



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 17 April 2022**  
**EASTER DAY**



**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**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 10.34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Corinthians 15.19-26**

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **John 20.1-18**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and

announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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](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 205**

***(Easter Hymn)***

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

[*Lyra Davidica* 1708]

### SECOND HYMN

**CAHON 676**

***(This is the Day)***

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
this is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
this is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again, when he rose again;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it  
this is the day when he rose again;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
this is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again.

This is the day, this is the day  
when the spirit came, when the Spirit came;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
this is the day when the Spirit came;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
this is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came.

[Less Garrett (b.1944)  
Arr. Christopher Tambling]

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.
2. See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid?'  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till he appears,  
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with him,  
Death is dead, love was won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with him,  
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

[Stewart Townsend (b.1963) and  
Keith Getty (b. 1974)]

**COMMUNION MOTET**

This Joyful Eastertide - Wood

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

**FOURTH HYMN**

1. Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

*Cont'd*

2. In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
3. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

[John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)]

## **FINAL HYMN**

## **A&M 218**

## ***(Maccabaeus)***

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting:
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

[*A Toi la glorie, O Ressuscite*  
Edmund Budry (1854-1932)  
Translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)]

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 17 APRIL 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 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](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 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

**A Happy Easter to you all!**

**Thank you to everyone who has supported us and helped to bring our Holy Week and Easter services to the Pershore Benefice in 2022.**

**FAIRTRADE EASTER STALL AT THE ABBEY TODAY:** There will be an Fairtrade today 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk). Full details of the course are available in the April Bulletin.

## FRIENDS OF PERSHORE ABBEY CIO

### **FRIENDS OF PERSHORE ABBEY CIO MEMORIAL LECTURE: PERSHORE ABBEY AT 1900:**

Dr. Belinda Wilkes, Director of the Chandra X-Ray Center & Senior Astrophysicist at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory has agreed to deliver the Friends of Pershore Abbey Memorial Lecture—"Views of the Universe through the sharp X-ray eyes of NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory".

Pre-lecture reception at **1800**. Entry Donation **£15**. Tickets available from Blue, Broad Street, Pershore or email [tickets@fopa.co.uk](mailto:tickets@fopa.co.uk)



*A special lecture by a leading  
astrophysicist from USA*

## OTHER NEWS

**NEWSPAPERS NEEDED!:** Riverside Youth Centre Youth Clubs are creating their carnival float and are in desperate need of some newspapers. If you have any going spare could you please bag them up and leave at the Centre on King George's Way. Abi, Brad and the youth club team will be really grateful. Thanks. *Claire*

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



## 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 will be available on our website from 2 weeks prior to the meeting. If you need a hard copy of any of the documents or reports please contact 01386 55207, email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) to obtain a printed copy or contact Sara Speed by **Thursday 28 April** at the latest.

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:

**AS WE EMBRACE OUR ECO MISSION, PLEASE REMEMBER TO ONLY ORDER A PAPER COPY OF APCM BOOKLET IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**

## OTHER NEWS CONT.

**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 Social Committee)*).

**TOWER TOURS:** Unfortunately we will not be able to offer Tower Tours on Carnival day this year. We do need a coordinator for Tower Tours if we are to re-introduce them after the gap because of Covid. They are extremely popular and it would be good to start them again. If you could help with this please speak to Claire, Bill or Suzanne or let the Office know. We will also need volunteers to help with the tours themselves, so again let us know if you would be interested. *Peter Stansbie*

## 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 WITH 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 Social Committee)*

## AND FINALLY . . .

**CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCH APPEAL:** A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lenten Lunches. We raised a staggering **£584.38** for Pershore United Charities. This will help the charity as it seeks to support those in most need from within our communities. Thanks also must go to all those who made the delicious soup and served it. Everyone enjoyed being together making the most of sharing in fellowship with one another. *Claire*

# Fancy a chat?



The **Good Neighbourhood Network**

is coming to

**St Andrew's Hall, Pershore**

on Wednesday 27th April 2022

11am Start

Come to our **free**, no commitment, drop-in session and:

- ♦ Find out about the services the Pershore Volunteer Centre and the Pershore Wellbeing Hub can offer YOU
- ♦ Tell us about the services that you would like to see
- ♦ Learn how volunteering for us works, and see if you can make a difference. Would you like to join our team?

#### Schedule for the day:

- ♦ Meet and greet with tea/coffee
- ♦ Brief outline of Pershore Volunteer Centre and Pershore Wellbeing Hub
- ♦ Light lunch
- ♦ Entertainment by Moira and Peter of Dampier's Round



To register (not essential, but helpful), please contact Jo at the Pershore Volunteer Centre.  
01386 554 299 | [jo.stylianou@pershorevolunteers.org.uk](mailto:jo.stylianou@pershorevolunteers.org.uk)

## 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 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*)

### PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### Monday 18 April

#### BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)  
13:30 Me, you and a brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)  
18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### Tuesday 19 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)  
11:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)  
19:15 Private Booking (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### Wednesday 20 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)  
11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)  
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

### Thursday 21 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)  
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### Friday 22 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Sea Glass Craft Workshop  
(*St Andrew's Main*)  
13:00 CTIP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)  
16:00 Wedding Rehearsal of Sean Ludlow and  
Emily Carter (*Pershore Abbey*)

### Saturday 23 April

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)  
11:00 Wedding of Matteo Capponi and  
Helen Berrie (*St James' Birlingham*)  
14:00 Wedding of Sean Ludlow and  
Emily Carter (*Pershore Abbey*)

### Sunday 24 April

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey*)  
12:30 Service of Holy Baptism of Cordelia Gibbs  
(*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism  
Joshua-James Hartiss (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)  
17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

