



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 23 January 2022

EPIPHANY 3

MORNING PRAISE SERVICE SHEET & WEEKLY BULLETIN

This service will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.

You can join in live at 1030 or catch up later in the day or week.

Please use this sheet as an aid to worship in church and take it with you when you leave.

The requirement to wear a mask remains in place this week but will be reviewed next week to take account of C of E guidance.

You can still join in singing the hymns, but we ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

Welcome and Introduction

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.**

Hymn 99

Hail to the Lord's anointed

(Cruger)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

(Cont.)

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing:
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

[James Montgomery (1771-1854)]
Based on Psalm 72

Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

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 of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, freedom to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 562

Inspired by Love and Anger

(Salley Gardens)

1. Inspired by love and anger,
Disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias,
We ponder once again:
'How long must some folks suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

2. From those forever victims,
Of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes,
a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
And dreams find their release?'

(Cont.)

3. God asks 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
Will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
Will offer all they know?
And who, where few dare follow,
Will walk the road I show?'

4. Amused in someone's kitchen,
Asleep in someone's boat,
Attuned to what the ancients
Exposed, proclaimed and wrote.,
A saviour without safety,
A tradesman without tools
Has come to tip the balance
With fishermen and fools.

[John L. Bell (b. 1949 and Graham Maule (b. 1958)]

The Gospel Luke 4. 14-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Declaration of Faith

We say together

**We believe in God the Father,
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**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

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

We offer God our Prayers and Thanks

*At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in your mercy' please respond '**hear our prayer**'*

We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Hymn 569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy (Tetherdown)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

Cont'd

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

[Bryn Rees (1911-1983)]

Thanksgiving and Blessing

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**

**May 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.

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

23 JANUARY 2022

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT CRISIS:

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms have been affected by the crisis, 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.

THE LATE REVD RICHARD HARDING

We were saddened to learn of the death of former Pershore Abbey curate, Revd Richard Harding. Richard and his family remain in our thoughts and prayers. There will be a Celebration of Life service for Richard at 1300 on 31 January at Christ Church, Totland, Isle of Wight (<https://www.christchurchtotland.org.uk/>) and the family have provided a link to his tribute page to share with you.

<http://gratitodeforrychard.com/>

HELP FOR NHS STAFF

Worcester Royal Hospital has launched an urgent appeal for wellbeing packages for their staff, the priority being for those in A&E working under enormous pressure.

As a result of your very generous support last year, when we provided 175 gift bags for the staff on ITU and Covid wards, I have been asked whether we'd be able to help again. Rather than making up complete gift bags, the request is for lip balm, moisturiser and hand cream – but I'm sure boxes of chocolates or biscuits would be welcome treats!

Should you wish to help, your donations may be left in the collecting box in the Abbey (near the Foodbank box) or delivered to:

Pershore

Wendy Perks at "Omega", 5 Holloway (1st bungalow on the left from Three Springs Road), in the box outside

Birlingham

Caryl Mills at 4 Church Street (box in covered porch)

Wick

Martin & Jill Williams at 6 Wick House Close

Pinvin

Glen Hurst at Tregarthen, Main Street, Pinvin

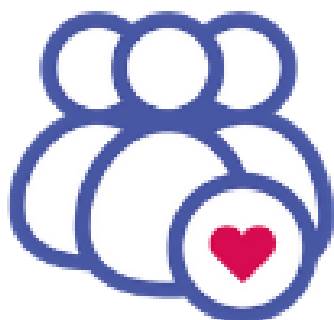
Please contact Sara Speed on 710776, who will also be happy to arrange to collect from your home.

Alternatively, money may be donated via text to 70470 against which the team will purchase packs of these items. Text **HELPWORC 5** to donate £5.

The last day for leaving items in the boxes will be **Sunday 20 February**.

Thank you.

