



PERSHORE ABBEY

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 12 September, 2021
HOLY CROSS DAY**

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

WE WELCOME THE FRIENDS OF PERSHORE ABBEY TO OUR
PATRONAL SERVICE.



THE FRIENDS OF
PERSHORE ABBEY
Charitable Incorporated Organisation

THEIR AGM WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY.

The 1030 service from Pershore 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 [Pershore 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 3](#). 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, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Numbers 21.4-9

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.6-11

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 13.13-17

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **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

COMMUNION MOTET

If ye love me *by Tallis*

Sung by Pershore Abbey Choir

HYMN 1

A&M 489

(The Servant King)

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

[Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)]

Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
 on his great love
 our hopes we place
 of present grace
 and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
 and thus proclaim
 in joyful song,
 both loud and long,
 that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
 in copious shower
 on all who pray
 each holy day
 thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
 until that day
 when all the blest
 to endless rest
 re called away.

[John Chandler (1806-1876)

Based on Angularis Fundamentum lapis Christus missus est,
Latin before 9th Century]

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

12 SEPTEMBER 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 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.

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Please visit our [Life Events](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk) page at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk for more information on weddings, baptisms and funerals during the pandemic.

WEEKLY BULLETIN 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

NEW STYLE WEEKLY AND MONTHLY BULLETIN: Don't forget our weekly bulletin pages will now be much shorter and will concentrate on new items and updates. Take a look at our separate monthly bulletin for more detailed information and news on forthcoming services, projects and events. If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly bulletin and monthly bulletin direct to your inbox, please email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES & CAFÉ CHURCH :

Don't forget Café Church starts this Sunday on 12 September.

With music, worship and breakfast it's a fresh way to worship in Pershore.

You can read all about Café Church, the Calling Young Disciples Project and hear from our Mission Enabler, Sian Morgan, in the Monthly Bulletin.



WHOLENESS AND HEALING: Come and join us for our service on 12 September at 1700 in Pershore Abbey. You can download a copy of the service here: [W&H September 2021](#)

IONA SERVICE 26 SEPTEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY - THIS IS GOD'S WORLD - COP26: The September Iona service at 1700 on Sunday 26 Sept, includes John Bell's dramatic reflection on creation: 'On The Eighth Day', music, and space for prayer, focussed on the lead up to COP26. You are very welcome to join in this service in-person or online. If you would like a Zoom link, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

DAILY PRAYER IN THE ABBEY APSE: Do join us for this wonderful opportunity to begin and end each day in prayer. We begin our day at 0800 with half an hour of silent prayer, which is followed by Morning Prayer. We hope to be able to resume the Daily Eucharist very soon. We come back together at 1700 for Evening Prayer. Our morning and evening half-hour services are open to all and we very much look forward to welcoming you. If you are thinking of joining one of these services please use the Wick door entrance into the Abbey, and in the morning please arrive at either 0800 or 0830 to help us with the seating. *Claire*

BENEFACTICE OFFICE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The office will open every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from **11:00 - 12:00 only**. Please be mindful that space is restricted and we ask you to be considerate of both our staff and other visitors.

STEWARDSHIP

ABBEY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY EVENTS: Our special Stewardship Sunday services will be held at 08:00 and 10:30 on 26 September at Pershore Abbey, followed by a Stewardship Tea on the following Sunday 3 October at 15:00 in St Andrew's Centre.



These special services will launch our joining the national Parish Giving Scheme. The scheme is recognised as being a really good way of enabling congregations and supporters to pledge their regular giving to the work and ministry of a church. We are delighted that Chris Boden, the Diocesan Stewardship and Resource Officer, will be joining us for both our Stewardship Sunday services to explain more about the scheme.

At our stewardship tea we will have the chance to explain about the Abbey's needs, its plans for the future as we learn to live with Covid, and how your support in time and talents can make a real difference to the ministry which Pershore Abbey can offer our community.

These stewardship services and events will also give us the opportunity to say 'Thank You' for the support so generously given by so many people in the past.

We hope to personally invite everyone who has given their time and talents to the Stewardship Tea, as numbers are restricted to keep the event as safe as possible, but do let us know if we have somehow missed you!

Our services are open to all and we very much look forward to warmly welcoming you on 26 September and beyond. *Claire*

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES: As we look forward to Stewardship Sunday you may be considering how you can give your time and talents to Pershore Abbey. Have a look in the Volunteering Opportunities section of our Monthly Bulletin to see what's available. We will add new opportunities to the weekly bulletin to keep you up to date.

MAKING A DONATION TO PERSHORE ABBEY: Click on the logo or visit our website to donate. If you would prefer to set up a Standing Order, download the form [here](#).



