



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 15 May 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 - 21 MAY

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 God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 11.1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy

Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21.1-6

A reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 13.31-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 507

(Fulda)

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

[Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)]
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GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 216

(Ellacombe)

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end

[John Mason Neale (1818-1866)]

THIRD HYMN**A&M 198*****(Salzburg (Hintzer))***

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

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
3. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

[Jakob Hintze (1622-1702)
trans. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Jesu, joy of man's desiring - J.S. Bach

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir***COMMUNION HYMN****A&M 208*****(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)***

1. Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:
Alleluia, alleluia.
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia*

(Cont.)

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| <p>2. That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord:</p> | <p>4. Jesu, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise:</p> |
| <p>3. He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again:</p> | <p>5. All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:</p> |

[John Mason Neale (1818-1866)]
Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

FINAL HYMN

A&M 667

(Lord of the dance)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John —
they came with me and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black —
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the Dance, and I still go on.

(Cont.)

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

[Sydney Carter (1915-2004)]

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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](#)

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

MAY BULLETIN AVAILABLE NOW!

Please pick up a copy from your church or download a copy from
www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

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.



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

15 MAY 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 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

CHURCHWARDENS FOR THE ABBEY: We are delighted that Suzanne Clarke was elected to continue in her role as Churchwarden for another year. As Bill Newman has stepped down after serving for six years as Churchwarden, we welcome Sam Andrews as our other Churchwarden. Sam has been involved in our children's work and Traidcraft stall for many years, and since the pandemic, as a welcoming sidesperson. Sam is a great asset to the team and we wish her well in her new role. *Claire*

NEW TREASURER AT THE ABBEY: Edward Denley had been appointed as our new Treasurer, which is fantastic news! Edward and his wife, Susan, moved to Pershore during the pandemic and recently became sidespeople. Edward has worked in finance and accounting all his professional life and has absolutely the right skills to ensure that we do all that we can to keep our accounts in good order. *Claire*

SUNDAY 22 MAY IONA SERVICE 1700 IN PERSHORE ABBEY: Everyone is very welcome to join this reflective service on the theme of saying 'Goodbye' with thoughtful Iona prayers and beautiful music. The service is also available on Zoom. Please contact Helen for the link at iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk



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 and she will arrange for you to have the Zoom link.

Copies of the beautifully produced Novena Prayer Booklet are available free of charge from the back of Pershore Abbey or you can download a copy here: **Novena 2022**

THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER JOURNAL: Sadly we have no more copies of the Prayer Journal, but you can download a pdf version here: **Prayer Journal 2022**

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. More Cheeky Panda resources are available here: **Cheeky Pandas 2022**

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

When – **24th 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

MINISTRY & CHURCH NEWS CONT.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This service, which normally takes place in January but was postponed because of Covid, will now take place on **Sunday 26 June** at **1500**. It will take place outdoors in Abbey park and will include the Commissioning of two new Workplace Chaplains. More details soon, but please do try and come along.

VOLUNTEERING

URGENTLY REQUIRED - ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEER FOR DISTRIBUTION: A distributor is required to deliver packs of the Abbey Link Magazine to approximately 15 deliverers. This should take just over 2 hours, four times a year, but you will need a car. Our next issue is due at the end of end of May, so we need someone in place as soon as possible. Please contact Roger Piper via [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

URGENTLY REQUIRED - ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS FOR DOORSTEP DELIVERIES: We need volunteers to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine to the following areas:-

Krier Fields

Skylark Drive

Jeacock Grove

Woodpecker Fields

Kingfisher Fields

Redlands and Redland House

Pershore High Street from Station Rd to Cherry Orchard (one side only)

If you live on or near any of these areas and are thinking of volunteering then please get in touch. Contact Roger Piper via [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

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*

ABBAY PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS CONTINUE IN MAY AT NEW 1030 START TIME! Do join us again for our monthly parish coffee mornings on **Saturday 28 May** in the **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon for refreshment, 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 welcome!

