



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 1 May 2022**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

**The 1030 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 service booklet provided.

You will find a Hymn Sheet for this service on **page 4**

Remember to take this service sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave.

### **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 9.1-6**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Revelation 5.11-14**

A reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive

power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, ‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

## **John 21.1-19**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very

truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **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**

**The 1030 service is being live streamed to the Abbey's YouTube Channel**

To find the recording please visit

**[www.youtube.com](http://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 203**

***(Vulpus (Gelobt Sei Gott))***

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King.  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
3. Praise we in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing to-day with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

[Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 209**

***(Savannah)***

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

[Charles Wesley(1707-1788)]

**THIRD HYMN**

**A&M 211**

**(Christchurch)**

*There will be no offertory plate collection at this time, however, there is collection bowl available on the Welcome Table for those wishing to contribute.*

*Alternatively, donations can be made at our contactless donation station located by the bookstall or online via our website at [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)*

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| <p>1. Now is eternal life,<br/>if ris'n with Christ we stand,<br/>in him to life reborn,<br/>and held within his hand;<br/>no more we fear death's ancient dread,<br/>in Christ arisen from the dead.</p>            | <p>3. And God, the living God,<br/>stooped down to man's estate;<br/>by death destroying death,<br/>Christ opened wide life's gate.<br/>He lives, who died; he reigns on high;<br/>who lives in him shall never die.</p> |
| <p>2. Man long in bondage lay,<br/>brooding o'er life's brief span;<br/>was it, O God, for naught,<br/>for naught, thou madest ma?<br/>Thou art our hope, our vital breath;<br/>shall hope undying end in death?</p> | <p>4. Unfathomed love divine,<br/>reign thou within my heart;<br/>from thee nor depth nor height,<br/>nor life nor death can part;<br/>my life is hid in God with thee,<br/>now and through all eternity.</p>            |

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

**COMMUNION MOTET**

The Strife is O'er - Henry Ley

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 214**

**(St Albinus)**

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| <p>1. Paschal Feast! Upon the Cross<br/>Jesus gave himself to save us.<br/>Sin's sad leaven throw away:<br/>Break the bread of life he gave us.<br/><i>Alleluia!</i></p>         | <p>3. Christ is risen from the grave,<br/>All who sleep in death awaking.<br/>First fruit of harvest field:<br/>Now our Easter dawn is breaking.<br/><i>Alleluia!</i></p>   |
| <p>2. Risen again, our living Lord<br/>Death's dominion now has shattered.<br/>Now we share his risen life,<br/>Hell's dread powers for ever scattered.<br/><i>Alleluia!</i></p> | <p>4. As through man death comes to all,<br/>So has man unlocked death's prison.<br/>As in Adam all are dead,<br/>So in Christ shall all be risen.<br/><i>Alleluia!</i></p> |

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 nevermore 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.

Christopher Idle (b. 1938)  
Based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 01 MAY 2022

**As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:**

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

**Priest-in-Charge: The Revd Canon Claire Lording**

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### **BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY**

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

*Please email your enquiry to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on 01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

#### **WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

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.

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## MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS



**THY KINGDOM COME 2022:** Once again we are joining this global wave of prayer which takes place from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Christians throughout the world are invited to hold as a focus for their prayers a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**ASCENSION DAY SUNG EUCHARIST - PERSHORE ABBEY 1900 THURSDAY 26 MAY:** We begin these days of Thy Kingdom Come 2022 with a special Eucharist to remember the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples.

**NOVENA OF PRAYER 27 MAY - 4 JUNE:** During this special nine day period of prayer (which is what Novena means) we shall be holding Zoom services so we can join with others in the Benefice, and across the world, praying for the Holy Spirit to come. The services will start at 1900 and will last between 10-15 minutes on each of these days. If you'd like to join this time of prayer on any of the days please contact Claire on [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) and she will arrange for you to have the Zoom link.

**THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER JOURNAL:** We have copies of this beautifully produced prayer journal, which has been written by Archbishop Justin, which are available free of charge from the back of the Abbey. The aim of the journal is to enable and stimulate your personal prayers over these days of Thy Kingdom Come.

**CHEEKY PANDAS:** And for children and little ones, we have free copies of 'Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle - a story about Faithfulness'. Perhaps get a copy for the young ones in your family. Cheeky Pandas resources are designed to help children and families grow in their faith.

