

PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 12 November 2023

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community** [Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m)

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

Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Please take this sheet home with you and recycle when you have finished with it.



THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

A reading from the first letter of Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25.1-13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion
please let a sidesperson know**



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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

12 NOVEMBER 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**

*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 THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT TODAY, PRAYING
ESPECIALLY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE HOLY LAND. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE.**

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.

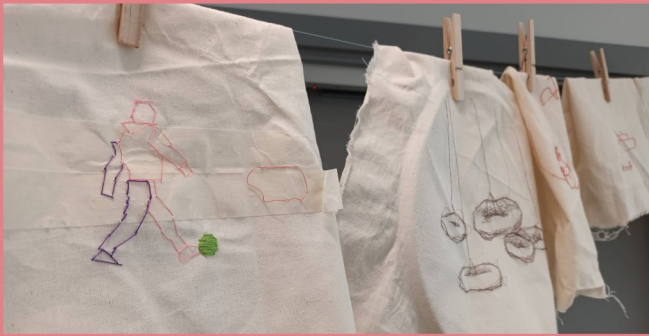
We pray for those in need.

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.

Eco Church Stitch Workshop

Thursday 16 & 23 November, 1 - 3pm
Free, drop-in



Join Meadow Arts and artist Lorna Rose for two creative stitch workshops. In these sessions, we will explore themes of climate change and flooding inspired by the artwork *Deluge* by artist Hilary Jack, and help to create a collaborative artwork to install at Pershore Abbey.

Fun and informative stitching sessions with the talented artist Lorna Rose, conversation and cake! Share your ideas with other members of the Abbey congregation and turn them into art.

www.meadowarts.org/whats-on



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Pershore Abbey

CAFÉ CHURCH @St Andrew's Centre



Monthly on Second Sundays

Our next services: **19 November and 10 December**

9:30am

Join us for

Songs • Talk • Tea • Toast

All ages welcome

If you want to find out more contact:

Sam Andrews: candfw.pershoreabbey@gmail.com

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YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community

Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

PERSHORE ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION MORNING

Saturday 02 December
10:00
Pershore Abbey

Come along and help dress
the Abbey Christmas Tree

All ages welcome!

Refreshments will be served

We look forward to
welcoming you



PERSHORE BENEFICE

EDIBLE
NATIVITY



SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE 1030 - 1145

Join us as we 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.

Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on
01386 552071 to secure your place by **28 November**.

Drop off at 1030 at St Andrew's and collect at 1145 from
Pershore Abbey. Parents or carers **must** stay with younger
children for the session.

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES 18 AND UNDER

PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN NOTICES

MINISTRY NEWS

As winter approaches we know that it is starting to feel chillier outside. Our churches will hopefully be warm and welcoming but please remember to dress warmly if attending a service. Lots of thin layers are the top recommendation. Keep warm and help all of our churches to use less energy on their heating!

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 03 DECEMBER 1500 PERSHORE ABBEY—READERS REQUIRED!

Our Advent Carol service takes place on Sunday 03 December and will feature the Pershore Abbey Choir under the direction of Paul Trepte. I am looking for readers to take part in this service, so if you are interested please contact me as soon as possible via email on vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk or speak to me after the service on Sunday. *Claire*

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month during November raises awareness and funding for this 10th most common cancer. It is also the 5th biggest cancer killer, because late diagnosis means sufferers have the lowest survival rate, with 9,000 people per year dying of the disease. Britain lags behind the world, ranking 29th out of 33 countries with comparable data, but Pancreatic Cancer UK is funding a project here aiming to develop a breath test providing early detection, leading to more effective treatments and survival rates – the first breakthrough in 50 years. Thursday 16 November is World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day when we hope to light the Abbey in purple as we did last year. Visit Pancreatic Cancer UK website to learn more, support or donate if you or a loved one has been affected by this disease.



FOLLOW THE STAR: The Church of England's 2023 Christmas Campaign booklet, Follow the Star, offers a musical journey to the heart of Christmas. Copies are £1.00. If you would like a hard copy, please email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or phone 01386 552071. Alternatively, visit: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/follow-the-star>

ABBAY SHOEBOX SUNDAY THANK YOU: Last Sunday 100 shoeboxes were packed ready to be taken to the Teams4U warehouse. A huge thank you to those who packed the boxes, donated items, kindly knitted items and gave money to send the boxes. *Suzanne.*

ABBAY ECO CHURCH: The next Abbey Eco Church meeting is 1915 on 29 November at St Andrew's Centre (Upper Room). New members always welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID'S APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE:

Donations for humanitarian relief in Palestine/Israel can be made here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal>



**PLEASE SEE OUR NOVEMBER MONTHLY BULLETIN
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND NOTICES**

Pershore Abbey

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

15:00

Pershore Abbey

A wonderful chance to sing your favourite Advent Carols and to hear the Abbey Choir sing some beautiful anthems

Organist: Matthew Martin / Director of Music: Paul Trepte

This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

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We invite you all to join us in church and online PERSHORE BENEFICE for CHRISTMAS

In addition to these special seasonal services and activities, our regular Sunday worship services will continue to take place each week as usual



Sunday 3 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Edible Nativity - Booking Essential (*St Andrew's Centre*)
Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call 01386 552071 by 27 November
- 1030 Patronal Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 1500 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 10 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's Centre*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1700 Wholeness & Healing Service—Light in Our Darkness (*St Andrew's Centre*)



Sunday 17 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Carol Service (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 1700 Christmas Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1800 Carol Service and Christmas Trees (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1800 Carol and Christingle Service (*St James, Birlingham*)



Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1530 Christingle Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
Dress up in your favourite nativity outfit for our traditional Christingle!
- 1600 Christingle Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1700 Christingle and Crib Service (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 2315 Midnight Mass with Choir (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 0900 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1030 Holy Communion (*St James, Birlingham*)
- 1030 All Age Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*



New Year's Eve Sunday 31 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

*Join in with our **LIVESTREAM** services at the time advertised on the Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel or catch up later

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ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 13 November

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

09:45 Meadow Arts School Visit
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

Tuesday 14 November

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

14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 15 November

11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

Thursday 16 November

09:00 Storm Builders (*St Andrew's Upper*)

09:30 Meadow Arts Eco-Church
(*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Abbey Pastoral Group (*Private*)

09:45 I-sing Choir Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Eco Church Stitch Workshop
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Abbey Finance Committee Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:30 V&W (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 17 November

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

10:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

15:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 18 November

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Choral Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 19 November - Misson Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Baptism (*Abbey*)

16:00 Archdeacon Rob's Farewell Service (*Cathedral*)