OTHER NEWS

PERSHORE ABBEY LIVE STREAM FEEDBACK: Did you watch last Sunday's service either at the time or later in the week? We know over 40 of you did and we would like your comments please. Do email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk with your comments. (We are aware of a sound quality issue which hopefully the installation engineers will fix shortly)

DO YOU NEED ACCESS TO THE FLOWER VESTRY?: The existing lock recently and has had to be replaced. Do you have a key and do you really need one? Please contact the churchwardens.

PERSHORE FOODBANK NEEDS YOUR FOOD DONATIONS! During the pandemic the Foodbank received generous monetary donations from individuals and corporate bodies and we could not have helped our clients without such generosity. The number seeking help remains very high and we continue to support them by buying in food. Last week the food bill was £1200, so the money given is being used up rapidly, which is what it is for but the situation cannot continue for long. Please donate non-perishable goods (tins, packets etc) as soon as possible to enable us to continue supporting people in crisis. There is a box at the back of church . *Judy Dale*

ECO CHURCH

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 18 - 26 SEPTEMBER: We are joining in with this national week of events celebrating action on climate change. We will be holding our Climate Sunday service on 19 September as part of this campaign. Visit the [Great Big Green Week](#) website to find out how you can get involved.



DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK COFFEE MORNING ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1000 - 1200 ST ANDREW'S: Come and join us, share your ideas and enjoy some free climate friendly cake as we kick-start our Great Big Green Week celebrations with a **Countdown to COP26**, complete with quiz!

AN APPRECIATION WALK IN AVON MEADOWS: David Oldham is organising a walk, of 1 - 2 miles, around Pershore's Wetlands. Meet on the grass at the front of the Leisure Centre at 1430 Saturday 18 September. Please wear suitable shoes. Dogs welcome. The walk is part of the Great Big Green Week activities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE TRUST COFFEE MORNING 1000 - 1200 ST ANDREW'S 18th SEPTEMBER: We're back! Join us for coffee and a chat in St Andrew's.

AND FINALLY . . .

GENEROSITY WEEK AT PERSHORE ABBEY 26 SEPTEMBER - 03 OCTOBER: As we look forward to Harvest Festival time and celebrate the generosity of all those who give their time, talents and resources to our churches in Pershore Abbey's Stewardship events and services, we join with the Church of England in promoting Generosity Week.



It takes time, support and above all prayer to grow a generous culture. Generosity Week aims to give us the time and space to reflect on God's generosity and celebrate God's generosity within our church's ministry and mission. We invite you to explore God's generosity through eight days of service and worship materials, as well as stories from our churches of God's generosity in action.

We hope that by the end of Generosity Week you'll have a deeper understanding of God's generosity towards us and how we can live more generously in our daily lives.

The Church of England will be running a national online Eucharist to celebrate generosity on Sunday 26 September. The service will be led by St Gabriel's Church, Greystones and Bishop Guli will deliver the sermon from Chelmsford Cathedral. We hope you are able to join us and take part [here](#).



The graphic features a green circular area on the left containing the Church of England logo (a cross inside a circle with the text 'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND' below it) and a white icon of two hands holding a heart. Below this, the words 'GENEROSITY WEEK' are written in large, bold, white capital letters. To the right, a circular inset photograph shows an elderly woman with short grey hair, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt with a 'VOLUNTEER' name tag, smiling as she handles a red jacket. Below the photo is a small illustration of a table with a sign that says 'DONATIONS' and several colorful boxes. In the bottom left corner of the graphic, the text 'Get involved: churchofengland.org/generosity-week #generosityweek' is displayed.



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ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Rev Claire's usual day off is Friday and Rev 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 12 SEPTEMBER 2021 - HOLY CROSS DAY

09:30 Cafe Church 09:45 start time (*St Andrew's Main*)
10:30 Holy Cross Day - Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
12:00 FOPA AGM
17:00 Wholeness and Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Mon 13 Sept 2021

14:00 Funeral of the late Joyce Bennett
(*St Mary's, Wick*)
19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Tue 14 Sept 2021

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St A Main*)
11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:00 Pershore Abbey PCC
(*Zoom / St Andrew's Main*)
19:30 PODYS Rehearsal (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wed 15 Sept 2021

Carpet Fitting (St Andrew's)
12:00 Organ Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:30 V & W Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:30 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thu 16 Sept 2021

09:30 Trainmaster's Playgroup (10:30 start time)
(*St Andrew's Main*)
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
18:30 Alpha Study Course (*St Andrew's Main*)

Fri 17 Sept 2021

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sat 18 Sept 2021

10:00 St Andrew's Trust Coffee Morning
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Sun 19 Sept 2021

10:30 Eucharist - Climate Sunday (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
15:00 Harvest Festival (*St James', Birlingham*)

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