

PERSHORE ABBEY

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

Sunday, 30 October, 2022

All Saints' 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 service booklet provided.

You will find a Hymn Sheet for this service on **page 3**.

Please leave the service booklet, but do remember to take this sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave and recycle when you have finished with it.

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

Daniel 7.1-3,15-18

A reading from the Book of Daniel

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1.11-23

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we,

who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6.20-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets'. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you'.

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.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 300

(Harewood)

1. Glory to you, O God,
for all your saints in light,
who nobly waged and won
the fierce and well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life outpoured
by fire and sword
for Christ their King.

2. Thanks be to you, O Lord,
for saints your Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live
your life and speak your word.
Unnumbered they
whose shining light
informs our sight
from day to day.

3. Lord God of truth and love,
'Your kingdom come', we pray;
give us your grace to know
your truth and walk your way.
Your will be done
here on this earth,
till saints in earth
and heaven are one.

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 299

(Song 67)

1. Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

2. Once they were mourning here below,
their couch was wet with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

4 They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

3. We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THIRD HYMN

A&M 310

(Lobe Den Herren)

There will be no offertory plate collection at this time, however, there is a collection bowl available on the Welcome Table for those wishing to contribute.

Alternatively, donations can be made at our contactless donation station located by the bookstall or online via our website at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

1. Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.
2. Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave
rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.
3. Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.
4. Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that name,
Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b1926)

COMMUNION MOTET

Holy is the true light—Harris
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 308

(Hannover)

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

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2. Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.
3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

FINAL 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. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Alleluia.*
5. 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.*
6. 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)

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

30 OCTOBER 2022

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 - 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN THE UKRAINE

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.

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

To find the recording please visit

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

COMMUNION REMINDER:

It is still perfectly proper to take communion in one kind only but we do also offer the chalice. However, intinction (the dipping of the bread into the wine) will not be permitted. Also, it would help those administering the chalice if you could hold the base of the chalice when taking the wine. Thank you.

BULLETIN NOTICES

ALL SAINTS' DAY 30 OCTOBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1030: At this service we remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. We welcome everyone in the Pershore Benefice to Pershore Abbey to celebrate this day with us.

TREE SERVICE AT JUBILEE WOOD, BIRLINGHAM - 6 NOVEMBER 1030: Everyone is

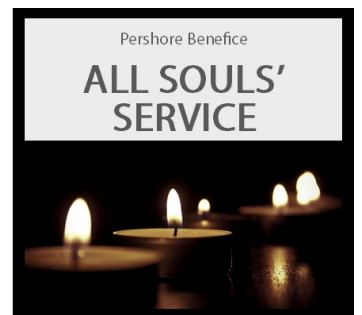


invited to join this outdoor service as we give thanks for trees and God's creation. Please bring a chair if you'd like to be seated and sturdy shoes are advised. If able, it is suggested that parking at the St James' Church and walking down to the wood is the best plan, as parking is very limited. The wood can be found on the right hand side of the main village road toward Lower End, just past Birlingham House. There will be refreshments in church after the service together with the opportunity to take home a bee friendly sapling. *Claire*

ALL SOULS' SERVICE 6 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700: We have written to those who have been bereaved in the last eighteen months and shared with them that their loved one's name will be remembered at this quiet and reflective service.

If your bereavement is from earlier and you would like your loved one to be remembered please let the office know, preferably by email by 2 November to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. There will also be sheets at the back of our churches over the coming weeks if you prefer to leave names that way.

