



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 19 January 2025
EPIPHANY 2

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. Visit www.youtube.com and search for [Pershore Abbey Community](#). **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, 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 of 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 Luke.

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.

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please let a sidesperson know**

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 676

ST DENIO

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

WC Smith (1824-1908)

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 100

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

- 1 How brightly gleams the morning star!
What sudden radiance from afar
Delights us with its shining?
God's glory breaks upon the night,
And fills our darkened souls with light,
Who long for truth were pining!
Your word, Jesus,
Truly feeds us, rightly leads us,
Life bestowing.
Praise such mercy overflowing!
- 2 By you alone can we be blessed-
Then deep be on our hearts impress'd
The love that you have bourned us.
So make us ready to fulfil
With fervent zeal your holy will,
Through many vex or scorn us.
Saviour, let us
gladly hear you, duly fear you,
Long to know you!
All we are and have, we owe you.
- 3 All praise to him who comes to save,
Who conquered death, and spurned the grave!
Our adoration rises
To him, the Lamb who once was slain,
The friend whom none shall trust in vain,
Whose mercy yet surprises.
Sing, you heavens,
Tell the story of his glory,
Till his praises
Flood with light earth's darkest places!

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), remodelled by Johann Adolf Schlegel (1721-1793)

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

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| <p>1 Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.</p> <p>2 O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.</p> <p>3 The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.</p> | <p>4 O make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide!</p> <p>5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.</p> <p>6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.</p> |
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Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726)

COMMUNION MOTET

Listen sweet dove—Grayston Ives
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Listen sweet dove unto my song
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.*

*The sunne which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head and wisht for night
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one
Going about the world and giving light.*

*Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow
That the earth did like a heaven appear,
The starres were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages and serve here.*

*Lord though we change thou art the same,
The same sweet God of love and light;
Restore this day for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.*

COMMUNION HYMN**A&M 788****TAKE THIS MOMENT**

1 Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

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| <p>2 Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.</p> <p>3 Take the tiredness of my days,
Take my past regret,
Letting your forgiveness touch
All I can't forget.</p> | <p>4 Take the little child in me
Scared of growing old;
Help me here to find my worth
Made in Christ's own mould.</p> <p>5 Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be;
Let my life be yours, and yet
Let it still be me.</p> |
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John L Bell (b1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)

1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Organ Voluntary: Grand Choeur Dialogue—Eugene Gigout
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

19 JANUARY 2025

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

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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.

**CHURCHES
TOGETHER
IN PERSHORE**

DROP-IN

1000-1200

Saturday 25 January 2025

Pershore Town Hall

Come together for a reflective space, enjoy a coffee and a chat, and find out more about what Churches Together are doing in Pershore



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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

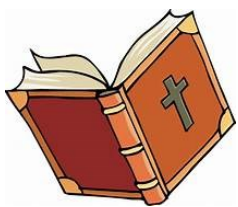
19 JANUARY - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you everyone for your care and support as I got ready for my surgery which took place on 16 January. It all went smoothly and I am now doing my best to rest and recover. I shall be seeing my oncologist at the end of the month to confirm the details of my next stage of chemotherapy treatment. As ever, please continue to pray for me, for all being treated for cancer and all health professionals. *Claire*

HOUSE BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: From the week beginning 20 January 2025 and running for 4 weeks, there will be the opportunity to join a house group and look in more depth at St Luke's Gospel. **There are now only spaces available at the following:**

Tuesdays 1030-1200 at the home of Sarah Thomson

Spaces are limited so please book fast! Sign up sheets in the Abbey or contact me by emailing vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk *Claire*

IONA SERVICE, SUNDAY 26 JANUARY, 1700: This month's Iona service is an opportunity to reflect on reconciliation and how restorative practices, a method used for dealing with conflict, could help. Emily Miller will be leading the service. She is a restorative practices practitioner and a spiritual director in the Worcester Diocese. Everyone is most welcome. If you're unable to join in the Abbey, please email Helen for a Zoom link: iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk



BIBLE READING NOTES: If anyone would like daily Bible reading notes please speak to Graham or Sue Gooderham in person, on 01386 553930, or by email: suegooderham@btinternet.com. They cost £15.75 for the year and we need to order them early February. They begin in May. Thank you. *Sue Gooderham*

A NOTICE TO TRAVELLERS: If anybody is going to either the Eurozone or the USA and would be prepared to take the currency which I have accumulated from the donations at the going exchange rate of the day, please get in touch. I have Euros 85.00 and US\$ 32.00. Thank you. *Jean Andrews*

CHRISTIAN AID ABBEY CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION: £490 has been sent off to Christian Aid for the 2024 Abbey Christmas Card collection. An extra £80 should also be added to this through gift aid. This is a fantastic result, as well as seeing all the card messages to the Abbey community. *Sarah Thomson*

BIRLINGHAM BULB SUNDAY: A warm welcome awaits everyone at St James' Church, Birlingham, at 1500 on Sunday 9 February. Claire will be leading the service, supported by James MacDowall Scott, as the organist, and members of the Pershore Abbey Choir. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall afterwards, with proceeds raised going towards the upkeep of the church. *Adrienne Woodward*

PLEASE SEE OUR DECEMBER/JANUARY 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 19 January - Epiphany 2

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 20 January

10:00 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 21 January

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

10:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Benefice Treasurers' Meeting (*Zoom*)

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

12:00 Memorial Service for the late
Terry Brewster (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Abbey Fabric Committee Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 22 January

10:00 Mid Week Holy Communion
(*Pershore Abbey*)

13:45 Bring You Own Craft and Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

19:30 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 23 January

09:45 i-Sing Choir Rehearsal (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Funeral of the Late Margaret Lawson
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 SAEC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 24 January

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

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

13:00 Pinvin CE Academy Organ Workshop
(*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 H&S Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 25 January

10:00-12:00 Churches Together in Pershore
Drop-In Event (*Town Hall*)

Sunday 26 January - Epiphany 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Morning Praise with *LIVESTREAM*
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

