



PERSHORE ABBEY
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 16 January 2022
EPIPHANY 2

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 sheet as an aid to worship in church and take it with you when you leave.

Following the latest government advice, masks must now be worn in church.

You can still join in singing the hymns, but we ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

A hymn sheet can be found on **page 3**.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 62.1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could

not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 2.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 99

Cruger

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing:
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
5. O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Based on Psalm 72

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 238 (i)

(Down Ampney)

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

(Cont.)

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo
Bianco Da Siena (d.1434)

Translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

COMMUNION MOTET *Tantum Ergo - Laloux* *Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 102

(Unser Herrscher (Neander))

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| <p>1. Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.</p> <p>2. Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.</p> | <p>3. Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples —
come, our first and greatest Sign!</p> <p>4. Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!</p> |
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Christopher Idle (b.1938)

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
For by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry; Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
In flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
Yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin in the mighty conqueror,
From death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord!

David John Mansell (b.1936)
Based on John 2.1-4

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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**

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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



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Website: **[www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](#)**

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.



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

16 JANUARY 2022

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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01386 552071 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.*

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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THE LATE REVD RICHARD HARDING

We were saddened to learn of the death of former Pershore Abbey curate, Revd Richard Harding. Richard and his family remain in our thoughts and prayers. There will be a Celebration of Life service for Richard at 1300 on 31 January at Christ Church, Totland, Isle of Wight (<https://www.christchurchtotland.org.uk/>) and the family have provided a link to his tribute page to share with you. <http://gratitudoforrichard.com/>

WEEKLY BULLETIN 16 JANUARY 2022

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

BOOK NOW FOR OUR LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (LLF) COURSE STARTING 18 JAN 2022

AT THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: This five-session course will be offered at the St Andrew's Centre on these dates:

- Tue 18 January 1900
- Tue 25 January 1900
- Tue 1 February 1900
- Tue 8 February 1900
- Tue 15 February 1900

Click [here](#) to find out more about the whole project. Do get in touch with me if you want to have a chat about the course content or if you would like to book a place. Alternatively, sign up using the sheet at the back of Pershore Abbey.

Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk

FIRST CAFÉ CHURCH OF 2022 RETURNS TO ST ANDREW'S ON 16 JANUARY AT 0945:

Come along and join us for this new family -friendly form of worship!

0800 SERVICE RETURNS EVERY SUNDAY: If you think you can help with sidesperson duties for these services, please let me know! Thank you *Claire*

IONA SERVICE SUNDAY 23 JANUARY AT 1700 PERSHORE ABBEY: You are very welcome to this reflective service using Iona readings, prayers and music, focussing on God's love for each of us, whoever we are. The service will also be on Zoom. If you would like further information or a link, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

DISCOVER CHAPLAINCY WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26 2022, 1400-1530: The Discover Chaplaincy event is for anyone wanting to know more about FWW and Workplace Chaplaincy – those thinking about volunteering as chaplains as well as people who are just curious. To find out more and book a place, sign up at Eventbrite using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovering-workplace-chaplaincy-event-tickets-213610824727>. The event is free to attend

PERSHORE ABBEY TREASURER URGENTLY REQUIRED

PERSHORE ABBEY SEEKS NEW TREASURER: We are still urgently seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Abbey Treasurer. Ideally you will be a qualified accountant with an understanding of the charity sector. More information on the role and an application pack is available from office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call **01386 552071**.

AND FINALLY

GOOD NEWS!: Chester Diocese is pleased to announce that The Revd Stephen Dunton will be offered the living of the Parish of Christ Church, Timperley subject to him successfully completing his curacy in March 2022. This is also subject to all legal formalities being fulfilled. This is wonderful news for Steve and I know that we will all want to offer our congratulations to him, but we are going to miss him! Please pray for Steve, Hannah, William and James as they prepare to say goodbye to us and get ready for a new ministry. *Claire*

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 16 January 2022 Epiphany 2

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:45 Cafe Church (*St A Main Hall*)
10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
10:30 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Mon 17 January 2022

10:00 Jungle Jiggle (*St A Main*)
10:30 Dramatherapy (*St A Upper Room*)
11:15 Jungle Jiggle (*St A Main*)
1300 Funeral of the late Gordon Milligan
(*St Mary's, Wick*)
13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St A Main*)
13:30 Me, You & a Brew (*St A Upper Room*)
18:15 Gong Bath (*St A Main*)
18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tue 18 January 2022

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St A Main*)
11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
19:00 LLF Course (*St A Main*)
1930 Pinvin PCC (*Zoom*)

Wed 19 January 2022

1000 Birlingham PCC (*Zoom*)

11.30 Lunch Club (*St A Main*)
16:00 Vicar & Wardens Meeting (*Zoom*)
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)

Thu 20 January 2022

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Fri 21 January 2022

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St A Main Hall*)
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
20:00 Lets Dance (*St A Main*)

Sat 22 January 2022

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Sun 23 January 2022 Epiphany 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

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CANCELLED EVENT

Due to Covid 19 all January sessions of the **Good Neighbourhood Network** have been cancelled, including the 20 January session due to take place in the St Andrew's Centre.

COMING SOON

MEADOW ARTS PARTNERSHIP EXHIBITION AT PERSHORE ABBEY SPRING 2022:

We are delighted to be exhibiting a selection of pieces by artist Olly Jones at Pershore Abbey in February and March 2022. Read more in the latest monthly bulletin.

WEEKLY BULLETIN AND MONTHLY EDITION DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX:

Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk to be added to the list and stay ahead with all the latest information! New monthly bulletin available this week!