

# PERSHORE BENEFICE The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick Sunday, 27 March 2022 MOTHERING SUNDAY

# **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

The 1030 Morning Praise 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 in conjunction with the All Age Morning Praise for Mothering Sunday Service Booklet for the 1030 service.

You will find a Hymn Sheet for this service on page 3

# **THE COLLECT**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

### FIRST READING Exodus 2:1-10

A reading from the Book of Exodus

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### THE READING

**Colossians 3:12-17** 

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

#### THE GOSPEL

John 19: 25b-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

The 1030 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 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 537 (England's Lane)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
- For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled:
- 4. For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
- 5. For thy church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

[Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917]

# SECOND HYMN A&M 136 (Bunessen)

- 1. Fathers and mothers,
  sisters and brothers,
  all those who love us,
  for whom we care:
  help and befriend them,
  keep and defend them,
  Jesus our Saviour,
  this is our prayer.
- 2. And for those others, fathers and mothers, children who hunger, they must be fed: we would be caring, readily sharing, one with another our daily bread.

3. Sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers, we who together offer our praise: hear our thanksgiving, God ever living, may we walk with you all of our days.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926]

- 1. God of Eve and God of Mary,
  God of love and mother-earth,
  thank you for the ones who with us
  shared their life and gave us birth.
- 2. As you came to earth in Jesus, so you come to us today; you are present in the caring that prepares us for life's way.
- 3. Thank you that the Church, our Mother, gives us bread and fills our cup, and the comfort of the Spirit warms our hearts and lifts us up.
- 4. Thank you for belonging, shelter, bonds of friendship, ties of blood, and for those who have no children, yet are parents under God.
- 5. God of Eve and God of Mary,
  Christ our brother, human Son,
  Spirit, caring like a Mother,
  take our love and make us one!

[Fred Kaan, 1929- 2009]

#### **FINAL HYMN**

#### **A&M 656**

(Traditional)

He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand. He's got you and me, brother, in his hand. He's got you and me, brother, in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hand. He's got you and me, sister, in his hand. He's got you and me, sister, in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hand. He's got the little tiny baby in his hand. He's got the little tiny baby in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got everybody here in his hand. He's got everybody here in his hand. He's got everybody here in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

[African-American traditional song, arr. Paul Leddington Wright,b. 1951]

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 27 MARCH 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 open to the public TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200

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

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

# **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

#### A PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen



Archbishop Justin Welby Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

# **UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**



# PLEASE PRAY FOR CONTINUED

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.

# **REVD STEVE DUNTON FAREWELL & INSTALLATION**

<u>FAREWELL TO REVD STEVE AND FAMILY:</u> Steve's last Sunday with us will be **3 April**, where he will take the 0800 service and the 1030, which will be a Benefice Service at Pershore Abbey, before leaving to take up his new position as Vicar of the Parish of Timperley in the Chester Diocese.

Steve will be licensed and installed on **Thursday 28 April** at **1900** in Timperley. We have now booked the coach and here are the details.:

- We will leave from the Abbey Turning Circle at 1500 (not 1530, as previously stated)
  using Astons coaches.
- There is a toilet on the coach.
- We will make a stop at Keele services on the M6 for about half an hour for comfort, drinks, and food (you can bring your own or buy something at the services).
- The coach will drop us off on the road by the church.
- The service will start at **1900** and there will be some light refreshments afterwards.
- The coach will pick us up at **2100** for the return journey and we would hope to be back around **2325**.
- The cost will be around £15 per person.

We hope we can support Steve, Hannah and the boys at this service so please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email <a href="mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk">office@pershoreabbey.org.uk</a> or call 01386 552071 to let us know that you would like to come. Peter Stansbie

**DONATION REMINDER:** The final day to make a contribution to Steve's leaving gift is **Monday 28 March**. Please contact the office for BACS details, or drop your donation into the office in an envelope marked S D Gift.

# PERSHORE ALMSHOUSES TRUST VACANCY:

Pershore Almshouses Trust have a vacancy of a two-bedroomed semi-detached bungalow for occupancy on the Defford Road, Pershore. Applications will be accepted for single or dual occupancy by those meeting the criteria.

Further details and an application from: The Secretary to the Pershore Almshouses Trust, 24 Holloway, Pershore, WR10 1HW Tel: 01386 642635. All applicants to be available for interview. Applications forms to be returned by 31 March 2022

## MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022**

Details of our Holy Week and Easter Services can be found on pages 8 & 9, on our website **www.pershoreabbey.org.uk** or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church!