ABBAY CONCERTS: Do come along an support our Spring/Summer Concert programme. Details of forthcoming concerts can be found on our website and in the May Bulletin.

PERSHORE ABBEY PCC UPDATE FROM 10 MAY MEETING

Our new PCC met for the first time on Tuesday evening. We were joined by our new Churchwarden Sam Andrews and Treasurer, Edward Denley. We also had three other new members at their first meeting as well as one returning face. Look out for pictures on the notice board soon.

We spent some time making sure we knew about each other and our backgrounds, so important as we move forward together.

We looked at our top 3 priorities for the future and the possibility of finding some funding to help with these. These priorities are:

- Reaching out to the Community
- Children and Youth
- Making church more attractive to working and newly retired people

Given our new make-up we decided to take some time to consider this at our next meeting.

We approved all our policies on Safeguarding to ensure that we are both up to date and aware of this critical area.

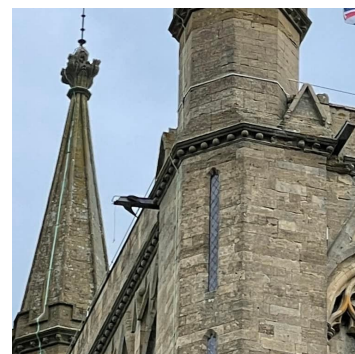
As always, we received and discussed reports on Finance, Fabric, Babies and Toddlers, Children and Youth, Café Church, Eco-church, St Andrew's and our Deanery. So, a busy meeting, as usual.

PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE SONGS OF PRAISE

HOW I MET THE QUEEN!: Please do get in touch with me if you have had a personal experience of meeting Her Majesty. I am looking for one person to provide a reading for the Songs of Praise service on 5 June. Contact [**vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) if you think you can help. *Claire*

AND FINALLY . . .

Many of you will have been watching our resident Peregrines with great interest over the past few weeks and may well have seen them suspended over the overflow spout above the West door where Mrs Peregrine decided to lay her first eggs. Sadly this was always a precarious position and we are sorry to say that both eggs were lost, as her nest washed away.



Although we are prohibited from interfering in any way with the Peregrines during the breeding season, please rest assured that over the past few weeks we have been gathering advice from the RSPB, our Abbey architect and other organisations to see if there is any way that we can aid the Peregrines in the future. This is not a simple task due to the age and delicate fabric of our Grade I listed ancient Abbey building and we don't know for certain what, if anything, we can devise.

Then there's the problem of whether it actually suits Mrs Peregrine . . .

(from Facebook post by Trudy Burge, 05-05-2022)

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 15 May - EASTER 5

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:00 Baptism Party & Prep (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall
(*Pershore Abbey with livestream*)
- 10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

ONGOING WORKS - ALL DAY ON WEEKDAYS

Pershore Abbey: Lighting Engineers
St Andrew's Centre: Lighting Engineers

Monday 16 May

- 13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:30 Me, You n' Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:15 Wedding rehearsal for Paul Williamson and Michelle Hubball (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 17 May

- 11:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Tower lit up in aid of World Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Rotary Club of Pershore Quiz Night
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:30 Concert for Ukraine #2 (*Pershore Abbey*)

Wednesday 18 May

- 11:00 Organ practice (*Pershore 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*)

Thursday 19 May

- 09:30 Visiting bell ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:30 V & W (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 11:00 St Andrew's Exec. (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 11:00 Baby massage & more (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 20 May

- 09:30 Wedding flower preparation
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Rotary Club of Pershore Quiz Night
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:30 Concert for Ukraine #2 (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 21 May

- 13:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 12:30 Wedding of Paul Williamson and Michelle Hubball (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 22 May - Easter 6 - Rogation Sunday

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Outdoor Rogation Service
(*Orchard Farm, Pinvin*)
- 10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's Wick*)
- 14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

