



**PERSHORE ABBEY**

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

**Sunday, 06 November, 2022**

**3rd Before Advent**

## **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**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Job 19.23-27a**

A reading from the Book of Job

'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

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

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17**

A reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he

takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

### **THE GOSPEL**

### **Luke 20.27-38**

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

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 729**

*(Westminster)*

1. My God, how wonderful thou art,  
thy majesty how bright,  
how beautiful thy mercy-seat  
in depths of burning light!
2. How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
by prostrate spirits day and night  
incessantly adored!
3. How wonderful, how beautiful,  
the sight of thee must be,  
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,  
and awful purity!
4. O how I fear thee, living God,  
with deepest, tenderest fears,  
and worship thee with trembling hope  
and penitential tears!
5. Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,  
almighty as thou art,  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me  
the love of my poor heart.
6. No earthly father loves like thee,  
no mother, e'er so mild,  
bears and forbears as thou hast done  
with me, thy sinful child.
7. Father of Jesus, love's reward,  
what rapture will it be,  
prostrate before thy throne to lie  
and gaze and gaze on thee!

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 211**

*(Christchurch)*

1. Now is eternal life,  
If ris'n with Christ we stand,  
In him to life reborn,  
And held within his hand;  
No more we fear death's ancient dread,  
In Christ arisen from the dead.
2. Man long in bondage lay,  
Brooding o'er life's brief span;  
Was it, O God, for naught,  
For naught, thou madest man?  
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;  
Shall hope undying end in death?
3. And God, the living God,  
Stooped down to man's estate;  
By death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate.  
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;  
Who lives in him shall never die.
4. Unfathomed love divine,  
Reign thou within my heart;  
From thee nor depth nor height,  
Nor life nor death can part;  
My life is hid in God with thee,  
Now and through all eternity.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

**THIRD HYMN**

**A&M 204**

**(Kingsfold)**

*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](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)*

1. If Christ had not been raised from death  
our faith would be in vain,  
our preaching but a waste of breath,  
our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is risen indeed;  
he rules in earth and heaven:  
his gospel meets a world of need —  
in Christ we are forgiven.

2. If Christ still lay within the tomb  
then death would be the end,  
and we should face our final doom  
with neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Saviour is raised up,  
so when a Christian dies  
we mourn, yet look to God in hope —  
in Christ the saints arise!

3. If Christ had not been truly raised  
his Church would live a lie;  
his name should nevermore be praised,  
his words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives;  
through him we are restored:  
his word endures, his Church revives  
in Christ, our risen Lord.

Christopher Idle (b. 1938)

**COMMUNION MOTET**

Ave Verum Corpus—Elgar

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

We greet you, the very same one who was born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered when you were sacrificed upon the cross for us all, and water and blood flowed from your wounded side. As we receive you, be for us a foretaste (of what you have in store) beyond the testing-point of death. *Translated by Revd Philip Hughes*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 749**

**(St Botolph (Slater))**

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful;  
thou conqueror renowned,  
thou sweetness most ineffable,  
in whom all joys are found!

*Cont.*

2. When once thou visitest the heart,  
then truth begins to shine,  
then earthly vanities depart,  
then kindles love divine.

3. O Jesus, light of all below!  
Thou fount of living fire,  
surpassing all the joys we know,  
and all we can desire:

4. Jesus, may all confess thy name,  
thy wondrous love adore;  
and, seeking thee, themselves inflame  
to seek thee more and more.

5. Jesus, our love and joy, to thee,  
the Father's only Son,  
all might, and praise, and glory be,  
while endless ages run.

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

## FINAL HYMN

## **A&M 732**

Lord there is none like You;  
All of my days  
I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath,  
All that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;  
Nothing compares to the  
Promise I have in You.

Darlene Zschech (b.1965)

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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

06 NOVEMBER 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](mailto: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.

*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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### **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**

*(please see the November Bulletin for more details and further news)*

**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. *Claire*

**ALL SOULS' SERVICE 6 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700:** Our All Souls' Service takes place and 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*

**2022 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE:** We look forward to inviting you to share in our Remembrance Services across the Pershore Benefice this November. Our services will take place on the following days:

- ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM 1050 11 NOVEMBER
- PERSHORE ABBEY 1040 13 NOVEMBER
- ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN 1030 13 NOVEMBER
- ST MARY'S, WICK 1500 13 NOVEMBER

**ABBAY SHOEBOX SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1030 ST ANDREW'S (WITH PRICE CHANGE):** We would still be very grateful for volunteers to help pack your wonderful donations of empty **shoe boxes** and the items you have donated to fill them. We are again supporting Teams4U this year, who have now informed us of a price increase on the cost of sending these donations to where they are most needed. It now costs a minimum of **£3.00** to send each shoe box; so if you prefer to contribute in this way, please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

**A NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER FOR THE ABBEY:** We are pleased to announce this This role is now live on the Diocesan website! Visit <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-and-families-worker.php> for further details and person specification. Further details can be found in the November Monthly Edition.

**TRADCRAFT 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 Paynter.

## ABBAY & 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 06 November - 3rd Before Advent / Shoebox Sunday**

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 Baptism - *postponed* (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 07 November**

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

14:30 U3A History Group (*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 08 November**

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

12:00 Monk's Day (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 09 November**

10:00 Reader Training (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

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

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

### **Thursday 10 November**

ALL DAY Floor Repairs—St Andrews Main

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

11:00 Benefice Treasurers' (*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:00 Private Meeting (*Vicar's Vestry*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 11 November**

Abbey lit up red for Armistice Day

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

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

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

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

### **Saturday 12 November**

Abbey lit up red for Remembrance Weekend

12:15 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:00 PODYS –Auction of Promises  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Sunday 13 November - Remembrance Sunday**

Abbey lit up red for Remembrance Weekend

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

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