Sara Speed



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WEEKLY BULLETIN 23 JANUARY 2022

MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (LLF) COURSE NOW RUNNING: This course is now underway with the remaining sessions due to take place on the following dates:

- Tue 25 January 1900
- Tue 1 February 1900
- Tue 8 February 1900
- Tue 15 February 1900

Please see the monthly bulletin for full details of the course

0800 SERVICE RETURNS EVERY SUNDAY: If you think you can help with sidesperson duties for these services, please let me know! Thank you *Claire*

IONA SERVICE SUNDAY 23 JANUARY AT 1700 PERSHORE ABBEY & ZOOM: You are very welcome to this service which follows the route of the pilgrimage around the isle of Iona, stopping to reflect at places like the Marble Quarry and St Columba's Bay. If you would like further information or a link, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

DISCOVER CHAPLAINCY WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26 2022, 1400-1530: The Discover Chaplaincy event is for anyone wanting to know more about FWW and Workplace Chaplaincy – those thinking about volunteering as chaplains as well as people who are just curious. To find out more and book a place, sign up at Eventbrite using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovering-workplace-chaplaincy-event-tickets-213610824727>. The event is free to attend

DON'T FORGET: We are still collecting **Palm Crosses** for Ash Wednesday and we have our **Salzwedel Link Zoom** event on **29 January**. Take a look in the monthly bulletin for more information on these and other events, services and information updates!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

PERSHORE ABBEY TREASURER URGENTLY REQUIRED

PERSHORE ABBEY SEEKS NEW TREASURER: We are still urgently seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Abbey Treasurer. Ideally you will be a qualified accountant with an understanding of the charity sector. More information on the role and an application pack is available from office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call **01386 552071**.

It is vital that we have someone in place to work with Helen Archer-Smith before she steps down at the APCM in May.

ABBAY LINK DELIVERY DROP-OFF VOLUNTEERS: Urgent request due to ill health and advancing years for two volunteers to take over two rounds to distribute packs of Abbey Link magazines to our deliverers. This should take just over 2 hours four times a year, and you would need a car. Please contact Roger Piper on office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ABBEY LINK DOORSTEP DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine once every four months to the following streets:-

- Head Street 1-63 & 20-40
- Harding's Court
- Bagshaw Court,
- Worcester Rd (Allesborough Hill)
- Wescott Way (Phase 2)
- Krier Fields
- Jeacock Grove
- Kingfisher Fields
- Skylark Drive,
- Woodpecker Fields.

If you live on or near any of these areas and are thinking of volunteering, then please get in touch. Contact Roger Piper via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

PERSHORE ABBEY PCC UPDATE

We held our meeting over Zoom on 11 Jan 2022 given the continuing issues with Covid and reviewed our other arrangements. We will continue with our current arrangements in the Abbey for the time being, keeping them under review as the situation develops.

- Colin Reeves has resigned from the PCC after many years faithful service, following his house move. Colin has also handed the role of Editor of Abbey Link magazine to Christopher Kimberly. The PCC have written to thank Colin for all his help over the years and to wish him and Stella well in their new home.
- Plans for a wildflower area to the West of the Abbey are progressing well as part of our commitment to Eco-church.
- We are still looking for a new Treasurer as Helen steps down and this is a really important role for our busy Abbey.
- Our Baby and Toddler group that meets on a Friday morning is thriving with between 12 and 24 children joining in and celebrated Christmas with a visit from Father Christmas.
- Our Junior Church successfully filled 100 shoe boxes for our annual appeal with ex-members returning as well as some new faces joining in.
- Café Church in St Andrews has been a success with around 34 people joining in this informal service with breakfast enjoyed as well. This will now become a regular part of our worship.

Our next meeting is planned for **29 March**

COLIN REEVES: After fifteen years of faithful service on the PCC Colin has decided that it is time to retire. Colin has always served with enthusiasm and energy. He particularly excelled in keeping disability rights and issues to the fore. I speak for the whole PCC, and the wider congregation, when I say that Colin is going to be sorely missed. We have also been thankful for the years Colin gave as editor of the Abbey Link. Although Colin has stepped down from these significant roles we are so pleased though that he is still happy to offer his PR skills should we need his assistance, and Stella remains on hand with her sewing skills. We shall, of course, all look forward to seeing Colin and Stella when they are in the Abbey. *Claire*

AND FINALLY . . .

