 2021

12:00 Funeral Service of
the late Mary Darrington (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:30 Alpha Study Course (*St A Main Hall*)

Fri 26 November 2021

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St A Main Hall*)
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
20:00 Let's Dance (*St A Main Hall*)

Sat 27 November 2021

10:00 Litter Pick (*Abbey Park*)
12:00 Wedding of George Apted
with Bethan Wilkes (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:30 Pershore Town Christmas Light Switch On

Sun 28 November 2021 - Advent Sunday

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Morning Praise with choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
13:30 Iona Gathering (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:00 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
17:30 Christmas Tree Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

**At the heart
of Christmas**

