



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 27 NOVEMBER

ADVENT SUNDAY

MORNING PRAISE 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.

Remember to take this service sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave and please recycle when you have finished with it.

Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

THE ADVENT WREATH

We have this Advent Wreath to remind us of the Coming of Jesus,
the Light of the World.

**The holly and the ivy
are dancing in a ring,
round the berry bright candles,
and the white and shining King.**

We light this candle to remind us of God's people who in every age watch for his coming.

**And one for God's people,
In every age and day,
We are watching for his coming.
We believe and we obey.**

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn 45

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:
3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
4. O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Translated from Latin Advent Antiphons*

Please sit or kneel for our prayers

Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 358

Be still for the presence of the Lord

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him,
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The Gospel – Matthew 24.36-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

Reflection

Declaration of Faith

We say together

**We believe in God the Father,
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

We offer God our Prayers and Thanks

*At the end of each prayer when you hear ‘Lord in your mercy’ please respond ‘**hear our prayer**’.*

We end by saying together The Lord’s Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn 41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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| <p>1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
 once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
 swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.</p> <p>2. Every eye shall now behold him
 robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
 pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
 deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.</p> | <p>3. Those dear tokens of his passion
 still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
 to his ransomed worshippers:
 with what rapture
 gaze we on those glorious scars!</p> <p>4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.</p> |
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Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
and John Cennick (1718-1755)

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
be with us all,
evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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Don't forget our Advent Carol Service is at 3.00pm this afternoon and will be a wonderful way to start the Advent season.

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[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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Details of all of our Christmas Services and Events across the Benefice are available on our website on our Christmas page, which you can access from the Home page. Just scroll down until you reach the Explore Pershore Abbey Section and then Follow the Star . . .

Flyers are also now available at the back of each of our churches.

Explore Pershore Abbey

Learn more about Pershore Abbey, the benefice and the latest offerings, news and updates.



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Facebook: **[#pershoreabbeycom](#)** YouTube: **[Pershore Abbey Community](#)**

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

27 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 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 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.

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BULLETIN NOTICES

**Please see the Monthly Edition for more notices and information
December / Jan Edition coming next week!**

ADVENT COMPLINE BY ZOOM MONDAYS IN ADVENT AT 1900: Join us via Zoom for this quiet and reflective service at **1900** on **28 November, 5, 12 & 19 December**. Please email vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link and a copy of the order of service. *Claire*

OUR ABBEY ADVENT CAROLS TODAY WILL BE IN A WARM(ISH) CHURCH: With a gas bill of £175 a day here at the Abbey we have delayed putting the heating on for as long as possible and we have only heated the building on two Sundays this Autumn. However, once the fabric of the building gets cold - it stays cold and it takes a long time to warm up. PS Warm in a Church is "relative" and to be taken with a pinch of salt - and it can be draughty. Wearing an additional layer is always recommended!

ADVENT IONA DROP-IN EVENT SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1400-1645 IN ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: Instead of our usual 4th Sunday service, we will be providing a welcoming, reflective space, in the midst of Pershore's 'Christmas Light Switch On Fair'. The plan is to provide a warm welcome to visitors in St Andrew's Centre, with time and space to sit and chat, to enjoy some Christmas and Iona Community music, or do a Christmas themed craft activity. Do drop in to St Andrew's Centre for the Advent Iona Drop-In event, between 14:00 and 16:45, finishing when the town Christmas lights are switched on. For more details, please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS TO PENNY GORDON: Wick Churchwarden Penny will be authorised as an ALM (Authorised Lay Minister) - Worship Leader at St Mary's Church, Wick, this Sunday morning.



WORLD AIDS DAY 1 DECEMBER: World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

Pershore Abbey will be supporting this campaign by lighting up the Abbey in red on 1 December. We will also be selling World AIDS Day pin-on ribbons from the back of the Abbey, so please show your support and Rock the Ribbon in 2022.

A NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER FOR THE ABBEY: Our role is now live on the Worcester Diocese website! Find out about the position and download a full description and person specification at: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-and-families-worker.php> You can also complete an online application form following this link.

The closing date for applications is **30 November 2022**.

Please do share news of this role and help us to further our commitment to young people.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND BAUBLES

DON'T FORGET! PERSHORE ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE COFFEE MORNING 28 NOVEMBER 1000: Come along and help us dress the Abbey Christmas Tree - we look forward to welcoming you!

ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS: If any one would like to donate towards the cost of the Abbey Christmas Trees, please put your donation in an envelope marked "**Abbey Christmas Tree**" and place it in the box at the back of the Abbey. *Thank you in anticipation.*

EDIBLE NATIVITY STILL BOOKING: On **Sunday 4 December** from **1030-1145** in the **St Andrew's Centre** we are going to tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a fun way, making an edible nativity. There may be gingerbread involved - yum!!!

Places are strictly limited to 20, so please book your place by emailing office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071. **YOU MUST BOOK BY SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER TO SECURE A PLACE.**

MINCE PIES PLEASE!: Following the Abbey Carol Service on Sunday 18 December at 1700, PASA (Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Social Committee) will be serving mince pies and refreshments.