NEW LOOK HOME PAGE FOR PERSHORE ABBEY WEBSITE NOW LIVE! Our new-look home page of the Pershore Abbey website is now up and running, **BUT** we have run into a few issues with integrating it into our existing site.

We are working hard with our developers to restore all of the information on upcoming services and events which failed to migrate. Hopefully there will be a swift solution, but rest assured that this information will be back in place as soon as possible.

We had a successful relaunch of our website a number of years ago, but through the challenges of Covid it became clear that there was an opportunity to improve the way we interact with our congregation and community through the homepage.

We have stripped it back to the bare essentials to make the page clearer and easier to navigate and added better links to our service information and videos. We've simplified the navigation bars to help people get around the site better and we have built in some new features that will allow us to focus on special events throughout the year in a much easier way.

We have also improved the security of the site.

Service Information

Sunday 16 January 2022 – Epiphany 2

The service sheet for Sunday 16-01-2022 is available to view here, together with the service booklet and the latest monthly bulletin

16-01-2022 – Service Sheet And Bulletin – Epiphany 2

Order One-Ordinary Time Service Booklet

Monthly Bulletin - Jan/Feb 2022

Live Stream

Join us for our next live streamed Sunday service from Pershore Abbey

Just click play



For those of you looking for service sheet information and recordings of live-streamed videos, you only need to scroll down a short way on the home page. You will find them in the section that looks like this.

There were always bound to be a few teething problems, so please bear with us through this initial stage or if a link doesn't work properly or takes you somewhere unexpected (in which case, please let us know!)

We are confident that once these initial issues are resolved you will find your way around the site very easily - we have tried to make it as simple as possible to find the things you really need. If you experience any problems, we will be ready to help you.

The service sheet information for this week will be available on the home page from Friday 21 Jan and the live-stream information for Sunday 23 Jan is already available!

We'd love to have your feedback and any comments, so please do get in touch via **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**.

In the meantime, head to the website and see what we have done!

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Revd Claire's usual day off is Friday and Revd Steve's is Saturday. They will not be available for commitments on those days but will get back to you as soon as they can.

Sun 23 January 2022 Epiphany 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey & Zoom*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Mon 24 January 2022

All Day - Maintenance St A

10:00 Jungle Jiggle (*St A Main Hall*)

10:30 Dramatherapy (*St A Upper Room*)

11:15 Jungle Jiggle (*St A Main Hall*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St A Main*)

13:30 Me, You & a Brew (*St A Upper Room*)

15:00 Private Meeting (A)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St A Main Hall*)

Tue 25 January 2022

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)

14:30 Mothers Union (*St A Main Hall*)

19:00 LLF Course (*St A Main*)

19:15 AA Members Meeting (*St A Upper Room*)

Wed 26 January 2022

12:00 Funeral of the late Sheila Barrow
(*Vale Crematorium*)

12:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:15 Craft and Chat (*St A Main Hall*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)

Thu 27 January 2022

14:00 SAEC Meeting (*St A Main Hall*)

15:00 Vicar & Wardens Meeting (*St A Main Hall*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Fri 28 January 2022

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St A Main Hall*)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)

Sat 29 January 2022

09:30 Baptism Matters Event

(*Crothorne Village Hall*)

12:00 Memorial Service for the late Colin Harvey
(*St Mary's, Wick*)

15:00 Salzwedel Link Event (*Zoom*)

Sun 30 January 2022 Candlemas

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Wychavon Festival of Brass Meeting
(*St A Main Hall*)

COMING SOON

MEADOW ARTS PARTNERSHIP EXHIBITION AT PERSHORE ABBEY SPRING 2022:

We are delighted to be exhibiting a selection of pieces by artist Olly Jones at Pershore Abbey in February and March 2022. Read more in the latest monthly bulletin.

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Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk to be added to the list and stay ahead with all the latest information. February monthly bulletin now available!



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