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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 8 November - 3rd before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

This is your Bulletin and Diary and Service Sheet for the 0800 Service. Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Large print copies are available from the welcomers. The 1040 Remembrance Service will have its own service sheet.

The 1040 service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel: Pershore Abbey Community

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

— Service Sheet —



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.**



The First Reading **1 Thessalonians 4.13-18**

A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words

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



Gospel Reading **Matthew 25.1-13**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten

bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Prayers

We pray for those who live in the midst of conflict today, praying for peace for all peoples and places. We also pray for the following members of our church family:

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.



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.**

— Bulletin —

Hello to everyone from Pershore Foodbank! Christmas is fast approaching and while this can be a wonderful and celebratory time of year, some families and households can find this a time of anxiety and pressure to spend far more than can be afforded. All donations to our Foodbank are most gratefully received. Alongside all the wonderful items you normally donate, could we please ask you to consider: snack items such as crisps, Pringles, cheese biscuits, etc. and chocolate and sweet treats. These will be added to our regular food parcels in the run up to Christmas. Thank you. *Pershore Foodbank*

Abbey Link needs you! We are looking for someone to take over the task of invoicing the folk who kindly advertise with us. Could you take on this role? We would really

appreciate it! Please speak to me after the Sunday 1030 service (I'm the person who carries the cross) or email me editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk. The role also involves keeping in touch with advertisers as needed and keeping records - and delivering or posting out copies of the magazine to each advertiser as it's published (stamps provided!). I look forward to hearing from you. *Christoper Kimberley*

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 8 November - 3rd before Advent / Remembrance Sunday
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 and Healing Service *(Pershore Abbey)*

Monday 9 November
All Day - Bell Maintenance *(St Andrews & Pershore Abbey)*
10:00 U3A Ukelele Group *(St Andrew's Main)*
13:00 Craft & Chat *(St Andrew's Main)*
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 *(St Andrew's)*

Tuesday 10 November
09:30 Bells - Vale of Evesham Peal *(St Andrew's)*
10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive *(St Andrew's Main)*
11:00 CTiP Foodbank *(St Andrew's Main)*
12:00 Monks' Day *(Pershore Abbey)*
14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship *(St Andrew's Main)*
19:00 Abbey PCC Meeting *(St Andrew's Upper)*

Wednesday 11 November
09:30 Pershore School's Armistice Service *(Pershore Commemorative Gardens)*
10:00 Midweek Holy Communion *(Pershore Abbey)*
10:45 Armistice Service *(St James', Birlingham)*
12:00 Organ Practice *(St Andrew's Main)*
13:15 Piano Practice WPO *(Pershore Abbey)*
14:00 Craft & Chat *(St Andrew's Main)*
14:00 Pershore U3A Bridge Group *(St Andrew's Upper)*
15:45 V&W *(Vicar's Vestry)*
18:30 Abbotswood Medical Centre Mindfulness Course *(St Andrew's Main)*
19:15 Abbey Eco Church Meeting *(St Andrew's Upper)*

Thursday 12 November
09:45 iSing Choir *(St Andrew's Main)*
11:00 Eucharist *(Roland Rutter Court)*

12:30 Funeral of the late Sandra Andrews *(The Vale)*
15:00 Organ Practice *(Pershore Abbey)*
17:00 Setting Up - Babies and Toddlers *(St Andrew's Main)*

Friday 13 November

09:30 Babies and Toddlers *(St Andrew's Main)*
13:00 CTiP Foodbank *(St Andrew's Main)*
16:00 Piano Tuning (Pershore Abbey)
18:30 Choir Practice *(Pershore Abbey)*
19:30 Bell - Roy Williams' Last Friday Quarter Peal *(St Andrew's)*

Saturday 14 November

12:30 Concert Use *(St Andrew's Main)*
14:30 Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra Concert *(Pershore Abbey)*
14:00 Abbey Walking Church *(Pershore Abbey)*
15:00 Abbey Walking Church Refreshments *(St Andrew's Main)*
19:00 Setting Up - Café Church *(St Andrew's Main)*

Sunday 15 November - 2nd before Advent / Safeguarding Sunday

08:00 Eucharist *(Pershore Abbey)*
09:15 Choir Practice *(Pershore Abbey)*
09:30 Café Church *(St Andrew's Main)*
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade Stall and with LIVESTREAM *(Pershore Abbey)*
10:30 Sunday Praise *(St Nicholas, Pinvin)*
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism *(Pershore Abbey)*

Pershore Abbey Daily Services

0800 Silent Prayer | 0830 Morning Prayer | 1700 Evening Prayer

All are welcome to share in these services.

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

— Keeping In Touch —

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