



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 15 April, 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNG EUCHARIST WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS.

Junior Church and Upper Room Group

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today,
please join us for refreshments after the 10:30 service.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 194

(Lux Eoi)

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
That the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine,
From the furrows of the grave.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen;

Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, with our hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with thee.

4. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

[Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885]

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the The Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has

glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 217

(Victory)

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.

Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.

Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.

Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

(Latin, probably 17th Century, *translated* by Francis Pott, 1832-1909)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia.

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

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 204

(Kingsfold)

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| 1. If Christ had not been raised from death
our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath,
our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
he rules in earth and heaven:
his Gospel meets a world of need
in Christ we are forgiven. | 2. If Christ still lay within the tomb
then death would be the end,
and we should face our final doom
with neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope
in Christ the saints arise! |
| 3. If Christ had not been truly raised
his church would live a lie;
his name should never more be praised,
his words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
through him we are restored;
his word endures, his church revives
in Christ, our risen Lord. | |

COMMUNION MOTET: Christ the Lord is risen again - *Richard Shephard*

COMMUNION HYMN A&M 450

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

[John L Bell b.1949 & Graham Maule b.1958]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive
and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 197

(*Alleluia No. 1*)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ,
Now we shall live for ever.

God has proclaimed the just reward,
Life for the world, alleluia!

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

[Donald Fishel b.1950]

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET & PEW BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.

PLEASE LEAVE THE SERVICE BOOKLET WHEN YOU LEAVE.

As a Kingdom People we are a church that seeks to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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Notices for next Bulletin no later than Thursday at 12:00 noon please.

NOTICES AND EVENTS

THE ABBEY PIPE ORGAN - GOOD NEWS! We are delighted to report that, thanks to sterling work by the committee working on the new organ, and especially David Long, we have been granted a faculty for the new instrument. This means that we have approval from the Diocese to proceed with the purchase and installation of the organ based on the plans we submitted to them. This is a huge step forward and, although there are some conditions that we have to follow, means that we can now move forward in certainty.

The next step is to obtain funding and this will mean a major fundraising project, which we will all need to support. We will continue to keep everyone informed of this major project as we move forward. *Claire*

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY (ALM): Have you ever thought about exploring a particular ministry within the life of the church? We are very blessed to have several ALMs in our midst who have all received training and support in a particular ministry - Suzanne Clarke (Children's and Youth Worker), Sandra Long (Pastoral Worker), Hilary and Mike Roffey (Worship Leader) and Tim Vivian (Evangelist). Through their training they have all contributed positively to the mission and ministry of the church in our benefice. The diocese are offering to run the ALM training programme again and need people to register an interest by 1st May. If numbers are sufficient the training itself would start in the autumn. If there is an area of ministry that you think you would like to explore further please contact me as soon as possible as there is a discernment process to go through before registration. More information can also be found at <http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/your-christian-calling/authorised-lay-ministry/>. Thank you. *Claire*

COULD YOU MANAGE THE ABBEY BOOK STALL? Can you help lead this important work? Jean Andrews, who has been organising our welcomers and the bookstall for some years now has taken on a new role within our Finance Team. We are therefore looking for a volunteer to take over organising our helpers who welcome visitors to the Abbey and running our bookstall. It is an important part of our mission and the bookstall also provides us with an income to support all our work. If you are enthusiastic, get on well with other volunteers please talk to Claire, Bill, Judy or Jean.

NEXT THURSDAY, 19 APRIL we are meeting with a light lunch to prepare for this year's Christian Aid Week, May 12 – 19. Do come if you want to find out more about the 2018 campaign and may be able to help. It will be at 55 Bridge Street from 12:30. Please let Margaret Goodrich (01386 552771) or Sarah Thomson (01386 561057) know if you are able to be with us. We'll look forward to seeing you.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Gill and John Porter were married in Pershore Abbey on April 20 1968. They plan to celebrate their Golden Wedding that weekend, and would like anyone who would like to, to join them for cake and tea or coffee between the end of Morning Praise at 10:00 and before the 10:30 Eucharist on 22 April.

REVD SARAH DANGERFIELD has been appointed Rural Dean. Sarah will be commissioned by the Venerable Canon Robert Jones at a Deanery Eucharist to be held at The Church of St John, Fladbury (WR10 2QB) on 17 April commencing at 19:30. All welcome. *Peter Perry, Deanery Secretary (Ret'd)*

COFFEE MORNING & PLANT SALE at St Mary's Wick 10:30 to 12:00 on Saturday 21 April. Proceeds in aid of St Mary's and Wick Gardening Club, all very welcome.