**READER IN TRAINING:** We look forward to welcoming **Julie Westlake** to Pershore Abbey in May. Julie is a Reader in training from Bengeworth who is doing her 10 week placement with us from May to July. Look out for an introduction from Julie in May's bulletin, which will be available from next week.

**MORNING PRAISE PET SERVICE 1030 SUNDAY 8 MAY ST MARY'S, WICK:** Pets and well-behaved owners are warmly invited to join St Marys' special Morning Praise Pet Service on Sunday 8 May at 1030.

Coffee, sausage rolls and pet treats available afterwards !



**MAY BULLETIN AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK!**

If you would like to include an item, please email your copy to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) by **TUESDAY 3 MAY 1200 NOON**



## MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS CONT.

### **Come along to help shape the future of Church and resourcing ministry**

When – **24<sup>th</sup> May 5.30 for 6.00 – 9.00pm** feel free to bring your sandwiches, tea and coffee provided.

Where - **All Saints Church, Evesham**

**How do we flexibly organise ourselves across the Pershore and Evesham Deanery to ensure that we make the best possible evolving use of our stipendiary clergy, our self supporting clergy, and our lay ministry to serve all God's people?**

The Revd Alison Maddocks, Dean of Smaller Churches has been asked by the Diocesan Transformation and Change Team to lead this process as a part of the Diocesan commitment to help churches in the Diocese of Worcester to be healthy and sustainable.

We know volunteers are stretched. Costs are rising. We are also having to carefully plan how our stipendiary clergy work to ensure the best use of their gifting and calling, and a future with less stipendiary clergy.

Alison writes, "Those who attend this meeting will be invited to share in considering together how we make the best use of the ministerial gifting of all our ministers, lay and ordained to serve all God's people in Pershore and Evesham Deanery. This meeting is specific to this deanery and will talk specifically about the churches and benefices of this deanery. It follows on from the diocesan Open Conversations, enjoyed by many of you but there is no need to have been to the Open Conversations to be able to participate fully in this meeting.

Our churches are a wealth of committed people doing so much for their communities. It is our belief that there are further opportunities to work together and support one another to make the most of all God given gifts and we look forward to sharing in this conversation with as many of you as are able to come along."

Please book a place through Eventbrite: <https://pershore-and-evesham-deanery.eventbrite.com>, or telephone **01386 861669** to leave a message with your name and contact number.

Revd Canon Sarah Dangerfield

Area Dean of Pershore and Evesham

# PERSHORE ABBEY APCM AND ST ANDREW'S PARISH CENTRE TRUST AGM

**THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022 AT 1900 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE**

The Pershore Abbey APCM and the St Andrew's AGM for 2022 will take place on **Thursday 5 May at 1900** in the **St Andrew's Centre**.

Please contact Sara Speed (tel: 01386 710776) or email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for further details of the meeting.

Elections of the Churchwardens, up to **7** additional PCC members and **2** representatives to the Deanery Synod will take place at this meeting. Anyone wishing to be nominated for any of these roles should contact Sara Speed, as above, for further information.

Bill Newman steps down this year as his term as Churchwarden comes to an end. We thank Bill for his commitment and enthusiasm in the role and are now looking for a new churchwarden to join us at Pershore Abbey. Please do speak to Bill or any other member of the team to find out more about the role of Churchwarden.

The APCM Booklet, links to the official accounts and all notices regarding these meetings are available on our website here: [APCM DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION](#)

**There will be no hard copies available at the meeting**, other than those pre-ordered with Sara Speed. If you have forgotten to pre-order your copy, please get in touch before Tuesday 3 May to enable us to print in time for the meeting.

If you would like an email copy sent direct to your email address, please contact the office at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

## PERSHORE ABBEY ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is due to be revised before the APCM.

Anyone who wishes to be added should apply now.

The Roll will of course be open again after the meeting .

Please contact the office on **01386 552071** (answerphone only), email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or speak to Bill Newman if you would like to be added.

