



PERSHORE BENEFICE AT PERSHORE ABBEY
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 6 February 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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 the sheet in conjunction with the service booklet you have been given.

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

Although guidance has changed and face-coverings are no longer required, we do ask that you continue to wear a mask when joining in with the hymns.

A hymn sheet can be found on **page 4**

THE COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Isaiah 6.1-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

A reading from the first Letter to the Corinthians

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 5.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now

on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus .

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This service is being live streamed to the Abbey’s YouTube Channel

To find the recording please visit

www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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

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 Revd Claire Lording for support.



HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 584

1. All my hope on God is founded;
 he doth still my trust renew.
 Me through change and chance he guideth,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown,
 he alone
 calls my heart to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,
 sword and crown betray his trust;
 what with care and toil he buildeth,
 tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power,
 hour by hour,
 is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
 deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 splendour, light, and life attend him,
 beauty springeth out of naught.
 Evermore
 from his store
 new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily doth th' Almighty giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 his desire our soul delighteth,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 at his hand;
 joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.

[Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)*

Based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*,

By Joachim Neander (1650-1680)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 602

1. Blest are the pure in heart,
 for they shall see their God;
 the secret of the Lord is theirs,
 their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens
 our life and peace to bring,
 to dwell in lowliness with us,
 our pattern and our King;
3. Still to the lowly soul
 Himself He will impart,
 and for His dwelling and His throne
 chooses the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we Your presence seek —
 we ask this blessing, too;
 give us a pure and lowly heart,
 a temple meet for You.

COMMUNION MOTET

O Taste and See—Vaughan Williams
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 604

(Servant Song)

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| 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too. | 4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
til we've seen this journey through. |
| 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. | 5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony. |
| 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear. | 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too. |

[Richard A. M. Gillard (b.1953)]

A&M 676

(St Denio)

FINAL HYMN

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

[Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)]

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

6 FEBRUARY 2022

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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The Benefice Office remains closed to the public until 1 March 2022.

Please email you enquiry to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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.

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NEW DEADLINE FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN: Please can you get your articles for the weekly bulletin into the office by **1700** on **Wednesday** evening going forward. This will allow the office time to prepare a final draft on Thursday morning for approval before printing at 12 noon on Thursday afternoon. Thank you for your support and understanding.

BENEFICE OFFICE TO RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM MARCH 1 2022

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100—1200

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on weekday mornings from 0930 –1300

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

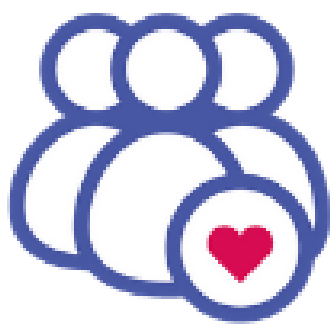
Please contact Sara Speed on 710776, who will also be happy to arrange to collect from your home.

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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ACUTE HOSPITALS
CHARITY**

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MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

LENT 2022

Please see [page 9](#) for details of our Lent services, courses and events.

PERSHORE ABBEY EVENSONG 6 FEBRUARY 1700: At this service we will be remembering in our prayers HM Queen Elizabeth II on the 70th Anniversary of Her Majesty's accession. We are also delighted to let you know that the Abbey bell ringers will be ringing a quarter peal from 1900 to mark this special anniversary. *Claire*

CAFÉ CHURCH 13 FEBRUARY 0945 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: Join our growing Café Church congregation on Sunday 13 February and discover a fresh, family-friendly way to worship in the Pershore Benefice.



WORCESTER DIOCESE OPEN CONVERSATIONS 3: Growing as Kingdom People: As we seek to grow as healthy and sustainable churches amidst the challenges of the pandemic, come and continue to talk and learn together. In this next series of Open Conversations, we'll be sharing plans to support and resource parishes as we journey into the future. We will be hearing good news stories from churches in each deanery and exploring next steps. Full booking details and dates across the Diocese are given below. The Pershore & Evesham Deanery event takes place on **Thursday 24 March 1830-2030** at the **St Andrew's Centre**. *Claire*

Our first set of conversations will happen in March and early April. Please join your deanery event, or there are two general opportunities at the end.

