



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 15 February 2026**  
**NEXT BEFORE LENT**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**



Today's 1030 service is a special **Confirmation Service**.

We are delighted that Bishop Michael will be leading this service. Please pray for Alison Branchett, Jonathan Branchett, Abraham Peter, Henry Prior and Jessica Wyburn

The 1030 service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. Visit [www.youtube.com](https://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.

**Heating Update:** You will be pleased to know that the boiler is working! The part arrived and was fitted on Tuesday afternoon. It is much warmer than it has been and will be at or near the usual temperature, however, you may still want to wrap up warm and use the blankets.

**Refreshments after this Sunday's 1030 Confirmation Service will be in the Abbey.**

### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

### **2 Peter 1.16-21**

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

## THE GOSPEL

## **Matthew 17.1-9**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through 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.*



## PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE

15 FEBRUARY 2026

**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](mailto: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  
FOR PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLES AND PLACES.**

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

**PERSHORE CARNIVAL 2026 PLANNING MEETING:** Interested in joining the Pershore Abbey walking float in this year's carnival, to be held on Saturday 20 June? We are holding a planning meeting at 1930 on Wednesday 11 March at St Andrew's Centre. This year's theme is Country and Westerns. If you have any ideas we could use or just fancy doing something new, come along or contact Beth/Eloise on 07824446143. *Beth Seale*

**URGENT HELP NEEDED:** Help is needed to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine. Our latest request is for someone to deliver to 19 households in Lancelott Court. If you are able to help deliver here, or to other areas in Pershore, please contact me on 01386 553110 before the end of the month. Thank you. *Roger Piper*

**PLEASE SEE OUR JANUARY/FEBRUARY MONTHLY 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 15 February - Next Before Lent**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Confirmation Service with Fairtrade  
    Stall and with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer	0830 Morning Prayer	1700 Evening Prayer
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### **Monday 16 February**

10:00 Flower Guild AGM (*St Andrew's Main*)  
13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)  
14:00 Abbey Finance Committee Meeting  
    (*St Andrew's Upper*)  
19:00 Pershore Community Choir  
    (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Tuesday 17 February - Shrove Tuesday**

ALL DAY Lighting Repairs (*Abbey and St Andrew's*)  
10:15 Foodbank staff arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)  
11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)  
11:00 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)  
15:30 CTiP Lenten Appeal Launch  
    (*St Andrew's Main*)  
19:00 U3A Wine Appreciation Society  
    (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Wednesday 18 February - Ash Wednesday**

08:30 Morning Prayer, Eucharist with  
    Imposition of Ashes (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:00 Midweek Communion with  
    Imposition of Ashes (*Pershore Abbey*)  
11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)  
12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)  
19:30 Sung Eucharist with Imposition  
    of Ashes (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Thursday 19 February**

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)  
11:30 Funeral for the late Walter Wood  
    (*St James', Birmingham*)

### **Friday 20 February**

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 21 February**

10:30 Parish Coffee Morning  
    (*St Andrew's Main*)  
12:00 Funeral for the late Frank Powell  
    (*St Mary's, Wick*)

### **Sunday 22 February - Lent 1**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM  
    (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)  
14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)  
15:00 Bulb Sunday (*St James', Birmingham*)  
17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

