

PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 01 January 2023

NAMING OF JESUS

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.

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, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Numbers 6.22– 27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from the Letter to the Galatians

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2.15-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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



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.

HYMN SHEET

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FIRST HYMN

A&M 72

(Antioch Comfort (Mason))

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 68

(Cranham)

1. In the bleak mid-winter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter
long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

3. Enough for him whom cherubim
worship night and day,
a breast-ful of milk
and a manger-ful of hay;
enough for him whom angels
fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.

4. Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the Belovèd
with a kiss.

5. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
if I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

THIRD HYMN

A&M 63

(Highwood)

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. 'Glory to God!' all heav'n with joy is ringing;
Angels proclaim the gospel of Christ's birth,
'Glory to God!', and still their song is bringing
Good news of God incarnate here on earth.
2. Lowly in wonder shepherds kneel before him,
No gift to bring save love of heart and mind:
Come like those shepherds, sing his praise, adore him,
A babe so weak, yet Saviour of mankind.
3. Humble yet regal, wise men kneel before him,
Gold, incense, myrrh, their gifts to Christ they bring:
Come like those wise men, sing his praise, adore him
A babe so poor and modest, yet a King.
4. Though now no crib or cradle is concealing
Jesus our Lord in that far-distant shrine,
Christ at each eucharist is still revealing
His very self in forms of bread and wine.

[John Edward Bowers, b.1923]

COMMUNION MOTET

A New Year's Carol—Benjamin Britten - *Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

1. See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the Lamb of God appears,
promised from eternal years!

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

2. Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
he who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim!

3. Sacred Infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

FINAL HYMN**A&M 593*****(Camberwell)***

1. At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

3. Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

4. Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

01 JANUARY 2023

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**

THE BENEFICE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL 03 JANUARY 2023

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.

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

Please be aware that this service sheet and bulletin was prepared in advance to accommodate the Christmas break.

We apologise for any omissions that may have resulted from this.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Don't forget to see the Monthly Edition for more notices and information. Our next monthly edition will be published in mid-Jan, so please get your news and articles in to the Benefice Office by Friday 13 January.

OUR PIPE DREAMS JOURNEY BEGINS ITS FINAL PHASE: As we welcome in the New Year, we would like to remind you all that installation of our long-awaited pipe organ is due to start on **Monday 9 January** as we begin this exciting new chapter in Pershore Abbey's life. There will be an intensive period of activity from **0700 to 1200 midnight every day** from **9 to 18 January 2023** to install scaffolding within the Abbey. During this period the Abbey will be **CLOSED**. Our services on **15 January** are due to take place in **St Andrew's**.

PIPE DREAMS PAGE NOW LIVE ON THE PERSHORE ABBEY WEBSITE: To help keep you up to date with everything that is happening with the Pipe Dreams project, we now have a dedicated page on the Pershore Abbey website which includes full details of the current schedule, details of our organ festival, donation information and a few interesting facts. Over the coming weeks we will be adding more information to the site about our Pipe Dreams Partners and will be updating it regularly with all the latest news, so do take a look: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/pipe-dreams

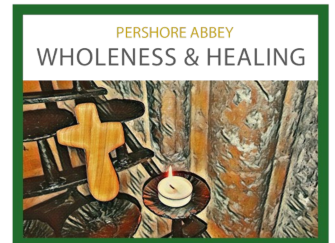


CAFÉ CHURCH SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 0945 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:

Join our family friendly, informal, café-style worship with music and refreshments.

WHOLENESS & HEALING SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 1700 PERSHORE

ABBHEY: Don't forget, we also offer the opportunity to receive the ministry of healing prayers with two of the Wholeness & Healing team in the St John Chapel after communion has been received at every 3rd Sunday 1030 Eucharist



A WARM WELCOME SPACE FROM PERSHORE CHURCHES: Everyone is welcome to come in from the cold and enjoy a hot drink and chat with friends this winter. **Pershore Baptist Church** will be open from **1000-1600** on **Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays**, **1300-1600** on **Wednesdays** and **1000-1600** on **Fridays**.

Holy Redeemer opens from **4 January** on **Wednesdays 1000-1300** and **Thursdays 1300-1600**. **Pershore Library** will also be offering a warm space during their regular opening times, Monday -Saturday.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 JANUARY - 25 JANUARY 2023: This year's Community Unity service is called "Do good: seek justice". It will be led by Pershore Community Church and will focus on social justice.

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!

ABBEY & 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 01 January 2023—Naming of Jesus

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Pershore Abbey will be lit up Gold as we celebrate Christmas

THE PERSHORE ABBEY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD AND WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2023

Monday 02 January - Bank Holiday

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

Tuesday 03 January

14:00 Organ Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Wednesday 04 January

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

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

Thursday 05 January

ALL Day - Electrical Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 06 January

09:00 Dawn Session (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

Saturday 07 January

11:00 Memorial Service and Interment of
Ashes of the late David Sutton

(*St Mary's, Wick*)

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

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

Sunday 08 January - Epiphany

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service

(*Pershore Abbey*)

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



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