Saturday 19 March	10am - midday	Malvern & Upton Deanery St Matthias Church, Malvern Link WR14 1LX
Monday 21 March	6.30 - 8.30pm	Redditch & Bromsgrove Deanery St John's Church, Greenlands, Redditch B98 7PZ
Wednesday 23 March	6.30 - 8.30pm	Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery St Michael & All Angels, Stourport DY13 9DD
Thursday 24 March	6.30 - 8.30pm	Pershore & Evesham Deanery St Andrew's Centre, Pershore WR10 1DW
Monday 28 March	6.30 - 8.30pm	Greater Dudley Deanery Brierley Hill Civic Hall, Bank Street, Brierley Hill DY5 3DH
Thursday 31 March	6.30 - 8.30pm	Worcester Deanery All Saints Church, Worcester WR1 2JJ
Wednesday 6 April	2.30 - 4.30pm	All Saints Church, Worcester WR1 2JJ
Saturday 9 April	10am - midday	Top Church, Dudley DY1 1QD

We hope to hold all meetings in person, but if Covid levels remain high, they may move onto Zoom. The two final dates are planned to be 'blended' meetings with some people joining in person and others on Zoom.

If you don't feel ready to join in the conversations at this stage in your church's journey, there will be further opportunities to engage in June and September.

Find more information and book your place at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations

LENT 2022

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE: This year's in person Lent course is called Christ and the Chocolaterie, based on the film 'Chocolat' and will run for 6 sessions in St. Andrew's on different evenings.

Christ and the Chocolaterie is an original, innovative and lively Lent course inspired by the film Chocolat, based on the bestselling novel by Joanne Harris, using the film as a starting point for exploring issues about God, the world.



Hilary Brand has designed five group sessions on the themes of giving, acceptance and change. Each includes excerpts from the film, group discussion questions, exercises and meditations.

It will be a Lent course with a decadent twist as we will be serving luxurious hot chocolate before each session! Each session begins at **1900** and will finish at **2030**. The first session will begin at **1845** and will finish by **2100**. Please invite friends and neighbours.

As we need to order the correct number of course books, please can you fill in the sheet at the back of your church or email/ telephone the Benefice Office on office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or **01386 552071** to book your place. There is a voluntary £5 contribution for course material.

- Tuesday 1st March - introductory session **1845– 2100**
- Tuesday 8 March
- Sunday 20 March
- Tuesday 5 April
- Tuesday 15 March
- Thursday 31 March

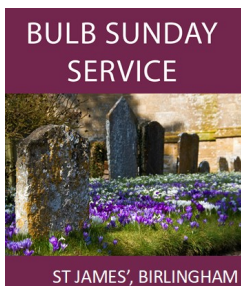
COMPLINE BY ZOOM DURING LENT: This quiet and reflective service which will last half an hour will be held every Monday during Lent, commencing on **7 March**, at **1900** via **Zoom**. Please contact me for more information and for the Zoom invitation for each week. *Claire*

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES AND CHARITY APPEAL LAUNCH - 1 MARCH 1330 ST ANDREWS: Our CTiP Charity this year will be **Pershore United Charities** as we look to support our local community moving out of Covid.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES - WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 0830 & 1930 AT PERSHORE ABBEY: Joining a service on Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. Traditionally a cross made out of ash is marked on a forehead, as a sign of our penitence and God's forgiveness. The **1930** service will be live streamed.

LENTEN LUNCHES: Thursday's in St Andrew's: **1200-1400** on **10, 17, 24 & 31 March**.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR LENT FLYER - AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK



BULB SERVICE RETURNS TO BIRLINGHAM: Join the congregation at St James', Birlingham on **Sunday 20 February** at **1500** as they celebrate new life bursting forth in their beautiful Bulb Sunday service.

Snowdrop Teas will be served at Birlingham Village Hall every Saturday and Sunday in February 1100 - 1600.

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS RETURN TO PERSHORE ABBEY: We are very pleased that we will once again be serving refreshments after our 1030 Sunday services in the Abbey.

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

DON'T FORGET: We are still collecting **Palm Crosses** for Ash Wednesday. Take a look in the monthly bulletin for more information!

