



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 02 November 2025
ALL SAINTS' DAY / SHOEBOX SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY



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, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

Daniel 7.1-3,15-18

A reading from the Book of Daniel

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1.11-23

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my

prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6.20-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 296

SINENOMINE

- 1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia.*
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia.*
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia.*
- 4 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia.*
- 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost *Alleluia.*

[William Walsham How (1823-1867)]
Music Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 312

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| 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia.
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. | 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. |
| 2 O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia.
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. | 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. |

[John Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)]

- 1 Lo, round the throne, a glorious band,
the saints in countless myriads stand,
of every tongue redeemed to God,
arrayed in garments washed in blood.
- 2 Through tribulation great they came;
they bore the cross, despised the shame;
from all their labours now they rest,
in God's eternal glory blest.
- 3 They see their Saviour face to face,
and sing the triumphs of his grace;
him day and night they ceaseless praise,
to him the loud thanksgiving raise:
- 4 'Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain,
through endless years to live and reign;
thou hast redeemed us by thy blood,
and made us kings and priests to God.'
- 5 O may we tread the sacred road
that saints and holy martyrs trod;
wage to the end the glorious strife,
and win, like them, a crown of life.

[Rowland Hill (1744-14833)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Set me a seal — Eleanor Daley
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Set me as a seal upon your heart
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.*

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong,
for love is strong,
for love is strong as death.*

*Many waters cannot quench love,
many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the flood drown it,
neither can the flood drown it,
neither can the floods drown it.
If you keep my commandments,
you shall abide in my love,
love one another as I have loved you,
then shall your joy be complete.*

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong,
for love is strong,
for love is strong,
for love is strong,
love is as strong as death.*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 785

- 1 Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
Such love weeps for the shame I know;
Such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.
- 2 Such love, stilling my restlessness;
Such love, filling my emptiness;
Such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.
- 3 Such love, springs from eternity;
Such love, streaming through history
Such love, foundation of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

[Graham Kendrick (b.1950)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 394

WOODLANDS

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b1926)
Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)]

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in 7-John Rutter

The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE

02 NOVEMBER 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@pershoreabbey.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.

THE LATE EDDIE HOWELL: We were all saddened to learn of the death of Eddie. He was
a faithful member of the Abbey congregation, along with his late wife, Sylvia, for many
years. He was passionate about music so particularly supported James and the choir
whenever he could. Eddie's funeral will be **1200 on 3 November** at the Abbey, to which
everyone is warmly invited. At Eddie's request mourners are invited not to wear black.
May Eddie rest in peace. *Claire.*

BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES



ALL SOULS' SERVICE SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY: A quiet and reflective service to remember our loved ones. This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend in person. *Claire*

WELCOME SERVICE FOR BISHOP HUGH NELSON - 17 JANUARY 2026: The service of welcome and installation for Hugh Nelson as our next Bishop of Worcester will be on Saturday 17 January at 1400 in Worcester Cathedral.

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

GOODBYE FROM FIONA RICE: Dear Friends, it is with sadness that I have moved to Norfolk to be near my family. I just want to say how much I have appreciated being part of the wonderful Abbey community, it is something very special, and I shall miss everyone. I haven't managed to get round to saying goodbye to you all - but I shall be back to visit. With thanks for all your love and kindness over the years, and all very best wishes for the future. *Fiona Rice*

PERSHORE ABBEY 1040 9 NOVEMBER: Our Pershore Abbey Remembrance Service will not be ticketed. There will therefore be plenty of seats available for visiting organisations, our regular congregation and the general public for this poignant service.



- VACANCY -

VENUE EVENTS COORDINATOR AT PERSHORE ABBEY AND ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

We need an active and energetic person (job share considered) to help us with our events. 19 hours a month with events held generally on Fridays and Saturdays.

Details and application forms available from: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

Closing date: 09.11.2025

PLEASE SEE OUR NOVEMBER MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR FURTHER NOTICES

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 02 November - All Saints' Day

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist (Shoebox Sunday) with
Fair trade Stall and with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

12:00 Private Party (*St Andrews's Main*)

17:00 All Souls' Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 03 November

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

12:00 Funeral for the late
Eddie Howell (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:30 Flower Arranging (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Wick PCC (*Wick*)

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

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 04 November

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

10:00 CCTV Maintenance (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Wednesday 05 November

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

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

12:00 Funeral for the late
Clive Wood (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Thursday 06 November

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

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

12:00 Funeral for the late Jennifer Quiney
(*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Remembrance Service Rehearsal
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 07 November

ALL DAY—Gutter Clearance (*Pershore Abbey*
& *St Andrew's*)

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

12:00 Funeral for the late

Ian Rendall (*Vale Crematorium*)

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Surprise Major Practice
(*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 08 November

12:30 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra
Autumn Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 09 November - Remembrance Sunday / 3 Before Advent

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*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 Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)