



PERSHORE BENEFICE

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

Sunday, 14 January 2024

EPIPHANY 2

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](#)

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 God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3.1-10

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5.1-10

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine.

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 1.43-51

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

FIRST HYMN

A&M 826

DARWALL'S 148th

1 Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

[Richard Baxter (1615-1691)
And John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 164

You are the king of glory
you are the Prince of peace,
you are the Lord of heaven and earth,
you're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
worship and adore,
For you have the words of eternal life,
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

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for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

1 Arise, shine out, your light has come,
 unfolding City of our dreams.
 On distant hills a glory gleams:
 the new creation has begun.

2 Above earth's valleys, thick with night,
 high on your walls the dawn appears,
 and history shall dry its tears,
 as nations stream towards your light.

4 The sounds of violence shall cease
 as dwellings of salvation rise
 to sparkle in eternal skies
 from avenues of praise and peace.

3 From walls surpassing time and space,
 unnumbered gates, like open hands,
 shall gather gifts from all the lands,
 and welcome all the human race.

5 The dancing air shall glow with light
 and sun and moon give up their place
 when Love shines out of every face:
 our Good, our Glory, our Delight.

[Brian Wren (b.1936)]

COMMUNION MOTET

From the rising of the sun—Ouseley

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*From the rising of the sun
 unto the going down of the same
 my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;
 and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:
 for my name shall be great among the heathen,
 thus saith the Lord!*

COMMUNION HYMN**A&M 450****JESUS CALLS US**

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him
 as, through word and song and prayer,
 we affirm God's promised presence
 where his people live and care.
 Praise the God who keeps his promise;
 praise the Son who calls us friends;
 praise the Spirit who, among us,
 to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to his table
 rooted firm in time and space,
 where the Church in earth and heaven
 finds a common meeting place.
 Share the bread and wine, his body;
 share the love of which we sing;
 share the feast of saints and sinners
 hosted by our Lord and King.

[John L. Bell (b. 1949)
 And Graham Maule (b.1958)]

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
 'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity;
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:
 'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
 life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
 closer in community;
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.
3. Lord, you make the common holy:
 'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
 daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
 share your children's liberty;
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.
4. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

[[Jeffery W. Rowthorn (b.1934)]]

*Voluntary: **Variations on King Jesus hath a garden—Flor Peeters**
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

14 JANUARY 2024

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 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.

PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN NOTICES

NEWS

EXPLORING AND GROWING OUR FAITH QUESTIONNAIRE: Please remember to return your completed questionnaires as soon as you can. Copies are available at the back of the Abbey or, if you would prefer, please contact the Abbey Office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you would like a copy emailed. *Claire*

MIDWEEK COMMUNION: New for 2024, these services start at 1000 in the St John Chapel at the Abbey and are a simple said service followed by refreshments with the chance to sit down and chat to others who have attended the service. If you don't feel like attending the service please do feel free to come along for refreshments and a chat, which will begin around 1045 and end at 1130. We look forward to welcoming those who would like a quiet communion service in the week and all those for whom getting to church on a Sunday is difficult. For more information please get in touch with me. *Claire*



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 runs from 18-25 January with a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service with Churches Together in Pershore taking place at Pershore Abbey on Sunday 21 January at 1500.

ABBEY PUDDING EVENING TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SUNDAY 14 JANUARY: The Pudding Evening will be held at St Andrew's on Saturday 3 February at 18:30 for 19:00. Jacket potatoes with a choice of tuna or cheese and garnish followed by a selection of puddings. Tickets £7 and please bring your own wine/beer and soft drinks will be available. There will also be a sign up sheet for all you keen pudding makers out there to contribute your "signature pudding" please. Tickets will be on sale by Julie Newman on Sunday morning or people can ring her on 01386 640497—all proceeds are going to Pershore Wellbeing Hub. *Thank you Julie and the PASA team.*

COFFEE MORNING TO THANK ALL ABBEY VOLUNTEERS: As a mark of our appreciation for all the help given by volunteers at the Abbey and St Andrew's, a special coffee morning will be held at St Andrew's Centre on Saturday 10 February, 1000 – 1200. Each volunteer should receive an invitation via their group organiser. Should you not hear from us but would like to attend, please do contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776. Please forward any special dietary needs to same number.



ABBEY CHRISTMAS CARD MESSAGE BOARD: £360 has now been sent off to Christian Aid, this being the donations made by card givers. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the message board and kindly made a donation. *Many thanks, Sarah Thompson*

IDEAS FOR ABBEY LINK: It's the time again when Abbey Link is gearing up for the Spring issue, though that feels a while off! Do you have any stories of local interest that you would like to see included? Or are there any subjects you would like to learn more about? Please contact me in person or at editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk *With thanks, Christopher Kimberley*

PALM CROSSES NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Please leave your old palm crosses in the marked box which will be placed at the back of Pershore Abbey from 14 January, as we need to recreate the ash in the traditional way for this year's Ash Wednesday service on **14 February** at Pershore Abbey.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024: All are welcome to attend this year's World Day of Prayer service at 1400 on Friday 1 March at Pershore Baptist Church. If any volunteers would be willing to take part, please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071.

Pershore Abbey

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE




SUNDAY 14 JANUARY
15:00
Pershore Abbey

 Please join us for a celebratory service of singing and praise
This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
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Go and do likewise




**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service
with Churches Together in Pershore**

Sunday 21 January 2024
15:00
Pershore Abbey



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024
www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer





Pershore Abbey
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross

VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Pershore Abbey seek a part time Director to maintain and develop a strong and vibrant tradition of church music and to work with our enthusiastic and growing choir. We need someone who can respond with flair to our brand new Ruffatti pipe organ.

Salary £11,000

With the opportunity for additional payments

For an informal discussion about the post with Paul Trepte, interim DoM, please contact the office or more more general information visit our website www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

Closing date: 28 January 2024

For a full job description
and application form please contact our office on :
01386 552071 (*please leave your name & contact details*)
Or email: **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**

An application pack may also be collected from the Benefice Office

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Prayer Pilgrimage led by the Archbishop of Canterbury Saturday 3 February 2024

All welcome - join us as we pray for our diocese as well as peace and justice throughout the world in 2024 and beyond.

10am: Top Church, Dudley

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer.

12.30pm: Pershore Abbey

Prayer lunch - bring your own picnic lunch

2.15pm: Worcester Cathedral

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer in various prayer stations.

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 14 January - Epiphany 2

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 15 January

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

13:15 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Funeral Service for the late

Ros Hill (*Vale Crematorium*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:00 Art and Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 16 January

10:30 Burial of Ashes (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:00 PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 17 January

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

11:30 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring your own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

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

Thursday 18 January

09:00 Gas Inspection (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 SAEC (*St Andrew's Upper*)

09:45 iSing Choir Rehearsals (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 19 January

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

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 20 January

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

14:30 Visiting Lichfield Organist Association
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 21 January - Epiphany 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

15:00 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Service (*Pershore Abbey*)



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