



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 14 September 2025
HOLY CROSS

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

Today we welcome The Friends Of Pershore Abbey to our 1030 service.

The 1030 service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. Visit www.youtube.com and search for [Pershore Abbey Community](#)

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Numbers 21.4-9

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.6-11

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 3.13-17

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.



PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

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, WEDNESDAY & 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@persoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

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

Please pray for Bishop Hugh

Gracious and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church:

we thank you for calling your servant Hugh to be Bishop of Worcester;

sustain him by your love, strengthen him in faith

encourage him in hope and grant him the needful gifts of grace;

that through his ministry among us we may live and grow as Kingdom People sharing faith, hope and love in Jesus' name.

Amen

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

ABBAY HARVEST LUNCH - SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER AT ST ANDREW'S: This year there will be a Harvest Lunch which will follow the Harvest Festival service in the Abbey - price and time to be confirmed. It will be the usual shepherd's pie and mixed veg followed by apple crumble and cream! Tickets will be on sale in the Abbey on Sunday 21 and 28 September with a sign up sheet for apple crumble makers please. Thank you. *PASA*

PERSHORE CHORAL'S HYMNATHON CANCELLED: Please note that Pershore Choral's Hymnathon fundraising event that was due to take place at St Andrew's Centre on Saturday 20 September has been cancelled.

REQUEST FOR HELP: Abbey Link Magazine needs a volunteer to deliver the magazine to houses in Meadow Walk (22 copies). The next edition is due to be delivered on 22 November (4 deliveries a year). If anyone feels they can lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

ABBAY ALL AGE HARVEST FESTIVAL: Our Harvest services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and give thanks for all who work in the farming community. Please bring non-perishable food donations for Pershore Foodbank along to the Abbey All Age Harvest service at 1030 on Sunday 5 October.

PLEASE SEE OUR SEPTEMBER BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 14 September - Holy Cross Day

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St James', Birlingham*)

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

12:00 Friends of Pershore Abbey AGM (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 15 September

All Day - Gary Owens Organ Tuning

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

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:00 PUC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:00 Wick PCC (*Wick*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

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

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 16 September

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

14:00 Abbey Fabric Committee
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pinvin PCC (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

19:30 Soundbath Meditation Event
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 17 September

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

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

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

16:00 Pershore Place Board Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

Thursday 18 September

09:45 i-Sing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 19 September

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 20 September

10:00 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Abbey Walking Church and Refreshments at
St Andrew's (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 21 September - Matthew

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

15:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