MOTHERING SUNDAY MORNING PRAISE 27 MARCH: We will be celebrating Mothering Sunday at our 1030 Mothering Sunday Morning Praise service at Pershore Abbey. Pinvin will also be holding their own special service which will include their local Girl Guide Group.

<u>IONA SERVICE SUNDAY 27 MARCH AT 1700 PERSHORE ABBEY:</u> You are very welcome to this reflective service which will use Iona readings, prayers and music to explore the theme of Mothering Sunday. If you would like further information or would like to attend the service by Zoom, please contact Helen on <u>iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk</u>

FINAL CTIP LENTEN LUNCH IN ST ANDREW'S: The final Lenten Lunch in aid of Pershore United Charities is on Thursday 31 March from 1200 - 1400. Last orders at 1330!

<u>SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT PERSHORE ABBEY:</u> Please take a look at the signup sheets on the flip chart at the back of the Abbey if you would like to read or be involved in some of the Holy Week services. *Claire* 

**GOOD FRIDAY ACTIVITY DAY RETURNS TO ST ANDREW'S 15 APRIL 2022 1000-1415:** 

Calling all 5 –10 year olds - join in the fun baking, taking part in the Easter story, making baskets, creating our own Easter gardens and much more. Booking is essential and reservations will be taken from **MONDAY 28 MARCH** as numbers will be limited. Phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293 to book. No cost—donations welcome!

<u>CTIP GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS:</u> Please join Churches Together for this important act of witness. We shall be gathering on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross at **1015**. We will then walk to Chapman Court for a short service at **1030**.

**PERSHORE ABBEY EASTER LILIES:** If you wish to donate an offering towards the cost of lilies to decorate the Abbey this Easter please put your gift in a marked envelope, available from the Abbey. If your donation is in memory of a loved one and you would like that person's name displayed in the Abbey please let us have the name to be remembered and we will include it on the framed list on show in the Abbey over the Easter period. *Thank you*.



**EASTER CARDS:** The Pershore Abbey Bookstall now has a lovely selection of Easter cards for sale. Why not take a look at their new seasonal range.

<u>CIVIC SERVICE PERSHORE ABBEY 3 APRIL 1500:</u> Please come and support our Mayor, Councillor Julian Palfrey, and our town councillors, at this special service. We have many visitors from across the district and beyond and it's always good to share a warm Pershore welcome. Please note that this service will replace Choral Evensong this month, as the choir will be singing at the Civic Service.

# Pershore Benefice Easter 2022

# HOLY WEEK

# **Palm Sunday 10 April**

**0800 Eucharist** (Pershore Abbey)

**1000 Palm Sunday Procession on Abbey Park to Abbey.** Meet at St Andrew's Road/Abbey Road crossroads. Come and join us singing and drumming to the Abbey

1030 Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) with LIVESTREAM

1030 Morning Praise (St Mary's, Wick)

1700 Wholeness & Healing (Pershore Abbey)

# Monday in Holy Week 11 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

# **Tuesday In Holy Week 12 April**

**1900 Stainer's Crucifixion performed by Pershore Abbey Choir** (*Pershore Abbey*) *FREE ENTRY* This work presents a dramatic picture of the events leading up to the Crucifixion.

# Wednesday in Holy Week 13 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

# **Maundy Thursday 14 April**

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper with LIVESTREAM, Stripping of the Altars with LIVESTREAM and the Office of Tenebrae with pre-recorded service on YouTube (Pershore Abbey)

This service will be approximately one and three-quarter hours and will be followed by the Watch until Midnight. You are welcome to leave after the Office of Tenebrae.

# **Good Friday 15 April**

1000-1415 Children's Activities (5-10 years) (St Andrew's Centre)

No fee - donations welcome. Booking essential via Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293.