This service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend in person. You are also very welcome to come into the Abbey to light your own candle for a loved one at any time. *Claire*



ALL SOULS' SERVICE - LIST OF NAMES - We are really sorry to have to advise that the All Souls' Names list, which was in the Abbey, has been mislaid— if you know where it may be please do let the office know!! We now have a new sheet at the back of the Abbey, please can we ask you to check the list to ensure that the name of your loved one, or

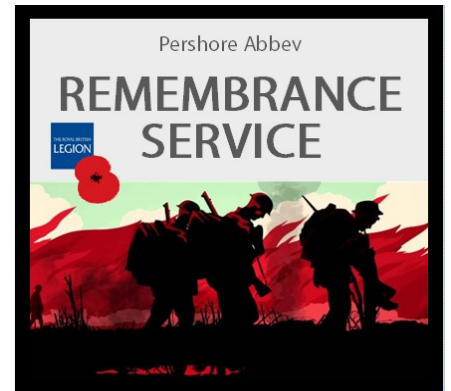
those you would like to be remembered appear. Alternatively, you can contact the office on 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk with your names, and we will ensure that they are added. Please accept our apologies for any distress caused.

2022 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM 1050 11 NOVEMBER: Birlingham will be commemorating Armistice Day on Friday 11 November at an outside service taken by Peter Stansbie. People are asked to assemble by 1050 around the War Memorial on the Village Green for the short service of remembrance.

PERSHORE ABBEY 1040 13 NOVEMBER: We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to this special service when we gather to remember all those who have died in war and conflict.

We are very pleased that our Pershore Abbey Remembrance Service will not be ticketed this year, as it was throughout the Covid pandemic. We have arranged a seating plan which embraces both our visiting organisations and our regular congregation and would like to reassure you that we have plenty of seats to welcome you all safely.



Lest we forget

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN 1030 13 NOVEMBER: Join the village of Pinvin for their service at 1030 with Pinvin Girl Guides.

ST MARY'S, WICK 1500 13 NOVEMBER: Join Wick village as they gather round the war memorial in the churchyard.

ABBEY SHOEBBOX SUNDAY: On **Sunday 06 November**, we will be holding our annual Shoebox Sunday, all children and young people are very welcome to come along at **1030** at **St Andrew's** to help pack the boxes. We would be very grateful for donations of empty **shoe boxes** and the following items to help fill them - we particularly need **soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, felt tip pens & pads, and boy's toys. Sweets and chocolates** with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the church during service times. Again, this year we will be supporting Teams4U, it costs a minimum of £2.50 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

A NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER FOR THE ABBEY: In March the PCC held an 'away day' (in St Andrew's) and developed our strategy for the next few years. Our key priority was seen as developing our mission to children, young people, and families. We

have built on this using the Healthier Churches Fund from the Diocese to seek funding for a half time Children and Families worker.

A small group (Claire, Peter, Suzanne and Martin Fowler) then developed the job details with help from Simon Hill of the Young Disciples Team and sought funding for a half time post for 5 years.

I am delighted to say that the Bishop's Council approved the post in principle recently and further discussions with John Preston, Diocesan Secretary allowed Claire to accept the offer of funding from the Diocese to let us proceed. We will now move forward with advertising the post locally and more widely with the Diocese, if necessary. This is a marvellous opportunity for us to move forward with our strategy of developing our mission to young people, and with families as we move forward. *Peter Stansbie*

BIBLE STUDY - TREES & PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM: The first session of Revd Philip Hughes' course will be on **Friday 28 October** at **1900** at **27 Bridge Street** Parking is permitted after 1800 on the yellow line outside. We continue for the following 5 Fridays at the same time and place. Enquiries to Revd Philip Hughes on **01386 552375** or email **p-jhughes@outlook.com**.

VOCATIONS MARKETPLACE EVENT - TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022: A virtual Zoom event from the Diocese of Worcester for those wanting to explore God's call on their lives and particularly those beginning to think about some form of ministry in the church.

The event will focus on:

- Ordained Ministry (stipendiary and self-supporting)
- Licensed Lay Ministry / Reader
- Authorized Lay Ministry (esp. Pastoral and Worship streams)
- Youth & Children's work (inc. ALM Youth & Children's stream)
- Not sure / Those who are not sure exactly what God is calling them to.

There are of course a whole variety of other ways people live out their vocations, but the aim is to deliberately keep this event relatively tightly focused.