Alternatively you can download the form [here](#) and return it to the Benefice office:

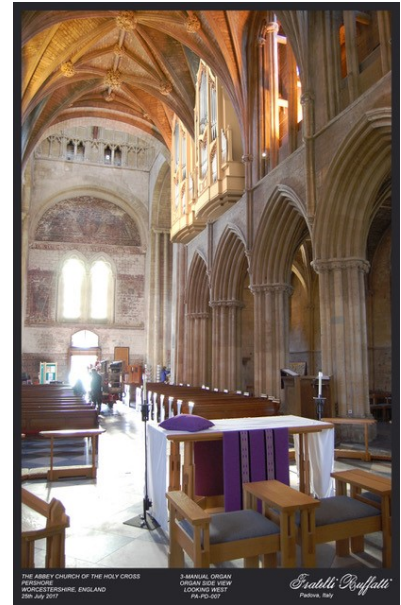
[ELECTORAL ROLL APPLICATION 2022](#)

**AS WE EMBRACE OUR ECO MISSION, PLEASE REMEMBER ONLY  
PRE-ORDERED PAPER COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING**

## OTHER NEWS

**NEW PIPE ORGAN INSTALLATION DATE RE-SCHEDULED:** Last month we were very disappointed to report on the delay that the covid pandemic has had on the delivery of our new organ. Finding an alternative installation date has been difficult not least because of the supply of missing parts for the organ and the demands on the Abbey during the remainder of 2022. However, we are happy to advise you that in consultation with Fratelli Ruffatti we are now planning for the organ to be delivered and installed between January and March 2023.

Meantime, and as planned, we will complete the enabling work to the new blower room and the triforium including the blackout of the two clerestory windows above the two platforms already installed. This work will take place between 25 April and 13 May 2022 and whilst it should cause minimum disruption to the day-to-day activities of the Abbey, we apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused from time to time. *David Long*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY:** The daily horrors of war in Ukraine has gripped us all but the humanitarian crisis of so many others is relentless too. Christian Aid Week is more important than ever. Please get involved, Pershore, Wick, Birlingham and Pinvin. We are using the no-return-visit system used last year. We aim to deliver envelopes to all the houses local to a church member acting as a letter box for the envelope donations. Please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of Pershore Abbey if you can help and you haven't already been contacted. *Sarah Thomson*

## AND FINALLY . . .

**PERSHORE CARNIVAL - REFRESHMENTS IN ST ANDREW'S MONDAY 2 MAY:** A selection of homemade cakes and hot beverages will be on sale from 1200 noon to 1600. Gluten-free and vegan options will be available. Seating available in the main hall or outside (weather permitting!). Dogs welcome outdoors.

Please come along and support the St Andrew's Trust.

*Sara Speed*  
(Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Social (PASA))  
Enquiries 01386 710776

**pershore  
carnival**



## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Revd Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day. If you have an enquiry, she will get back to you as soon as she can.

### Sunday 1 May - EASTER 3

ALL DAY Carnival Teas set up (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall (*Pershore Abbey with livestream*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St James' Birlingham*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

### PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

#### Monday 02 May - Bank Holiday

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

ALL DAY Pershore Carnival

09:30 Carnival Prep (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Carnival Teas (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 You Me & A Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

14:00 PUC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey Vestry*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Pershore Abbey APCM

with St Andrew's Centre AGM

(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 St George's Day Scout Rehearsal  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

#### Tuesday 03 May

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

ALL DAY Lighting Engineers (*St Andrew's & Abbey*)

11:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

#### Friday 06 May

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

ALL DAY Lighting Engineers (*St Andrew's & Abbey*)

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

13:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

#### Wednesday 04 May

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

ALL DAY Lighting Engineers (*St Andrew's & Abbey*)

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 U3A Singers (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

#### Saturday 07 May

09:30 Marriage Preparation Course

(*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Concert Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Vale Harmony Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

#### Thursday 05 May

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

ALL DAY Lighting Engineers (*St Andrew's & Abbey*)

09:30 Baby Massage & Move (*St Andrew's Main*)

09:30 V&W (*Zoom*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

12:00 Funeral for the late Terence Price  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Internment of the late Terence Price  
(*Pershore Cemetery*)

#### Sunday 08 May - Easter 4

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist  
(*Pershore Abbey with livestream*)

10:30 Morning Praise Pet Service  
(*St Mary's Wick*)

15:00 St George's Day Parade - Avonvale District  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Avonvale District (*St Andrew's Main*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

