



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 09 November 2025
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY / 3 BEFORE ADVENT

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1040 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel: [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 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.**

FIRST READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end

A reading from Thessalonians.

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 20.27-38

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and

the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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.**

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE - 09 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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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.

BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES



ARMISTICE SERVICE: On Monday, the Pershore Benefice schools came together to participate in an annual Armistice Service at Pershore Commemorative Garden. Led with prayers offered by Claire, poppy wreaths were duly laid on behalf of Pershore High School, Abbey Park Primary School, Holy Redeemer School, Orchard Primary School, Pinvin CofE Academy, the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval

Association. The service concluded with the Kohima Epitaph before a vote of thanks was given to all the children who participated. *Trudy Burge*

LIGHT PARTY: Many thanks to all who helped at the Light Party; I couldn't do it without you. It was a great afternoon and the children had a wonderful time. *Sam Andrews*

ABBEY SHOEBOX APPEAL: A huge 'thank you' to everyone who donated lots of essential items, including cloth bags, knitting and kindly gave monetary contributions towards our Shoeboxes for this year. We had a wonderful team of volunteers who helped to pack 100 shoeboxes ready to be taken to the Teams4U warehouse, then sent to the children in Romania, Ukraine and Moldova for their Christmas. *Suzanne Clarke*

AID TO UKRAINE: A huge thank you to all those who have contributed items for this appeal. Just a reminder that the collecting box will be at the back of the Abbey until Sunday 15 November. Items being asked for are: over the counter medications (pain killers), tinned food, socks and underwear for troops, and baby items (clothes, nappies, baby blankets). These items will be especially important as the winter weather approaches. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. *Martin Fowler*

STRIKING COMPETITION: If you heard the bells at St Andrew's Centre ringing on Saturday and wondered what it was all about, it was the Southern Branch of the local ringing association holding its annual Striking Competition. We won the call change competition, beating three other teams – well done to Bill, Sue, Poppy, Rachel, Kate, and Leonie. For the method competition, we came a close third in a field of six teams – well done to Bill, Alison, Rachel, David, Andrew and Leonie. Bill has since commented that in all his years of ringing, he has never before taken part in the striking competition! *Stuart Piper*

'FORGIVENESS' - IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1700: This month's Iona service will be led by Andrew Chapman. There'll be the opportunity to hear and share stories, and to reflect and pray, focussing on forgiveness and restorative justice, whether personal, in our communities or around the world. *Helen Oldham*

- 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 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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 10 November

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday 11 November

09:30 Bells - Vale of Evesham Peals (*St Andrew's*)

10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:45 Armistice Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

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

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

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

Wednesday 12 November

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

12:30 Funeral for the Late
Jenifer Burton (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Avon Vale Cubs Visit and Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

Thursday 13 November

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

11:00 Eucharist (*Rolland Rutter Court*)

14:00 Benefice Treasurers' Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 14 November

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 - Roy Williams' Last Friday Quarter Peal
(*St Andrew's*)

19:30 i-Sing Choir Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 15 November

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

14:00 Walking Church (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Walking Church Refreshments
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 i-Sing Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 16 November - Safeguarding Sunday / 2 before Advent

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fair Trade 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*)