FISH & CHIP SUPPER & QUIZ: Friday 27 April at 18:30. Teams of four or make up a team on the night. Tea and coffee or bring your own drinks. Tickets from Julie Newman 01386-640497 *PASA*

POP-UP MARKET - WICK CARE FARM: At Wick Grange Farm, on Saturday 28 April between 11:00 and 14:00 there will be a pop up market including, craft stalls, plants and produce, food and drinks, raffle and tombola raising money for Wick Care Farm. Enquiries 07971 363092 or go to wickgrange.co.uk

SUNDAY 29 APRIL BENEFICE SERVICE

We're on the move again - on Sunday 29 April the 10:30 service will be held at St Mary's Church, Wick for the whole benefice.

Please do come along and join us.

The 0800 service will take place in the Abbey as normal.

"We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to his call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer."

Archbishop Justin Welby

THY KINGDOM COME

FROM ASCENSION DAY TO PENTECOST 10 - 20 MAY 2018

ON THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018 there will be a Deanery Ascension Day Service at Peopleton Church at 19:30. All welcome.

"THY KINGDOM COME": Pershore Abbey is again hosting a Prayer Pilgrimage that is being organised for the whole deanery made up of prayer stations from every benefice.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (10-20 May) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

AT THE CLOSE OF "THY KINGDOM COME" we are invited to join a special service at Worcester Cathedral at 18:30 on Pentecost Sunday, 20 May. Please put this date in your diary and think about supporting this event. Gather with Christians of all denominations from across Worcestershire, to be inspired at a Pentecost service at which we will pray for more people to come to know Jesus. *Claire*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORCESTERSHIRE SPIRITUALITY DAY: Saturday 12 May, 10:00-16:00, St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow. This year Revd Henry Morgan, Anglican Priest, Spiritual Director and writer, will lead us on theme: 'Trusting the God you already know'. To secure your place, please or text or ring 07736 219819 or email ctiworcestershire@hotmail.co.uk by 05 May, giving your name, email and number.

PERSHORE CARNIVAL MONDAY 28 MAY Carnival time will soon be here and once again we would welcome as many volunteers as possible to help to serve refreshments in St Andrew's for a two hour slot. We would also be grateful for any cakes, or, if you prefer not to bake a donation would be much appreciated. Sign in sheets are available at the back of the Abbey after morning service of contact Olive Hall on 554752 or Julie Newman 640497. Thank you.

CARNIVAL ABBEY WALKING FLOAT: Again this year we are going to be entering a walking float into the Carnival procession. We are really keen for as many people, of all ages, from the Abbey to be involved as possible. This is a real opportunity to show to the whole town who we are and that we can share in a fun community day. Details to follow. *Suzanne Clarke.*

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick,
(St A) St Andrew's, (V) New Vicarage, (CTIP) Churches Together in Pershore

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TAKE PLACE EVERY MONDAY TO SATURDAY IN THE ABBEY

08:00 Silent Prayer 08:30 Matins and Eucharist 17:00 Evening Prayer
Everyone is very welcome to attend these services

SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:00 Eucharist (A)
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church & Upper Room Group (A)

Sunday 15 April

14:30 Pianoscapes Concert Series (St A)

Monday 16 April

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A) 0915-1145

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (A)

Tuesday 17 April

09:30 Bells (St A)

10:00 Meditation Group (45 Roland Rutter Court)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:00 PUC Meeting (St A, upper)

19:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship (St A)

19:30 Revd Sarah Dangerfield Rural Dean -
Commissioning Service at Fladbury

Wednesday 18 April

11:30 Lunch Club - Enquiries 554299 (St A)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 19 April

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Benefice Church Wardens' Meeting (V)

12:30 Christian Aid Campaign meeting
(see over)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal-
Andrew & Alicia (A)

19:00 Pershore & District Scouts rehearsal (A)

Friday 20 April

09:30 Parent and Toddler Group (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Saturday 21 April

10:30 Coffee Morning and Plant Sale at
St Mary's Church, Wick

11:00: Private function (St A)

13:00 Wedding of
Andrew Walshaw and Alicia Bayliss (A)

SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2018
EASTER 4 / VOCATION SUNDAY

08:00 Eucharist (A)

09:30 Morning Praise (A)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (A)

15:00 St George's Day Scouts Service (A & use of St A)

17:30 Youth Group with Suzanne Clarke (St A)