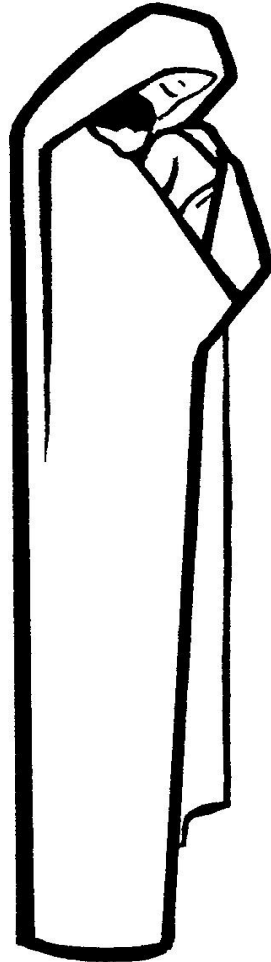


Pershore Abbey



Carol Service

This service sheet is to accompany a
recording of the
Nine Lessons and Carols Service
December 2019

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. A collection will be taken during the last carol.

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 Chris Parsons - 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 Judith Tinsley – Interim Executive Headteacher,
The Pinvin Federation of C of E Schools*

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 Ms Amy Jones- member of Abbey congregation

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 Fourth Lesson

Read by Mr Alistair Henderson - Abbey Bell Ringer

Micah 5:2-4

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 Bill Newman - Abbey Churchwarden

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pershore U3A Handbell Ringers

Noël Nouvelet (Christmas come anew) – Traditional French Carol

The Sixth Lesson

Read by Mrs Lynne Raymer – Project Leader, Pershore Foodbank

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 Councillor Mrs Liz Tucker– Chair, Pershore Riverside Youth Centre

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol - While shepherds watched

Carol Number 7 from the carol sheet

The Choir sing

In the bleak midwinter

Words by Christina Rossetti, music by Harold Darke

The Eighth Lesson

Read by Mr Michael Hodges - Chairman of the Friends of Pershore Abbey

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

Sans Day Carol

Words and music by John Rutter

Please stand for

The Ninth Lesson

Read by Revd Steve Dunton – Assistant Curate, 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