Contributions of mince pies (home-made or shop bought) would be very welcome. Bought donations can be given at any time, but please can we have homemade donations on the day at either the 0800 or 1030 morning service to give us time to warm them up! Queries or requests for collection to PASA Secretary Jane Knox. *Many thanks.*

GOOD COMPANY AND AFTERNOON TEA!: Pershore Abbey & St. Andrew's Social Committee (PASA) are planning an afternoon get-together with afternoon tea for anyone who would appreciate company after Christmas. The event will take place on **Wednesday 28 December 2022** from **1400** until **1600** in **St. Andrew's Centre**.

We are hoping to provide a warm space for company and fellowship, so please do bring along a friend or neighbour too. If you are interested, tickets must be pre-booked and are available from PASA Secretary Jane Knox.

We do hope you will be able to join us. *PASA*

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE IN AID OF WORCESTERSHIRE BREAST UNIT HAVEN: Sadly we haven't been able to host the Haven Unit Christmas Concert for the last few years and they are unable to join us again this year. However, Sandra Long will be hosting a Christmas Craft Sale at her home on **Friday 2 December** from **1000-1300** raising funds for the work of this fabulous unit. Entrance £3 on the door, further details from Sandra Long.



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**PERSHORE ABBEY CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE NOW FROM THE
ABBAY BOOKSTALL**

WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY CHRISTMAS VISIT TO TRADERS: Angela Gerrard, Revd Alma Organ, David Oldham and Emily Miller will be delivering cards and confectionery to Pershore Traders as part of the Workplace Chaplaincy between 11 and 17 December.

If anyone would like to join them please contact Angela Gerrard for further details of dates and times. *Angela Gerrard*



BABIES & TODDLERS BAKE UP TREATS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED: Our fabulous children, families and helpers cooked up a storm last week at our Friday morning Babies and Toddlers group, baking treats to raise money for Children in Need.

They raised a fabulous £34.50, had lots of fun and created some yummy treats!



PERSHORE ABBEY BOOKSTALL WELCOMERS NEEDED: A plea from our Bookstall Co-ordinator Jean Andrews for more help on the bookstall, especially on Thursdays and also from 1200 - 1400 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Our visitor numbers are really starting to increase again and we have lots of lovely items for sale on the bookstall. It would be fabulous to get these slots filled and all existing slots fully covered so that we can give our visitors a fabulous Abbey welcome all week long.

MOZART - A CONCERT OF SACRED CHORAL MUSIC: Our very own Organist and Choir Master, John Wilderspin, will be performing in Pershore Abbey next weekend with the **Baroque Singers of the Elgar School of Music**. The concert takes place on **Saturday 26 November** at **1930**. Tickets **£12** on the door or via the Elgar School of Music **01905 28613**.

DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARIES: These are now available at the back of all our churches- please take a copy and perhaps take one for a friend or neighbour.

AND FINALLY:

A GOLDEN TREAT FOR WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA! The Abbey presented WPO with a cake to celebrate their special anniversary at their anniversary concert on 12 November. We are so pleased to be the home of WPO, so it was the least we could do!

We had a lovely card from them: "Thank you so much for the 50th anniversary cake presented to Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra at our concert. That was such a lovely gesture and we were genuinely touched. We absolutely love playing in Pershore Abbey and hope our association will continue for a long time."

Worcester Philharmonic will hold the last concert in Pershore Abbey before the long-awaited installation of our Pipe Organ, so do come along and hear them on **Saturday 7 January 2023!**



Visit www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/events for details and ticket information

Coffee Time

Pershore Abbey

Parish Coffee Morning

St Andrew's Centre

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Coffee & Cakes
with Give & Take

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Bring along **ONE** item—a **book**, **small gift** or **decoration** that you want to give and then in return take something someone else has brought.

No clothes or bric-a-brac please!

Handmade cards by Iris Champken will also be on sale

1030 till Noon

ALL WELCOME!

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 27 November - Advent Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Parish Communion and Authorisation of Penny Gordon (*St Mary's, Wick*)

14:00 Advent Iona Drop-In Event (*St A Main*)

15:00 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 28 November

10:00 Christmas Tree Coffee Morning

(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

14:00 Funeral Service of the late

Angela Leeming (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:45 Evening Craft Sessions (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Advent Compline (*Zoom*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

Tuesday 29 November

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

13:00 Funeral Service for the late Hazel Rose

(*Vale Crematorium*)

13:15 Abbey Park First School (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Wednesday 30 November

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

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

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

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Simon Batsman
and Niamh McIvor (*St James', Birlingham*)

15:30 Pershore Town Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Thursday 01 December

Pershore Abbey lit up Red for World Aids Day

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 02 December

Abbey lit up Gold for Christmas Season

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*)

19:30 Vocal High & Sisters of Sound Concert

(*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 03 December

13:30 Wedding Service for Simon Batsman &

Niamh McIvor (*St James', Birlingham*)

13:30 Concert use (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 WI Rock Choir Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Pershore Volunteers Thankyou event

(*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 04 December—Advent 2

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM*

(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Edible Nativity (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)

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

13:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Private Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey*)