



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 24 April 2022

EASTER 2

MORNING PRAISE SERVICE SHEET & WEEKLY BULLETIN

This 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 as an aid to worship in church and take it with you when you leave.

Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn 227

Crown him with many crowns

(Diademata)

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

(Cont.)

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the day

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Hymn 236

Breathe on me, Breath of God

(Carlisle)

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

The Gospel John 20. 19– 31

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

Reflection

Declaration of Faith

We say together

**We believe in God the Father,
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. The Peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you**

We offer God our Prayers and Thanks

At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in your mercy' please respond '**hear our prayer**'

We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest —
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

Fanny Crosby (Frances Jane Van Alstyne) (1820-1915)

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

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To find the recording please visit

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

24 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 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 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.

MAKE YOUR DONATION AT WWW.DEC.ORG.UK/APPEAL/UKRAINE-HUMANITARIAN-APPEAL

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**INTERNATIONAL
RESCUE
COMMITTEE
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MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

TRIP TO TIMPERLEY TO STEVE'S INSTALLATION SERVICE: Steve will be licensed and installed on **Thursday 28 April at 1900** in Timperley. The coach is now booked and it will depart from the Abbey Octagon at 3.00pm on Thursday 28 April. There is still room on the coach if you would like to join us. The cost is £15 per person. If you have booked already, or would like to join us, you can pay by the following method:

- On the coach (cash or cheque payable to 'Pershore Abbey PCC')
- By cash or cheque to the Parish Office
- By BACS transfer (use Ref : SDCOACH) – Bank details are available from me or you can email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for details.

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.

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 on **29 APRIL** at **1800**. Entry Donation **£15**. Tickets available from Blue, Broad Street, Pershore or email 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 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 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.

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 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 or on 554752. (*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*

ABBEY LINK MAGAZINE: A distributor is required to deliver packs of the Abbey Link Magazine to approximately 15 deliverers. This should take no longer than 2 hours, four times a year. A car is essential for this role. Our next issue is due at the end of May, so if you are able to help please contact Roger Piper on 553110.

ABBEY LINK MAGAZINE: We urgently need volunteers to assist with the delivery of our Abbey Link Magazine to the following areas:- Krier Fields, Jeacock Grove, Kingfisher Fields, Skylark Drive, Woodpecker Fields and Pershore High Street (From Station Road to Cherry Orchard—one side only) and to include Redlands and Redland House. If you live on or near any of these areas and are thinking of volunteering, please get in touch. You can contact Roger Piper on 553110 for further information.

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*



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SALE OF EASTER NOVELTIES : Thank you very much to everyone who supported us by buying the crochet Easter egg novelties in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We are pleased to announce that we have been able to donate £163.00 to the DEC. Thank you again. *Jean Andrews and Sandra 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 . . .

It was lovely to celebrate Easter together again with a very busy Abbey. Lots of 'old' and 'new' faces and chocolate eggs for all.



Can we also keep Steve and his family in our prayers this week as he is installed as Vicar in Timperley on Thursday evening.'

Peter Stansbie





Volunteer Centre
Persnore

Fancy a chat?



The **Good Neighbourhood Network**

is coming to

St Andrew's Hall, Persnore

on Wednesday 27th April 2022

11am Start

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

- ◆ Find out about the services the Persnore Volunteer Centre and the Persnore 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 Persnore Volunteer Centre and Persnore Wellbeing Hub
- ◆ Light lunch
- ◆ Entertainment by Moira and Peter of Dampier's Round



To register (not essential, but helpful), please contact Jo at the Persnore Volunteer Centre.
01386 554 299 | jo.stylianou@persnorevolunteers.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 24 April – EASTER 2

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 25 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:30 Art & Craft for Wellbeing

(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

Tuesday 26 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:30 Mother's Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Civic Society Talk

(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 27 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Good Neighbourhood Network

(*St Andrew's Main*)

13:15 Bring your own Craft & Chat

(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

Thursday 28 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

09:30 V&W (*Zoom*)

18:30 Sea Glass Workshop (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:00 Choir Practise (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 29 April

ALL WEEK Organ Installation Work (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

18:00 FOPA Lecture (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 30 April

10:00 Pershore Abbey Eco Church Litter Pick
(*Pershore Abbey*)

12:00 Wedding of Stephen Morris & Selina Phelps
(*St James' Birlingham*)

14:00 Funeral of the Late Mollie Jeans
(*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Pershore Rotary Rock Choir Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Concert usage (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 1 May - EASTER 3

ALL DAY Carnival Teas set up (*St Andrews Main*)

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

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

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

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