During the evening participants will consider some general principles around vocation and ministry and there is the offer of breakout sessions on each of the above bullet points, with the people responsible for selection and training for these. Everyone attending will have the opportunity to join two of these breakout sessions, so they don't need to have a specific ministry in mind, but it would be good to think in advance about which two workshop sessions might be of most benefit to you if you wish to attend.

Places must be booked in advance, and this can be done simply by emailing **training@cofe-worcester.org.uk** before **Friday 11 November 2022**.

A NEW CHRISTMAS CARD FOR PERSHORE ABBEY: This year we are looking for something a little bit different and thought we would get the congregation involved! If you have any Christmas inspired or Christmas themed images of the Abbey which you feel would make a good Christmas card and which capture the spirit of our church, please can you forward them to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for our consideration. We would particularly like pictures of the tree, or the crib or perhaps the candles at the advent carol service to bring our cards to life. Images need to be supplied in good quality jpeg or similar.

TRAIIDCRAFT ADVENT CALENDARS can be ordered now. There are three types, Real advent chocolate calendar containing a nativity story booklet, Divine advent chocolate calendar and a non chocolate calendar. Please order from the Abbey Traidcraft stall or contact Dora on email dorabpaynter@hotmail.com

PERSHORE BENEFICE NOVEMBER BULLETIN: If you require a notice to be placed in the November monthly bulletin, our deadline date is **Sunday 30 October**. Please send all your notices to the office via email: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. *Thank you*

Please see October Bulletin for more notices and further information

ADOPT A PIPE UPDATE - LAST FEW LARGE PIPES REMAINING!



The adopt a pipe scheme continues to be well supported with only a few of the large visible pipes left for donors to adopt!

There are many smaller pipes still available too, so if you are looking for an alternative Christmas gift, take a look at the [Adopt a Pipe Scheme Leaflet](#) for further details.

We also have special certificates available for those wishing to adopt a pipe as a gift.

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.



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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

Pershore Abbey
**WINTER 2022/2023
CONCERT PROGRAMME**

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 1930

iSing Choir "You Will Be Found" Charity Concert
in aid of Pershore Wellbeing Hub

SATURDAY 05 NOVEMBER 1430

Philomusica of Gloucester & Worcestershire

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1430

Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra 50th Anniversary Concert

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral Autumn Concert

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1930

Vocal High with Sisters of Sound

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1930

Baroque Singers of the Elgar School of Music

SATURDAY 03 DECEMBER 1400

Worcester Federation of WI's & Rock Choir Christmas Kick-Off

FRIDAY 09 & SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 1900

Worcester Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 1930

Pershore Town Choir Celebration of Christmas

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral Carol Concert

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 1430

Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra New Year Concert

Over the Winter Season we will also be holding Advent and Christmas Services
as well as welcoming our local schools and their families for their special
Christmas Celebrations

For full details and booking information visit
www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events
or call the Pershore Abbey & Benefice Office **01386 552071**

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.
If you have an enquiry, she will get back to you as soon as she can.

Sunday 30 October - All Saints' Day

Daylight Saving time Ends

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 31 October

09:30 DAWN Support (*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:00 Pershore Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 Me, You and a Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Tuesday 01 November

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

14:00 Pershore Abbey Finance Meeting
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Pershore Civic Society Talk
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 02 November

10:00 Abbey Pastoral Group Meeting (*Pershore*)

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Pershore Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V&W (*Choir Vestry*)

15:00 U3A Singers (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:15 Abbey Eco Church Meeting
(*St Andrews' Upper*)

Thursday 03 November

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

13:00 Funeral Service for the late
Maurice Attwood (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 04 November

09:00 DAWN Sessions (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

15:00 Private meeting (*Choir Vestry*)

19:00 Tree Study Course (*Private Residence*)

Saturday 05 November

14:30 Philomusica Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Bell Ringing—Ring out for our Climate!
COP27 (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 06 November - 3rd Before Advent

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft stall and
LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Outdoor Tree Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

12:00 Friends of Pershore Abbey AGM
(*The Angel Hotel*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

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