



**PERSHORE ABBEY**

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with  
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**

**Sunday, 25 December, 2022**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

The 1030 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 in conjunction with the  
**Christmas Day All Age Eucharist Service Booklet** which is also available online

### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 9.2-7**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. You have given them great joy, Lord; you have made them happy. They rejoice in what you have done, as people rejoice when they harvest grain or when they divide captured wealth. For you have broken the yoke that burdened them and the rod that beat their shoulders. You have defeated the nation that oppressed and exploited your people, just as you defeated the army of Midian long ago. The boots of the invading army and all their bloodstained clothing will be destroyed by fire. A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace." His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David's successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. The Lord Almighty is determined to do all this.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

## **Luke 2.1-14**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, “Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!”

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

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

**This service is being live streamed to the Abbey's YouTube Channel**

To find the recording please visit

**[www.youtube.com](http://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

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

25 DECEMBER 2022

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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## OFFICE STAFFING OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

The Benefice Office will not be staffed over the Christmas period.

Our office staff will be on annual leave from:

**12 noon on Thursday 22 December 2022 until Tuesday 3 January 2023**

All email enquiries and answerphone messages will be dealt with on their return. If your enquiry is urgent please call the answerphone service on **01386 552071** to access the latest emergency contact details over the Christmas period.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY WAR AND WHO CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT**

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



*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.*



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## NOTICES

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGES FROM OUR WORCESTER DIOCESE BISHOPS:** Messages from the Bishops' of Worcester and Dudley can be found on the Diocesan website, or click [here](#).

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DEACONESS SUSAN ESSAM:** We have had a Christmas letter from Susan, a copy of which can be found on our website, or click [here](#).

**CHRISTMAS CROCHET DECORATIONS AID PERSHORE FOODBANK:** The sale of crochet decorations from Pershore Abbey Bookstall raised a fabulous **£63.20**, which together with donations enabled us to send a total sum of **£123.20** to our local Foodbank.

**DON'T FORGET - GOOD COMPANY AND AFTERNOON TEA!:** Pershore Abbey & St. Andrew's Social Committee (PASA) will hold their afternoon get-together with afternoon tea for anyone who would appreciate company after Christmas on **Wednesday 28 December 2022** from **1400** until **1600** in **St. Andrew's Centre**. If you have not pre-booked a ticket, please contact Jane Knox.

**ST ANDREW'S BOOKINGS 2023:** Please can we ask all regular users of St Andrew's to confirm their dates for meetings throughout 2023 as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**BELLS RING OUT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Listen out for the bells of Pershore Abbey as they ring a half-muffled quarter peal at 1800 on New Year's Eve to say farewell to 2022 and ring out again from 2315 to welcome in the New Year!

### ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire will be on holiday until 3 January 2023

If you have an urgent enquiry, please telephone 01386 552071 for our emergency contact details



#### **Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

10:30 All Age Eucharist with **LIVESTREAM** (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)

#### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Pershore Abbey will be lit up Gold as we celebrate Christmas

#### **Monday 26 December - Boxing Day**

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#### **Tuesday 27 December**

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

19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

#### **Wednesday 28 December**

14:00 PASA Post Christmas Afternoon Teas  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

#### **Thursday 29 December**

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#### **Friday 30 December**

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

#### **Saturday 31 December**

18:00 Half muffled Quarter Peal for New Year's Eve (*Pershore Abbey*)

23:15 Ringing of bell to bring in the New Year  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

#### **Sunday 01 January 2023 - Naming of Jesus**

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist with  
**LIVESTREAM** (*Pershore Abbey*)

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and joyful 2023!**