



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with  
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**

**Sunday, 29 May 2022**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

## **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**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 16.16-34**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**Revelation 22.12-14,16,17,20,21**

A reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**John 17.20-26**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 223**

***(Miles Lane)***

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| 1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;<br>let angels prostrate fall;<br>bring forth the royal diadem<br>to crown him, crown him, crown him,<br>crown him Lord of all.                    | 4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,<br>ye ransomed of the fall,<br>hail him who saves you by his grace,<br>and crown him, crown him, crown him,<br>crown him Lord of all.       |
| 2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light,<br>who fixed this floating ball;<br>now hail the Strength of Israel's might,<br>and crown him, crown him, crown him,<br>crown him Lord of all. | 5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget<br>the wormwood and the gall,<br>go spread your trophies at his feet,<br>and crown him, crown him, crown him,<br>crown him Lord of all. |
| 3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,<br>who from his altar call;<br>praise him whose way of pain ye trod,<br>and crown him, crown him, crown him,<br>crown him Lord of all.            | 6. Let every tribe and every tongue<br>to him their hearts enthral,<br>lift high the universal song<br>and crown him, crown him, crown him,<br>crown him Lord of all.           |

[Edward Perronet (1726-1792) ]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 160**

***(Make way, make way . .)***

Make way, make way for Christ the King  
in splendour arrives.  
Fling wide the gates and welcome him  
into your lives.

*Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free.  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

Those who walk with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
With laughter, joy, and royal crown  
he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship Him  
as Lord of all  
To have no other gods but him:  
their thrones must fall.

[Graham Kendrick, b. 1950]

*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](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)*

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.

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.

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.

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.

(Cont.)

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]

**COMMUNION MOTET**

Behold, the tabernacle of God - Harris  
*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 229**

***(In Babilone)***

Hail, O once-despised Jesus!  
Hail, O Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Saviour,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
by thy merits we find favour;  
life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins were on thee were laid;  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood;  
open is the gate of heaven;  
reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in Glory,  
There for ever to abide;  
all heavenly host adore thee,  
seated at thy father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading,  
there thou dost our place prepare,  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.

[John Bakewell (1721-1819)  
Martin Madan (1726-1790)]

1. Rejoice! The Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

4. He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:

5. Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

[Charles Wesley, 1707-1788]

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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](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

## **JUNE BULLETIN AVAILABLE NOW!**

Please pick up a copy from your church or download a copy from  
[www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://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

## 29 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**

*(excluding Bank Holidays)*

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.***

**THE BENEFICE OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY**

**THURSDAY 02 JUNE & FRIDAY 03 JUNE**

### 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



**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.

**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](mailto: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 RESOURCES:** Sadly we have no more copies of the Prayer Journal, but you can download a pdf version here: **Prayer Journal 2022**. For children and little ones, we have free copies of 'Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle - a story about Faithfulness'. More Cheeky Panda resources are available here: **Cheeky Pandas 2022**

**BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT PERSHORE ABBEY 1030 THIS SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022:** Please do join us as the churches of the Benefice come together to worship at the Abbey on this fifth Sunday at 1030. The service will be livestreamed. All welcome.

**PERSHORE ABBEY PENTECOST SERVICE SUNDAY 5 JUNE 1030:** Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Do join us at Pershore Abbey for our Sung Eucharist service this Pentecost.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This year's service takes place on **Sunday 26 June at 1500** in Abbey Park. We are gathering at the bandstand, so bring something to sit on - and a brolly if the weather looks dodgy!

The theme of our gathering is **"Listening"**. Along with representatives from all four of our churches the children from Holy Redeemer School will be taking a leading part.

Listening is a major part of the role of a workplace chaplain and Revd Dick Johnson from Faith at Work in Worcestershire will be with us to commission new chaplains and to re-commission those already visiting shops and businesses in Pershore.

Come along for what promises to be a joyous get together.

**SPECIAL IONA CELEBRATION AT 1700 SUNDAY 26 JUNE IN PERSHORE ABBEY:** Everyone is welcome to a special service celebrating Columba and the Iona Community. Some people from the West Midlands Iona group will be joining us. Watch out for further details in the bulletin or on the website.

## HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

**PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE SONGS OF PRAISE:** Join us on **Sunday 5 June at 1600** in **Pershore Abbey** as the town comes together to celebrate and give thanks for the 70 year reign of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Refreshments and cake will be available after the service. Please come and raise your voice in this special Jubilee Songs of Praise service. The service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. All Welcome.

**PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATORY SERVICE, 1030 SUNDAY 5 JUNE ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM:** St James' are planning a special service featuring contributions both in word and song by villagers of all ages and led by Peter Stansbie. All welcome.

**PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE BELLS:** No-one can have missed the fact that the country will be celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee over the weekend of Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June. Whilst the whole weekend lends itself to plenty of celebratory bells, the Pershore ringers will be ringing the bells in the Abbey on **Friday 3 June** starting at **1030**. We will finish at **1130** to coincide with the start of the Service of Thanksgiving being held at St Paul's Cathedral, London. At the end of the ringing, the Tenor will be tolled 70 times as a tribute, once for each year of Queen Elizabeth's reign. *Stuart Piper*

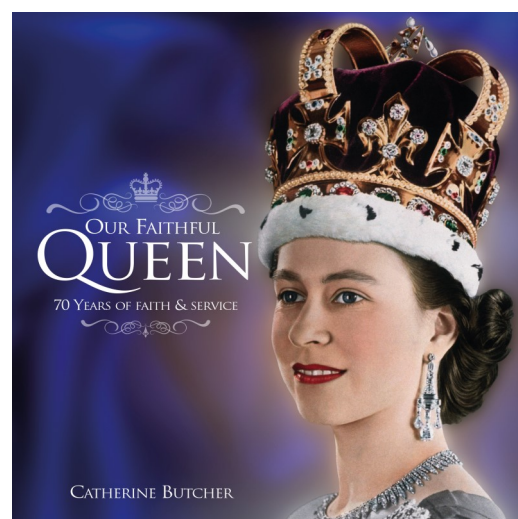
**PERSHORE ABBEY PLATINUM JUBILEE EXHIBITION - 1400 02 JUNE TO 1730 05 JUNE:** The Pershore Abbey exhibition of memorabilia of the Accession (1952) and the Coronation (1953) will open at **1400** on **Thursday 02 June** and will run until **1730** on **Sunday 05 June** to coincide with the Central Weekend celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please could those loaning items contact Judy Dale or bring them along to the Abbey on Sunday, 29 May. *Many thanks, Ann Bray & Judy Dale*

### **"OUR FAITHFUL QUEEN" - COMMEMORATIVE GIFT BOOK NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE ABBEY BOOKSTALL:**

Superbly produced and sensitively written by Catherine Butcher, this 64-page gift book includes many rarely seen photographs from the Queen's early life through to the present day, as well as prayers from a book of devotions given to the Queen to use in the days leading up to her coronation.

Donations would be most welcome.



**LOOK OUT FOR OUR JUBILEE ROUND UP LATER IN JUNE WHERE WE WILL SHARE PICTURES AND STORIES FROM OUR CELEBRATIONS**

## **VOLUNTEERING**

**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**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**PERSHORE ABBEY VOLUNTEER BOOKSTALL AND WELCOMERS COFFEE MORNING:** The Abbey Welcomers Coffee Morning will be held at **1030** on **Tuesday 7 June** in **Pershore Abbey**.

Please do come along to enjoy an hour or so of fellowship . This is our opportunity to refresh ourselves on our responsibilities and to renew our commitment to this vital task.

There are still quite a few vacant slots in the rota so if there are any willing volunteers out there who can give us one or two 2 hour slots a month we would welcome you with open arms at this popular get-together!

I look forward to seeing you there! *Jean Andrews*

**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!

**ST ANDREW'S - THE NEXT 50 YEARS:** On **Tuesday 20 September** at **1900** there will be an open meeting in St Andrew's to discuss what happens to it over the next 50 years. This is being held by the Trustees of the building and they want to hear your views.

So put the date in your diary – we will remind you again nearer the date, of course!

## **AND FINALLY . . .**

**UKRAINE CONCERT #2 SUCCESS:** Vocal High, together with Excelsa Voces, performed their second concert in aid of the people of Ukraine on Friday 20 May following its earlier postponement due to Covid. The concert was a resounding success and raised a staggering **£6350** in total. Our thanks go to all of those who made this concert possible: performers, concert goers and the Abbey events team.

## 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 29 May - Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

### PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### ONGOING WORKS - WEEKDAYS TO 31 MAY

Pershore Abbey & St Andrew's Centre: Lighting Engineers

#### Monday 30 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 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

#### Tuesday 31 May

09:30 Flower Guild - Flower Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

15:00 Funeral Service for the late Joyce Corio  
(*Vale Crematorium*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

#### Wednesday 01 June

11:00 Organ practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Funeral of the late Leslie Widdus  
(*Vale Crematorium*)

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

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

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

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

#### Thursday 02 June - Benefice Office Closed

##### BANK HOLIDAY PLATINUM JUBILEE

09:30 V & W (*Choir Vestry*)

09:30 Jubilee Exhibition Set Up (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Jubilee Exhibition Opens (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

#### Friday 03 June - Benefice Office Closed

##### BANK HOLIDAY PLATINUM JUBILEE

**ALL DAY Jubilee Exhibition (*Pershore Abbey*)**

10:30 Bells to ring out for Jubilee Celebration  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

#### Saturday 04 June

##### PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

**ALL DAY Jubilee Exhibition (*Pershore Abbey*)**

10:00 TBC St Andrew's Prep (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 TBC Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

#### Sunday 05 June - Pentecost

##### PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

**ALL DAY Jubilee Exhibition (*Pershore Abbey*)**

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

16:00 Jubilee Songs of Praise

(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

