



PERSHORE ABBEY
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 31 October, 2021
ALL SAINTS' DAY
with Traidcraft Stall

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 service from Persnore 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 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, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3.1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21.1-6a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 11.32-44

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; 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 300

(Harewood)

1. Glory to thee, O God,
for all thy saints in light,
who nobly waged and won
the fierce and well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life outpoured
by fire and sword
for Christ their King.

2. Thanks be to you, O Lord,
for saints thy Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live
thy life and speak your word.
Unnumbered they
whose shining light
informs our sight
from day to day

3. Lord God of truth and love,
'Your kingdom come', we pray;
give us your grace to know
your truth and walk your way;
Your will be done,
here on this earth
till saints in earth
and heaven are one.

[Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Harris - Holy in the true light

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

HYMN 2

A&M 299

(Song 67)

1. Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

2. Once they were mourning here below,
their couch was wet with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

3. We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

[Isaac Watts (1674-1748)]

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

[Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)]

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia. Alleluia.*

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia. Alleluia..*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Alleluia. Alleluia.*

(Cont.)

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia. Alleluia..*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost *Alleluia. Alleluia.*

[William Walsham How (1823-1867)]

Pershore Abbey: CCLI No. 46441

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

31 OCTOBER 2021

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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Email: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk **Website:** www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

The Benefice Office will be open to the general public on the following days:

Tuesday - Thursday: 11:00 - 12:00 only

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.

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSURE

We have now been notified that repairs to the Benefice Office will commence on **Tuesday 2nd November**. These repairs will make it necessary to close the office completely to the public over the next two weeks. We 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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN 31 OCTOBER 2021

PERSHORE ABBEY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 1040 NOVEMBER 14

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. We have now agreed seating for the organisations involved in the service, and for the choir, sides people and ministers.

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

ONLINE PREMIER SERVICE VIDEO - TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF PERSHORE'S WAR MEMORIAL - MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 15:00.



It was unveiled by the 9th Earl of Coventry and dedicated in a service held inside the Abbey on 1st November 1921 held at 3pm. Amongst the guests were General Sir Francis Davies, Lt.Col A H Hudson (Chairman of the War Memorial Committee) , Cllr WT Chapman (Chairman of Holy Cross Parish Council) and Alfred Drury the Sculptor along with many ex servicemen and relatives of the Fallen. The Service includes archived documents, photos, Centenary wreath laying and the Act of Remembrance, and parts will be set to instrumental versions of the hymns they had 100 years ago. The service will be available on our [You Tube](#) Channel.

ALL SOULS' SERVICE 07 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700: If you would like your loved one's name to be remembered at this service, please let the office know, preferably by email by 2 November to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or alternatively please use the sheet available at the back of your church.

BISHOP MARTIN'S PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Martin is making a Pilgrimage of Prayer & Hope to the deaneries in the diocese, with the hope of visiting as many parish groups as possible. As part of this pilgrimage Bishop Martin will be presiding at a Eucharist for the whole deanery which will be on **Wednesday 17 November, 1900** at **All Saints, Evesham**. Everybody is very welcome to join this special service. If you are able to offer a space in your car, or would like a lift to the service, please contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk and we will try to organise car-sharing. *Claire*

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

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*

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING NEW DELIVERERS!: We have had a fabulous response to our call for deliverers, thank you to all of those who have come forward. We will match all of you up with the roads you have committed to and will put out a new notice out next week with the remaining streets we need help with. Many thanks.

ST ANDREW'S 'SPRING' CLEAN: We will be having a 'Spring Clean' session on **Saturday 30 October at 09:30** and would welcome any additional help. Please contact the office on **01386 552071** alternatively come along to St Andrews if you have some time to spare to help make St Andrew's sparkle!

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.

**WORCESTER
WALK OF
WITNESS**

Saturday
Nov 6
12 - 1.15 pm
All welcome



National Day of Action for COP26

'CALLED TO ACTION' ON ECO CHURCH SUPPORT: The latest Called To Action Newsletter provides some general information about Eco Church support, as well as sources of funding and support systems for local Anglican Churches and is available to download here: [Called to Action](#)

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 06 AT 1930: Baroque singers of the Elgar School of Music

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 AT 1430: Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20 AT 1930: Pershore Choral

For full details or ticket and booking information, please visit our website

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events

OTHER NEWS

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSURE: We have now been notified that repairs to the Benefice Office will commence on **Tuesday 2nd November**. These repairs will make it necessary to close the office completely to the public over the next two weeks. We 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.