**1015 Walk of Witness to Chapman Court** followed by a short service at 1030 Meet on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross

**1500 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly** please contact the Bredon Group for details of this service on **acbhteam@gmail.com** 

1400 Service of the Last Hour with LIVESTREAM

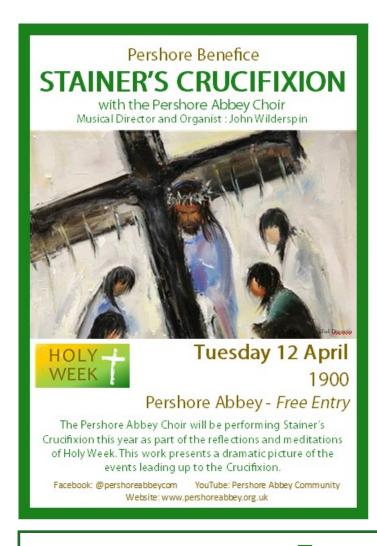
# **Holy Saturday 16 April**

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil (Pershore Abbey)

This service will last approximately one hour.

# JOIN US IN CHURCH OR ONLINE THIS EASTER

Facebook: @pershoreabbeycom YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community





# GOOD FRIDAY

# **ACTIVITY DAY**

15th APRIL 2022

IN ST. ANDREWS' CENTRE

10AM - 2.15PM

AGE 5 - 10 YEARS

NO COST - DONATIONS WELCOME

Come along and join us, we have lots of fun baking, taking part in the Easter story, making baskets, creating our own Easter gardens and much more.

Booking is essential and reservations will be taken from MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH as numbers will be limited.

Phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293

# Easter Day Sunday 17 April

# HE IS RISEN



**O600** Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter (Pershore Abbey)

followed by breakfast of boiled eggs and rolls at St Andrew's Centre.

(Please bring an egg cup with you!)

**0800** Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

**0900** Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)

**1030** Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) with LIVESTREAM

**1030** Holy Communion (St James', Birlingham)

**1030** Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

# **ALL WELCOME**

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# **CARNIVALS & PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

PERSHORE CARNIVAL 2022 TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - "1952-2022:INVENTIONS OF THE PAST 70 YEARS": Well Folks!! It is fast approaching that time of year, when we, as members of Pershore Abbey, can join the community of Pershore by participating in the return of Pershore Carnival following its postponement during the past few years due to Covid



It will be held on the early May Bank Holiday - **Monday May 2**. Anyone wishing to join us in the procession or to help with costumes etc (and of course have loads of fun!!) please contact Beth Seale 07824446143 or email bethseale@outlook.com. Alternatively, contact the Abbey Office 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk by **March 27 2022** at the latest.

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR EXHIBITION DISPLAY:** We hope to mount an exhibition of memorabilia of the Accession (1952) and the Coronation (1953) in the Abbey for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend in June 2022.

If you have any items from these dates and would be willing to lend them to us please will you get in touch with either Judy Dale on 01386 552744 or speak to Ann Bray. We will take great care to keep the items safe. We would like to make this a very special exhibition. Thank you. *Ann Bray & Judy Dale* 





YOTING FOR FUNDING FOR ST ANDREW'S LOOS OPENS 1 APRIL: You will be able to vote on the Severn Trent website at <a href="https://www.stwater.co.uk/publicvote">www.stwater.co.uk/publicvote</a> once their voting page is live. Your vote will count, so please do go on line to help us achieve our Eco Church goal and save 7 litres of water per flush! We'll let you know as soon as you can access the vote. Thank you

<u>PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH LIFESTYLE QUESTIONNAIRE:</u> Anonymous lifestyle questionnaire to help the Abbey team and Eco Church team to know where we are still available - please can completed forms be returned to the box at the back of Pershore Abbey by **Sunday 3 April.** This really does matter and we would be so grateful to know your thoughts.

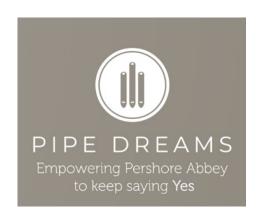
<u>PERSHORE ABBEY ECO WALL COMING SOON!</u> Watch out for our new Eco Wall in Pershore Abbey which will be the hub for all information on our Eco initiatives, plans, events and commitments.

Feed the Birds! Feed the Birds! Tuppence a Bag! Tuppence a Bag!

Do you feed the birds at home? Could you top up the feeders at the back of

St Andrew's please?

## **NEW PIPE ORGAN DELIVERY SETBACK**



We are very disappointed to hear from Fratelli Ruffatti that due to the adverse effects of World events they have been experiencing great difficulty in receiving raw materials and products necessary to produce our new organ, and organs for their other customers. This is exacerbated by major shipping problems and a shortage of containers which has created long delays in the transportation of their organs to various destinations around the World, including the UK, and confounded their installation schedule for several organs.

