



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 03 November 2024
ALL SAINTS' DAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey **will not be livestreamed as we are currently without internet** however it will be recorded and available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided.

Please take this sheet home with you and recycle when you have finished with it. If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

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

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

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.

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 21.1-6a

A reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine.

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.'

For the word of the Lord.

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 would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion
please let a sidesperson know**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 296

SINE NOMINE

- 1 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.*
- 2 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.*
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia.*
- 4 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.*
- 5 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.*

[William Walsham How (1823-1867)]
Music Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 664

ST PETER

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.
- 3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

[John Newton (1725-1807)]

1 Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in heaven and earth are one.

2 One family, we dwell in him,
one church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

4 E'en now to their eternal home
there pass some spirits blest;
while others to the margin come,
waiting their call to rest.

3 One army of the living God,
to his command we bow:
part of the host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.

5 Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
and bring us safe to heaven.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Holy is the true light—William Harris

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 602

FRANCONIA

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

[John Keble (1792-1866)
And others]]

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Sion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

Laud and honour to the Father
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

[*Urbs beata Jerusalem*
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)]

Voluntary: Grand Choeur in d—Alexandre Guilmant
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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 Canon Claire Lording for support.



PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

03 NOVEMBER 2024

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY (excluding Bank Holidays)

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on
weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

*Please email your enquiry to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on
01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.*

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT TODAY, PRAYING
ESPECIALLY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE HOLY LAND. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE.**

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place 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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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

27 OCTOBER - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all for your incredible kindness and support over the past few months which has certainly got me through my chemo treatment. I have now had confirmation that my surgery will take place on 21 November at Kidderminster Hospital. During my initial recovery I plan to work from home but I hope that it won't be too long before I shall be able to be with you all again. Please continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. *Claire*

A WARM WELCOME AT THE ABBEY FOR ALL: We take seriously our mission aim to be a warm and welcoming church to anyone who walks in through the Abbey doors. We do our best to look out for folks who are new to the congregation or perhaps just visiting for a while, but some times we do miss people. If you are new to the Abbey please do let one of the sidespeople, churchwardens or officiant at the service know that you are with us so that we can welcome you properly! *Claire*

ALL SOULS' SERVICE - 3 NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS' SERVICE: Join us at 1700 on Sunday 03 November as we remember loved ones at this quiet and reflective service. The service will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel (**PershoreAbbeyCommunity**) for those unable to attend. You are also very welcome to come into the Abbey to light a candle for a loved one at any time. *Claire*



ADVENT RETREAT AT HOLLAND HOUSE: Holland House welcome you to an Advent retreat, 13 to the 15 December. Priced at £275 per person, the retreat incorporates a Quiet Day with Thomas Merton led by the Revd Dr Gary Hall, Methodist Tutor at the Queen's Foundation and Merton Scholar. Price includes all meals, refreshments and accommodation. For more information, visit: <https://hollandhouse.org/product/13th-15th-december-2024-an-advent-retreat-led-by-gary-hall/>

CALM and BRIGHT

CALM AND BRIGHT CAMPAIGN: The Church of England's Follow The Star theme for Advent and Christmas 2024 is Calm and Bright. Booklets, offering a meditation for each day from Christmas Eve to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January), with a reflection, challenge and prayer based on a short Bible reading, are available online. They can be found via www.churchofengland.org or by **clicking here**. Alternatively, please call into the office for a paper copy, priced £1.50. Copies are limited.

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

Sunday 03 November - All Saints' Day

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade Stall and
with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Shoebox Sunday (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

13:15 Breathworks Class (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 All Souls' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Pershore Abbey Tower will be lit up in Red for Remembrance
From Saturday 09 November to Monday 11 November

Monday 04 November

08:45 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

09:30 Yoga Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:30 Pershore U3A History Group
(*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 PCC Finance Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 05 November

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 06 November

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrews Main*)

11:30 Benefice Treasurers' Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:30 Poppy Display Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:30 Pinvin School Visit (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

18:00 Remembrance Service Rehearsal
(*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 07 November

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 08 November

09:00 Holy Redeemer School Visit (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Piano Tuning (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 09 November

14:30 Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra
Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Sunday

07:00 Sunday Morning Breakfast (*St Andrew's Main*)

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Remembrance Service (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

10:40 Remembrance Service with
LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Organ Promenade (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Remembrance Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Wholeness and Healing Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)