BIBLE READING REQUESTS: If anyone would like to receive regular Bible reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship, please contact Sue Gooderham via the office on **01386 552071** or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk



Pershore Abbey
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross

VACANCY
ABBEY TREASURER

We are looking for a volunteer to be Treasurer for the Abbey and the St Andrew's Centre.

Ideally you will be a qualified accountant or someone with wide accounting experience and an understanding of the charity sector.

We have an excellent Team of paid staff and volunteers to help with this role.

We are a church that takes Safeguarding very seriously and will adhere to the Safer Recruitment Policy for this appointment.

Closing date for applications: 7 November 2021

An application pack is available from:

☎ 01386 552071 (please leave your name & contact details)
✉ office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

An application pack may also be collected from the Benefice Office
Pershore Abbey and Benefice Office
11 Broad Street
Pershore
Worcestershire
WR10 1BB

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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER FOR PERSHORE ABBEY: We have been very fortunate in recent years to benefit from the talents and time that Helen Archer-Smith has given to Pershore Abbey in the role of Treasurer

Helen is now stepping down from this role to meet new challenges. We are looking for a volunteer who can take on the mantle and continue to move the Abbey's finances forward in this rewarding and challenging role.

We thank Helen for the amazing job that she has done in the last few years and wish her all future success.

More information on the role is available from office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call **01386 552071**.

Pershore Abbey PCC

AND FINALLY . . .

PERSHORE ABBEY PIPE DREAMS BECOMING A REALITY!: We are really pleased that the Pipe Organ Project has taken another step forward with a recent site visit from the Italian manufacturer, Ruffatti.

The Covid pandemic has put a significant delay on the project but we hope to bring you more news of our plans to install the organ over the coming weeks. There are still pipes available, so take a look at the **Adopt a Pipe Scheme Leaflet** for further details on the scheme - they make a great and unusual gift!



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 31 OCTOBER 2021 - ALL SAINTS' DAY

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Eucharist with Choir with Traidcraft Stall (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism Alexander and Nicholas Mills (*St James', Birlingham*)

13:00 WI Federation Concert **starts 1430** (*Pershore Abbey & St A Toilets*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

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

Mon 1 November 2021

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 Pershore U3A History Group
event starts at **1430** (*St A Main Hall*)

19:00 Pershore Community choir (*St A Main Hall*)

19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tue 2 November 2021

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

14:00 Abbey Fabric Committee (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Pershore Civic Society Talk
event starts at **1930** (*St A Main Hall*)

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

Wed 3 November 2021

10:30 Volunteer Centre Lunch Club (*St A Main Hall*)
Enquiries 554299, doors open at **1130**

11:30 V&W Meeting (*St A Upper Room*)

13:00 Art & Craft for well-being
event starts at **1315** (*St A Upper room*)

14:45 U3A Singers
event starts at **1500** (*St A Main Hall*)

18:00 Music Rehearsal (*St A Main Hall*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)

Thu 4 November 2021

ALL DAY Work on doors (*St Andrew's*)

09:30 Benefice Churchwarden's (*Zoom*)

11:00 Benefice Treasurers' (*St A Upper Room*)

13:30 Abbey Finance Committee Meeting
(*St A Upper Room*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Alpha Study Course (*St A Main Hall*)

Fri 5 November 2021

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St A Main Hall*)

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

Sat 6 November 2021

09:00 U3A Open Morning

Event starts at **1000** (*St A Main Hall*)

15:00 Concert Prep and Rehearsal

(*Pershore Abbey and St A Main Hall*)

19:30 Concert - Baroque Singers

(*Pershore Abbey and St A Main Hall*)

Sun 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

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

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PERSHORE BENEFICE

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC WORSHIP OCTOBER 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 3 OCTOBER

Harvest Festival

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 All Age Harvest Eucharist with choir

1700 Harvest Evensong

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

Mission Sunday

0945 Café Church

1030 Eucharist with choir

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Bible Sunday

1030 Sunday Praise with choir

1700 Iona

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

0800 Eucharist

1030 Eucharist with Choir

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

1030 Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

1030 Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

1030 Holy Communion

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

1030 Morning Praise