



PERSHORE ABBEY

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

Sunday, 04 December, 2022

ADVENT 2

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.

ADVENT WREATH SONG

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.**

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

We light this candle to help us think of God's greatest promise, first told by the prophets.

**O, two is for the prophets
and for the light they bring.
They are candles in the darkness,
all alight for Christ the King.**

THE COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever . **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11.1-10

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 15.4-13

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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**

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**

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HYMN SHEET

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FIRST HYMN

A&M 37

(Highwood)

1. Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?
2. Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!
3. This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.
4. Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Frederic William Henry Myers (1843-1901)

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 51

(St Stephen (Newington))

1. The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.
2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.
3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.
4. The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.
5. For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

John Milton, *the elder* (c.1563-1647)

THIRD HYMN

A&M 42

(Christ Be Our Light)

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. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church
Gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us
Make us your living voice.

4. Longing for shelter people are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

COMMUNION MOTET

Never Weather beaten Sail (Charles Wood) - Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 50

(St Thomas)

1. The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.
3. Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.
4. As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.
5. All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

Instantis adventum Dei

Charles Coffin (1676-1749), *Transl.* John Chandler (1806-1876)

1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

2. God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.

4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!*

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on
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01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.***

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

04 DECEMBER 2022

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

BULLETIN NOTICES

**Please see the Monthly Edition for the latest notices and information
December / Jan Edition out now!**

ADVENT COMPLINE BY ZOOM MONDAYS IN ADVENT AT 1900: Join us via Zoom for this quiet and reflective service. Please email vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link and a copy of the order of service. *Claire*

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. Full details on how to contribute are in the monthly bulletin. 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**. Please call Jane to book your place or **email** the office. We do hope you will be able to join us. *PASA*

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 04 December—Advent 2

08:00 BCP 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*)

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Pershore Abbey will be lit up Gold as we prepare for Christmas

Monday 05 December

ALL DAY - Abbey Office Closed due to staff holiday

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

14:00 U3A History Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

19:00 Advent Compline (*Zoom*)

19:00 Read Easy Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Tuesday 06 December

09:00 Staging going up (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:30 Funeral Service for the late
Gwyneth Bridge (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Celebration of the life of the late
Gwyneth Bridge (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

18:00 Wick PCC

Wednesday 07 December

09:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

11:00 Funeral Service for the late
Elizabeth Barratt (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:30 St Nicholas Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 U3A Singers Concert (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 St Nicholas Christmas Celebration
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

20:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

Thursday 08 December

09:30 Bowbrook School Rehearsal
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:00 Bowbrook School Christmas Celebration
(*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 09 December

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

12:45 Memorial Service for the late Ruth Duke
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

16:00 Concert Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Concert use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Worcester Male Voice Choir Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 10 December

14:00 Pershore Rotary Car Boot
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Worcester Male Voice Choir Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 11 December—Advent 3

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*)

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

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

15:30 Wholeness & Healing Planning
(*St Andrew's*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service
(*St Andrew's*)

