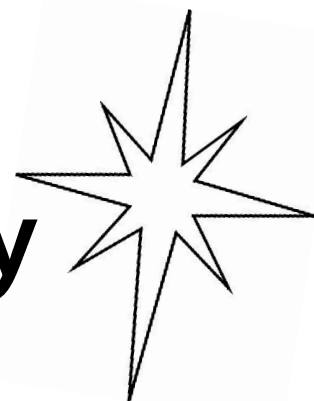


**Pershore Abbey**



**Carol Service**

**2022**

**Bienvenue, Willkommen, Ласкаво просимо, Karibu and  
Welcome to our Carol Service**

The congregation is invited to stand, if you are able, for the carols and sit for the choir pieces and readings. We all, if able, stand for the ninth lesson.

**Carol - Once in royal David's city**

Carol number 19 from The Bethlehem carol sheet  
(verse 1 choir only)

**Welcome & Bidding Prayer**

**The First Lesson**

*Read by Councillor Matthew Winfield - Mayor of Pershore*

**Genesis 3:8-15**

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

**Carol – The holly and the ivy**

Carol Number 9 from the carol sheet

**The Second Lesson**

*Read by Miss Emma Davies – Abbey 'Baby & Toddlers' Parent*

**Genesis 22:15-18**

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

**Carol – It came upon the midnight clear**

Carol Number 14 from the carol sheet

**The Third Lesson**

*Read by Ms Nicola Ainsworth – Project Lead, Pershore Food Bank*

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

**Carol - Hark! the herald-angels sing**

Carol Number 10 from the carol sheet

**The Choir sing**

The Blessed Son of God

Words and music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

**The Fourth Lesson**

*Read by Mrs Samantha Andrews -Abbey Churchwarden*

**Micah 5:2-5a**

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

## **Carol - O little town of Bethlehem**

Carol Number 1 from the carol sheet

## **The Fifth Lesson**

*Read by Mr Stuart Piper – Abbey Tower Captain*

**Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## **Pershore U3A Handbell Ringers**

*Il Est Né, Le Divin Enfant (He is born, the Divine Child)*

Traditional French Carol

## **The Sixth Lesson**

*Read by Mrs Sandra Jennings – Head Teacher,*

*The Pinvin Federation of C of E Schools*

**Matthew 1:18-23**

St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

## **Carol - Silent night, holy night**

Carol Number 13 from the carol sheet

## **The Seventh Lesson**

*Read by Councillor Val Wood – Trustee, Pershore United Charities*

**Luke 2:8-16**

The shepherds go to the manger.

## **Pershore U3A Handbell Ringers**

*Noël Nouvelet (Sing We Now of Christmas)*

Traditional French Carol

## **Carol - While shepherds watched**

Carol Number 7 from the carol sheet

## **The Choir sing**

O Holy Night

Words by Placide Cappeau. Music arr. by Adolphe Adan

## **The Eighth Lesson**

*Read by Mr Michael Hodges – Chair of the Executive Committee,*

*The Friends of Pershore Abbey CIO*

**Matthew 2:1-11**

The wise men are led by a star to Jesus.

## Carol – We three kings of Orient are

Carol Number 21 from the carol sheet

## The Choir sing

In the Bleak Midwinter

Words by Christina Rossetti. Music arr. by Harold Drake

Please stand, if able, for

## The Ninth Lesson

*Read by Mr Peter Stansbie – Abbey Reader*

**John 1:1-14**

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

## Carol - O come, all ye faithful

Carol Number 12 from the carol sheet (verses 1-3 only)

## Collect

## The Blessing



## SERVICES AT THE ABBEY THIS CHRISTMAS

*A warm welcome awaits you*

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|---------------|---------|--|
| Christmas Eve | 3.30pm  | Christingle Service (Persnore Abbey)<br><i>Families are invited to come in their favourite nativity costumes</i> |
| Christmas Eve | 11.15pm | Midnight Mass  |
| Christmas Day | 8.00am  | Eucharist  |
| Christmas Day | 10.30am | All Age Eucharist <i>with refreshments</i>   |

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

To find the recording please visit

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Persnore Abbey Community

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If you have any queries or concerns please do speak  
to a sidesperson or churchwarden