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

Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 22 November - Christ the King

This is your Service Sheet, Bulletin and Diary. Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Large print copies are available from the welcomers.

The 1030 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 —



Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



First Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Ancient & Modern 227
Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Tune: Diadamata



Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



The Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**



First Reading

Ephesians 1.15-end

A reading from The Letter to the Ephesians.

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.

Second Hymn

King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,
all within me falls at your throne.

Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and heaven worship you,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty,
I live to serve your majesty.

Ancient & Modern: 700
Words: Jarrod Cooper (b.1970)

The Gospel

Matthew 25.31-end

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

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was

it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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



Reflection



Affirmation of Faith

Please stand for our Affirmation of Faith

We say together:

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



The Peace

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Prayers

*Please sit or kneel as we offer God our Prayers and Thanks. At the end of each prayer when you hear 'God of love' please respond **'hear our** prayer'.*
We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:

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.



Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.




Third Hymn

During which the collection will be taken.
We have the facility to take contactless card payments at the back of the Abbey.

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before our God we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace:
salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing,
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God, our King who reigns on high
for evermore.

And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,
as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:
we'll reign with him.

Hear heaven's voices sing,
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God, our King who reigns on high
for evermore.

Ancient & Modern 802
Words: Keith Getty (b.1974) and Kristyn Getty (b.1980)



Thanksgiving and Blessing

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Organ Voluntary

Crown Imperial—William Walton
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary.

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— Bulletin —

Pershore Abbey Choir has vacancies!! We are looking for sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Advent and Christmas give the opportunity to sing some fabulous music in the best surroundings - the Abbey is beautiful! Please come to a rehearsal on Friday 1830-1930 and get a feel for the group - they are friendly and welcoming. All the tools you need to learn the music, scores, recorded tracks and individual support is available. For more information please email the Director of Music, James MacDowall-Scott on directorofmusic.pershoreabbey@gmail.com or contact him by phone, 07968 307916.

A specially musical Iona service: Everyone is very welcome to the Iona service focussed on music, on Sunday 22 November at 1700. Our worship together has been enriched by the Iona Community's wonderful worship songs. We'll be singing people's requested favourite songs, and hearing why they are important to the people who chose them.

Abbey Shoebox Appeal: A huge 'thank you' to everyone who donated lots of essential items, knitting and kindly gave monetary contributions towards our Shoeboxes this year. We had a wonderful team of 25 volunteers who helped to pack the shoeboxes ready to be taken to the Teams4U warehouse, then sent to the children in Romania and Ukraine for their Christmas. *Suzanne Clarke*

Bredon Hill Group Administrator vacancy: The vacancy is for 20 hours per week, worked flexibly by agreement and working both from home and the Bredon Hill Parish Office. The Bredon Hill Group of 14 churches in 5 parishes are seeking a friendly, organised and proactive individual to provide administrative support to clergy and

parish leadership across our churches. For more information about the role or to request an application form please contact the Priest-in-Charge, Rev Katryn Leclézio by emailing: revkatryn.leclezio@bredonhillchurches.org.uk

BBC Children in Need: The Abbey's Babies and Toddlers group, that meet at St Andrew's Centre on Friday mornings, has received a 'thank you' for the £57.05 (plus additional online donations) raised at last week's session. *Sara Speed*

Abbey Bell Ringers: The Southern Branch of the local Worcestershire & Districts Change Ringing Association held its annual striking competition at Eckington on Saturday 7 November. There were two competitions – one for Call Changes and the other for method ringing. We entered teams into both competitions, winning the Call Change Trophy for the second year running, and coming second in the method ringing. Well done to all of our ringers who took part! *Stuart Piper*

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Diary —

Sunday 22 November - Christ the King
All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
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)*
10:30 Sunday Praise *(St Nicholas, Pinvin)*
14:00 Pianoscapes *(St Andrew's Main)*
17:00 Iona Worship *(Pershore Abbey)*

Monday 23 November
All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
10:00 U3A Ukelele Group *(St Andrew's Main)*
10:30 Friends of Madeline Quarter Peal *(St Andrew's)*
10:30 Funeral for the late Enid Caldicott *(Vale Crematorium)*
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 24 November
All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
09:20 Foodbank Steering Group *(St Andrew's Main)*
10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive *(St Andrew's Main)*
11:00 CTiP Foodbank *(St Andrew's Main)*

19:15 National Emergency Briefing Meeting *(St Andrew's Main)*
19:30 Pinvin PCC *(Pinvin)*

Wednesday 25 November

All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
All Day - Accessible Toilets Maintenance *(St Andrew's)*
10:00 Midweek Holy Communion *(Pershore Abbey)*
12:00 Organ Practice *(Pershore Abbey)*
14:00 Craft & Chat *(St Andrew's Main)*
14:15 Pershore U3A Bridge Group *(St Andrew's Upper)*
15:45 V&W *(Vicars Vestry)*
19:00 Abbottswood Medical Centre Mindfulness Course *(St Andrew's Main)*

Thursday 26 November

All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
09:45 Inkberrow School Visit *(Pershore Abbey)*
09:45 iSing Choir Rehearsals *(St Andrews' Main)*
18:30 Personal Growth Training Course *(St Andrew's Main)*

Friday 27 November

All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
09:30 Babies and Toddlers *(St Andrew's Main)*
12:00 Christmas Tree Delivery *(Pershore Abbey)*
12:30 Setting Up - Christmas Wreath Display *(Pershore Abbey)*
13:00 CTiP Foodbank *(St Andrew's Main)*
18:00 Abbey Choir Singing Carols by Christmas Tree *(Broad Street)*
18:30 Choir Practice *(Pershore Abbey)*

Saturday 28 November

All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
10:00 Abbey Christmas Tree Decorating Event *(Pershore Abbey)*
13:00 Concert Use *(St Andrew's Main)*
15:00 Visiting Bell Ringers *(St Andrew's)*
19:00 Gloucester Symphony Orchestra Concert *(Pershore Abbey)*

Sunday 29 November - Advent Sunday

All Day - Scaffolding Erection to Flying Buttress *(Pershore Abbey)*
08:00 Eucharist *(Pershore Abbey)*
09:15 Choir Practice *(Pershore Abbey)*
10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist with LIVESTREAM *(Pershore Abbey)*
15:30 Advent Carol Service *(Pershore Abbey)*

Pershore Abbey Daily Offices

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.

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JOB VACANCY

PERSHORE ABBEY CLEANER

Our Cleaner is retiring at Christmas after many years.
Are you being called to be our next cleaner?

You will work for 8 hours a week over Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Timing is reasonably flexible but ideally should be in the mornings.

You will need to be able to work on your own initiative and all materials and equipment will be provided.

The work will include general cleaning and occasional special cleaning.

Pay: Real Living Wage - currently £14.10 per hour
Hours: 8 hours per week
Closing date for applications: Friday 27 November 2026

Details and application forms are available from the Abbey Office:
Phone: 01386 552071
Or email: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk
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VENUE EVENTS COORDINATOR

We are looking for 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.

Pay: Real Living Wage - currently £14.10 per hour
Hours: 19 hours per month
Closing date for applications: Friday 12 December 2026

For a full job description and application form please contact our office:
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PERSHORE ABBEY

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION MORNING

Saturday 28 November
10:00
Pershore Abbey

Come along and help dress the Abbey Christmas Tree

All ages welcome!

Refreshments will be served
We look forward to welcoming you

Pershore Abbey

BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST FOR ADVENT SUNDAY



SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER
10:30
Pershore Abbey

Join us as we come together for our Benefice Service

ALL WELCOME

This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel:
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