



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 3 April 2022
PASSION SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

**The 1030 Benefice 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 3**

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

THE COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43.16-21

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3.4b-14

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the

loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 12.1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, 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 and search for Pershore Abbey Community

[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 156

(Bow Brickhill)

1. We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

4. It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

3. The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

[Thomas Kelly (169—1855)]

SECOND HYMN

A&M 143

(Dim Ond Jesu)

1. Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving-kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heav'n's eternal days.

2. On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heav'n's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

[*Dyma gariad fel y moroedd*

William Rees (1802-1883)

Translated by William Edwards (1848-1929)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Drop, drop, slow tears— Elizabeth J Cosnett (b.1939)

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

THIRD HYMN

A&M 158

(Widford)

1. When I prayed beneath the trees,
it was for me, O Lord;
when you cried upon your knees,
how could it be, O Lord?
when in blood and sweat and tears
you dismissed your final fears,
when you faced the soldiers' spears,
you stood for me, O Lord.
2. When their triumph looked complete,
it was for me, O Lord;
when it seemed like your defeat,
they could not see, O Lord!
when you faced the mob alone
you were silent as a stone,
and a tree became your throne;
you came for me, O Lord.
3. When you stumbled up the road,
you walked for me, O Lord,
when you took your deadly load,
that heavy tree, O Lord;
when they lifted you on high
and they nailed you up to die,
and when darkness filled the sky,
it was for me, O Lord.
4. When you spoke with kingly power,
it was for me, O Lord;
in that dread and destined hour,
you made me free, O Lord;
earth and heaven heard you shout,
death and hell we put to rout,
for the grave could not hold out;
you are for me, O Lord.

[Christopher Idle (b.1938)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 489

(The Servant Song)

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, The Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives, as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

*Please email you enquiry to 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 FOR ALL OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN THE UKRAINE

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

Details of our Holy Week and Easter Services can be found in the April Monthly Bulletin, on our website www.pershoreabbey.org.uk or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church!

FAREWELL TO REVD STEVE DUNTON AND FAMILY: Today, Sunday 3 April, is Steve's last service with us in the Pershore Benefice before moving on to his new position as Vicar of Timperley. We wish him and his family much love and success in their new ministry and thanks for the time they have spent here in the Pershore Benefice and give thanks for the gifts and talents they have shared.

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

Please note: there will be no social distancing in Christ Church, but they are still encouraging the wearing of face coverings.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call 01386 552071 to let us know that you would like to come. *Peter Stansbie*

CIVIC SERVICE PERSHORE ABBEY 3 APRIL 1500: 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.

SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT PERSHORE ABBEY: Please take a look at the sign-up 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*

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.*

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS – JOIN THE DAWN CHORUS ON EASTER MORNING AT PERSHORE ABBEY: We are seeking musicians to play for the Easter Morning Eucharist at 0600. There are three hymns to offer joyfully at this service and we'd love for you to join us if you are able. Please contact Jayne Parker for more details on via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

**NEW APRIL MONTHLY BULLETIN AVAILABLE TODAY
PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS**

FIND OUT MORE IN THE MONTHLY BULLETIN!

CARNIVALS, JUBILEES AND CUPS OF TEA! Do take a look in the April Monthly Bulletin for details on all the events and requests for help we have as we plan for the Carnival weekend and the Platinum Jubilee.

We are looking for people to join the carnival procession, to help with costumes and to help with Carnival Teas. We are also looking for items for a Platinum Jubilee Exhibition and have news on the Pershore Abbey Jubilee Songs of Praise to be held on 5 June at 1600.

Full details on all of these are available now in the monthly bulletin.

ST ANDREW'S UPDATE: Voting opens this week for St Andrew's Loos, so don't forget to visit the Severn Trent website and cast your vote. We also have news on volunteering at St Andrew's, the impact on the centre of rising costs and a polite request to only use the St Andrew's Car Park when necessary. Again, the full stories are included in the monthly bulletin, so please do pick up a copy or find it online at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND STUDY DAYS: Full details of the Workplace Chaplaincy Mission UK online conference on 4 May together with a Faith at Work in Worcestershire training opportunity can be found in the monthly bulletin this April too, not forgetting the "Green" Study course brought to you by Revd Phillip Hughes, starting 27 April.

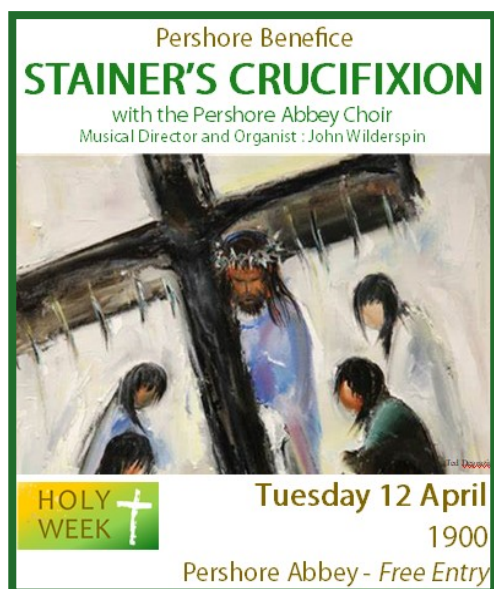
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS RETURN IN APRIL WITH A NEW 1030 START TIME!

Following a prolonged absence, we are pleased to announce the return of our monthly parish coffee mornings, starting on **Saturday 23 April**.

You are all cordially invited to drop in to **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon for coffee, cakes and a chat. It would be lovely to see new, and not-so-new, faces getting together in a social setting – at last! All are welcome so please do come along.

Sara Speed, PASA



AND FINALLY . . .

The Pershore Abbey Choir under the musical direction of John Wilderspin have been working hard on preparing their performance of Stainer's Crucifixion which takes place during Holy Week on **Tuesday 12 April** at **Pershore Abbey** at **1900**. Entry is free and no ticket is required.

Please come along and support the choir as they perform this dramatic piece which focusses on the events leading up to the Crucifixion.

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Revd Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday and Revd Steve's is Saturday (until 3 April) They will not be available for commitments on those days but will get back to you as soon as they can.

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 4 April

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

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

14:30 Pershore U3A History Group
(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 PASA Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

16:00 District Councillor visiting Foodbank
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Birlingham APCM (*St James', Birlingham*)

19:00 Compline (*Zoom*)

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

Tuesday 5 April

AM PERSHORE ABBEY PAVING WORKS

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

13:00 Organ Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

19:30 Pinvin APCM (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

Wednesday 6 April

09:30 Benefice Churchwardens' meeting (*Zoom*)

11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 Pinvin Federation Easter Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Organ Enabling Works Pre-Contract meeting
(*Pershore Abbey Vestry*)

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

19:00 Wick APCM Meeting (*St Mary's, Wick*)

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

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

Thursday 7 April

09:30 V&W (*Zoom*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:15 Wedding Rehearsal for Danny Sanders and
Denise Muniz (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 8 April

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

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

Saturday 9 April

15:30 Wedding of Danny Sanders & Denise Muniz
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 10 April – Palm Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:00 Palm Sunday Procession (*Abbey Park*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

