

Pershore Abbey



Carol Service

2021

Welcome to our Carol Service. The congregation is invited to stand for the carols and sit for the choir pieces and readings. We all stand for the ninth lesson.

Carol - Once in royal David's city

Carol number 19 from The Bethlehem carol sheet
(verse 1 choir only)

Welcome & Bidding Prayer

The First Lesson

Read by Councillor Julian Palfrey - Mayor of Pershore

Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Carol – The holly and the ivy

Carol Number 9 from the carol sheet

The Second Lesson

Read by Mrs Joanna Dodd – Pershore Wellbeing Hub Volunteer

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Carol – It came upon the midnight clear

Carol Number 14 from the carol sheet

The Third Lesson

Read by Mr Richard Hill - E. Hill & Son, Funeral Directors

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Carol - Hark! the herald-angels sing

Carol Number 10 from the carol sheet

The Choir sing

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Words by George Ratcliffe Woodward. Traditional music arr. by C Wood

The Fourth Lesson

Read by Mrs Wendy Perks – member of Abbey Congregation

Micah 5:2-5a

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Carol - O little town of Bethlehem

Carol Number 1 from the carol sheet

The Fifth Lesson

*Read by Mr Trevor Knight - Chair of Governors,
The Pinvin Federation of C of E Schools*

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pershore U3A Handbell Ringers

El Noi de la Mare (The Child of the Mother) – Traditional Catalan Carol

The Sixth Lesson

Read by Mrs Suzanne Clarke – Abbey Churchwarden

Matthew 1:18-23

St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol - Silent night, holy night

Carol Number 13 from the carol sheet

The Seventh Lesson

Read by Mr Stuart Piper – Abbey Tower Captain

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol - While shepherds watched

Carol Number 7 from the carol sheet

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Campanas de Belén (Bells of Bethlehem) – Traditional Andalusian Carol

The Choir sing

Nativity Carol

Words and music by John Rutter

The Eighth Lesson

*Read by Mrs Sarah Ingles – Trustee of the Friends of Pershore Abbey
Executive Committee*

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by a star to Jesus.

Carol – We three kings of Orient are

Carol Number 21 from the carol sheet

The Choir sing

Angel Tidings

Words and music by John Rutter

Please stand for

The Ninth Lesson

Read by Revd Claire Lording – Priest-in-Charge, Pershore Abbey

John 1:1-14

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol - O come, all ye faithful

Carol Number 12 from the carol sheet (verses 1-3 only)

Collect

The Blessing

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At the heart of Christmas



SERVICES AT THE ABBEY THIS CHRISTMAS

A warm welcome awaits you

Christmas Eve	3.30pm	Outdoor Christingle Service (Abbey Park Bandstand) Families are invited to come in their favourite nativity costumes
Christmas Eve	11.15pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8.00am	Eucharist
Christmas Day	10.30am	All Age Eucharist

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

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

If you have any queries or concerns please do speak
to a sidesperson or churchwarden