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 VOLUNTEER: Distributor required to deliver packs of the Abbey Link Magazine to our deliverers. This should take just over 2 hours four times a year, and you would need a car. Please contact Roger Piper via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ABBAY LINK DOORSTEP DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have had a few offers of help but still need volunteers to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine once every four months to the following streets:-

- Westcott Way (Phase 2)
- Jeacock Grove
- Skylark Drive
- Krier Fields
- Kingfisher Fields
- Woodpecker Fields

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

OTHER NEWS

PERSHORE U3A SINGERS SEARCH FOR REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST: The U3A singing group are looking for someone to play the piano for them. They meet on the first and third Wednesday afternoons between 1500 and 1630 in St. Andrews. If anyone would like more details, or think they can help, please ring Sue on 01386 553930 or email suegooderham@btinternet.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FISH & CHIP SUPPER WITH QUIZ FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY: We're back!!! PASA (Persnore Abbey and St Andrew's) is organising our first social event post Covid . A fish/chip and quiz evening on February 11 in St. Andrew's at 1845. Tickets £8 available at Abbey Services or from 01386 640497. Teams of 4 or just join in on arrival. Soft drinks, tea/ coffee provided or bring your own. We look forward to seeing you! *Julie Newman*

GREEN HEARTS FAIR SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1000 - 1200 IN ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:

Enjoy refreshments from Wick Care Farm to music by the U3A Ukulele players, find out about a local regenerative farm, how the zero-waste shop in Worcester is doing deliveries to Persnore, stock up on locally produced food, ask an e-bike enthusiast tricky questions, share your green ideas, collect some free wildflower seeds from the Babies and Toddlers group, and find out what local environmental and conservation groups are doing. Come along and support us!

NEW LAUNCH DATE FOR OLIVER JONES ART EXHIBITION - 20 FEB 2022: Due to a change in the installation schedule for our exciting art exhibition at Persnore Abbey, the launch date has now been moved to **20 February**. The volunteer orientation talk, for all those who have kindly offered to steward this exhibition, will take place on **19 February** at **1600 (tbc)**.

PUBLIC EVENT - ARTIST TALK BY OLIVER JONES - SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2022, 1500-1630

AT PERSORE ABBEY - FREE ENTRY: Oliver Jones is known for his large format hyper-realistic pastel chalk drawings. His two works on show at Persnore Abbey consider body image, the impact of social media on representation and self-worth. On Saturday 5 March, join him at the Abbey for a talk about **Divine** and **#motherandchild** as well as his wider practice. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/255997153377>

AND FINALLY . . .

The Persnore Food Bank volunteers are working extra hard to look after vulnerable families in these difficult times. We are very grateful for all your kind donations but the following items would be extremely helpful this month.

- Household cleaning products
- Dog food
- Sturdy carrier bags



We thank Lynne Raymer for all her hard work during the pandemic and hope that she enjoys her well-earned sabbatical. Nicola Ainsworth took over as local Project leader from 1 February . We wish her great success.



CTiP Foodbank Mascot "Banksy" with his donations of household cleaning products

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 6 February 2022 4th before Lent

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Morning Praise (*St James' Birlingham*)
10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)
17:00 Evensong marking 70th Anniversary of
Queen Elizabeth II's Accession (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Quarter Peal marking 70th Anniversary of
Queen Elizabeth II's Accession (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Mon 7 February 2022

09:30 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)
10:00 Jungle Jiggle (*St A Main Hall*)
10:30 Dramatherapy (*St A Upper Room*)
13:30 Me, You & a Brew (*St A Upper Room*)
14:00 U3A History Group (*St A Main Hall*)
18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St A Main Hall*)
19:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Private Meeting (*St A Upper Room*)

Tue 8 February 2022

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship (*St A Main Hall*)
19:00 LLF Course (*St A Main*)
19:15 AA Members Meeting (*St A Upper Room*)

Wed 9 February 2022

11:30 Vicar & Wardens (*St A Upper Room*)
13:00 Craft & Chat (*St A Main Hall*)
18:00 Musical Rehearsal (*St A Main Hall*)
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St A Main Hall*)

Thu 10 February 2022

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Fri 11 February 2022

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St A Main Hall*)
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St A Main Hall*)
18:00 PASA Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz
(*St A Main Hall*)

Sat 12 February 2022

09:30 Pershore Baptist Church Away Day
(*St A Main Hall & Upper Room*)
1030 Burial of Ashes of the late Mary Darrington
(*Pershore Abbey*)
17:30 Café Church Set Up (*St A Main Hall*)

Sun 13 February 2022 3rd before Lent

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
09:45 Café Church (*St A Main Hall*)
10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall
(*Pershore Abbey*)
10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

COMING SOON

MEADOW ARTS PARTNERSHIP EXHIBITION AT PERSHORE ABBEY 20 FEB - 30 MARCH 2022:

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



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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk