



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 10 April 2022
PALM SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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!

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 3**

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 50.4-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn Backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; Therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he Who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied

himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 19.28-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **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](https://www.youtube.com)

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

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 161a

(Winchester New)

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

[Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)]

SECOND HYMN

A&M 163

(Sing Hosanna)

1. There's a man riding in on a donkey,
there's a man and they say he's king!
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome
and the voices of the people sing:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King or kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the king!*
2. Why a king riding in on a donkey?
Why a king wearing no fine crown?
Where the drums, where the high-sounding cymbals
if a king is riding into town?
3. Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
Hear the joy of the news he brings!
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
He is Jesus and the King of kings.

[Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)]

COMMUNION MOTET

O Saviour of the World by Somervell

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

THIRD HYMN

A&M 181

(Passion Chorale)

1. O sacred Head surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
so shamed and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er you,
the glow of life decays,
yet angel hosts adore thee,
and tremble as they gaze.
2. Thy comeliness and vigour
is withered up and gone,
and in thy wasted figure
I see death drawing on.
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying,
turn your face on me.
3. In this, thy bitter passion,
good Shepherd, think of me
with thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in thy dear love confiding,
and with thy presence blest.

[Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 728

1. Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony
the Man who is God:
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God.*
2. Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father, forgive.'
3. Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

[Graham Kendrick (b.1950)]

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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

10 APRIL 2022

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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BENEFICE OFFICE HOURS EASTER 2022

The Benefice Office will be closed on

FRIDAY 15 APRIL & MONDAY 18 APRIL

The office will be open to the public as normal

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200

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.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL



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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! We look forward to welcoming you this Easter.

FAIRTRADE EASTER STALL AT THE ABBEY TODAY: There will be an additional Fairtrade stall this Sunday 10 April and the regular stall on Sunday 17 April where they will be selling some Easter goods, so please remember to have a browse and support our Fairtrade stall and wonderful Fairtrade volunteers.

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*

STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION: 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 with no ticket required. Please come and support the choir as they perform this dramatic piece which focusses on the events leading up to the Crucifixion.

GOOD FRIDAY CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE WALK OF WITNESS: Do join us as we meet on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross for the 1015 Walk of Witness to Chapman Court on Good Friday, followed by a short service at 1030.

PERSHORE ABBEY EASTER LILIES: If you wish to donate 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 their 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 to. Please contact Jayne Parker for more details via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

TRIP TO TIMPERLEY TO STEVE'S INSTALLATION SERVICE: 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*

SIGN UP SHEET FOR GREEN STUDY COURSE NOW AVAILABLE: Please sign up to the "Green" study course hosted by Margaret Piper and commencing 27 April using the sheet at the back of the Abbey or alternatively email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. Full details of the course are available in the April Bulletin.

PLEASE SEE THE APRIL BULLETIN FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE LATEST NEWS

OTHER NEWS

ECO APPEAL: Have you a roll (or two) of the Wychavon Clear Recycling bags for our cleaners to use, please? We'd also be grateful for black bags too, if you have them!

CARNIVAL REQUEST FOR CAKE BAKERS: Please sign the list in the Abbey if you can make a cake. If you would prefer to donate towards the cost, a small donation would be much appreciated. For those willing to help on the day please speak to Olive Hall at Abbey Services. (*Julie Newman PASA (Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's)*).

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*

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE QUEEN: Celebrating HRH The Queen's 96th birthday in this her Platinum Jubilee Year a special concert is being held in **Pershore Baptist Church** on **Thursday April 21** at 1930. Featuring a full programme of music from the Alcester Victoria Silver Band the evening will help raise funds for the Pershore Mayor's Charity - Pershore Talking Newspaper. Tickets at **£10** which include an interval drink are available from the Town Council Office at Pershore Town Hall.

PERSHORE ABBEY 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 (Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's)*

AND FINALLY . . .

A NOTE FROM THE DUNTON FAMILY: Dear Friends, the Dunton family would like to give a huge thankyou for all of the kind messages and cards, and for your kind and generous gift. We were deeply touched by the presentation on Sunday.

I speak for the whole family when I say that we felt warmly welcomed and accepted when we came here in 2019. I meant it when I said that Pershore will always have a place in our hearts.

I will look forward to welcoming some of you to my new parish In Timperley. I would ask you all to remember me and my family as we prepare to leave Pershore to begin the journey northwards. God is the God of surprises and I've found that the life of faith is certainly a journey. I will continue to hold you and the life of the Benefice in my prayers. God bless, *Steve*

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 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 with Traidcraft Stall (*Pershore Abbey*)
 10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's Wick*)
 15:00 Organ Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)
 17:00 Wholeness and Healing Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday in Holy Week 11 April

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)
 13:30 Me, you and a brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)
 18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
 19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Prep for Good Friday (*St Andrew's Main*)
 20:00 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars and the Office of Tenebrae
(Pershore Abbey with LiveStream)

Tuesday in Holy Week 12 April

ALL DAY - Cupboard Rebuild (*St Andrew's Kitchen*)
 11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)
 12:00 Funeral service of the late Walter Clode
(St James', Birlingham)
 14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship (*St Andrew's Main*)
 19:00 Stainer's Crucifixion
 with Pershore Abbey Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
 19:15 Private Booking (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 15 April - Good Friday

10:00 Good Friday Activity Day (*St Andrew's Main*)
 10:15 CTiP Walk of Witness followed by a short service at 1030. Meet on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross
 14:00 Service of the Last Hour
(Pershore Abbey with Livestream)
 15:00 Quarter Peal muffled bells (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wednesday in Holy Week 13 April

ALL DAY - Cupboard Rebuild (*St Andrew's Kitchen*)
 11:00 Funeral of the late Beryl Richens
(Vale Crematorium)
 11:00 Funeral of the late Juan Mendez Alacid
(Pershore Abbey)
 13:00 Funeral of the late Ivy Reid
(Pershore Abbey)
 13:00 BYO Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
 15:00 Abbey Bells to be muffled (*Pershore Abbey*)
 19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)
 19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
 19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Saturday 16 April—Holy Saturday

11:00 Service of Thanksgiving for the late Mollie Jeans (*Pershore Abbey*)
 13:00 Flower Guild (*Pershore Abbey*)
 17:00 Evening Prayer with short Easter Vigil
(Pershore Abbey)

Sunday 17 April – Easter Day

06:00 Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter followed by breakfast at St Andrew's
(Pershore Abbey)
 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
 09:00 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall
(Pershore Abbey)
 10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
 10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

Thursday 14 April—Maundy Thursday

ALL DAY - Cupboard Rebuild (*St Andrew's Kitchen*)
 09:30 V&W (*Zoom*)