Whilst the major components of our organ have been assembled in the factory, there are several components for the soundboards that are still missing with no reliable delivery schedule. Ruffatti have therefore reluctantly found it necessary to reschedule the organ installation for the Abbey beyond the Summer of 2022.

Finding alternative installation dates is difficult for the Abbey, particularly during the period September - December which is normally a busy time - especially so this year because of the many events and weddings that have been postponed to this period. We are therefore hoping that the installation will now take place during early 2023.

There is still some enabling work planned in the new blower room and triforium including the blackout of the two clerestory windows above the two platforms already installed in the Abbey. This will take place between 25 April and 13 May 2022 so that when the organ is finally delivered the Abbey will be ready for Ruffatti to install it.

David Long

# **AND FINALLY...**

<u>SUPPORT UKRAINE ON SATURDAY 26 MARCH WITH THE BIRLINGHAM BRING & BUY:</u> There will be a Bring and Buy Sale, with refreshments, held in Birlingham Village Hall on **Saturday 26 March** from **1100** to **1600**. All proceeds will go to the appeal for Ukraine.



Things for sale will include bric-a-brac, clothing, plants, gifts, cakes, books — and there will also be a raffle.

It is to be hoped that as many of you as possible will call in to the Village Hall for coffee/tea and cake and who knows, you may find a bargain!

# **DON'T FORGET!**

NEW DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARIES NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE ABBEY

#### **ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY**

Revd Canon 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.

# **Sunday 27 March – Mothering Sunday**

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Mothering Sunday Morning Praise (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Morning Praise (St Mary's, Wick)

10:30 Mothering Sunday Praise (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

17:00 Iona Worship (Pershore Abbey)

#### PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer 0830 Matins 1700 Evening Prayer

#### **Monday 28 March**

ALL DAY Boiler Maintenance (St Andrew's)

10:00 Jungle Jiggle (St Andrew's Main)

11:30 Funeral Service of the late Brian Cosnett

(Pershore Abbey)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (St Andrew's Main)

13:30 Me, you and a brew (St Andrews Upper)

18:30 Bell ringing practice (Pershore Abbey)

19:00 Compline (Zoom)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir (St Andrew's Main)

#### **Tuesday 29 March**

AM Annual Fire Extinghuisher Inspection

(Pershore Benefice)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St Andrew's Main)

14:00 Burial of Ashes (Pershore Abbey)

14:30 Private Service (Pershore Abbey)

14:30 Private Hire (St Andrew's Main)

18:00 Abbey Finance Committee (St Andrew's Main)

19:00 Pershore Abbey PCC (St Andrew's Main)

19:15 Private Booking (St Andrew's Upper)

#### Wednesday 30 March

13:00 Funeral Service of the late Doreen Kent

(Pershore Abbey)

13:00 BYO Craft & Chat (St Andrew's Main)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (Pershore Abbey)

19:00 Vale Harmony (St Andrew's Main)

# **Thursday 31 March**

ALL DAY Art De-installation (Pershore Abbey)

09:30 V&W (Zoom)

12:00 CTIP Lenten Lunches (St Andrew's Main)

14:30 Private Hire (St Andrew's Main)

18:00 Choir Practice (Pershore Abbey)

19:00 Lent Course 2022 (St Andrew's Main & Upper)

## Friday 01 April

ALL DAY Annual Gas Safety Check (St Andrew's)

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (St Andrew's Main)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St Andrew's Main)

13:00 Wedding of Jason Salt with

Amy McGowan-Docherty (Pershore Abbey)

#### Saturday 02 April

09:30 Marriage Prep (St Andrew's Main)

10:00 Concert Prep (Pershore Abbey)

14:30 Alcester Male Voice Choir (St Andrew's Main)

19:00 Alcester Male Voice Choir ((Pershore Abbey)

## **Sunday 03 April – Passion Sunday**

08:00 BCP Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Benefice Eucharist with Traidcraft

(Pershore Abbey)

15:00 Civic Service (Pershore Abbey)

NB: There is no Choral Evensong Service 3 April

#### **OLIVER JONES ART EXHIBITION AT PERSHORE ABBEY 20 FEB - 30 MARCH 2022:**

The exhibition is open daily from 0930—1700.





