

# Café Church

The fresh way to  
Worship in Pershore



Monthly on the Second Sunday  
in the St Andrew's Centre

WORSHIP • MUSIC • REFRESHMENTS



## Welcome to Café Church Pershore

Sunday 20 November 2022

It's great to have you with us. Grab a coffee/tea/ juice and help yourself to some refreshments.

Feel free to let the kids play with the toys and do colouring. Don't worry about noise. God loves to hear the joy of his people, especially his young ones.

Our time is for around 45 minutes, and we hope you have a fab time.

Here is the order of service. You are invited to join in with the **bits in bold**.



## Order of Service

### Gathering

The light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

### Song – Praise my Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Cont.

Father- like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

### We say sorry to God for the stuff we get wrong

Lord Jesus for the wrong things we've done, we're sorry,  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus for the wrong things we've said, we're sorry,  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus for the wrong things we have thought, we're sorry,  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy.**

### The leader shares the assurance of God's forgiveness

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and bring *us* to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect- The Church's special prayer of the day.

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. **Amen**

## Let's listen now to God's Word – Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.”

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don't you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Now sit back and listen to today's short talk

## Song - Jesus remember me (Taizé)

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom  
Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.

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## Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**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.**

## We have a short time of prayer together

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 for ever.  
Amen.**

### Final Prayer

Make your presence felt among us so that we can celebrate the kingship of your Son with joy and gladness today and always. This we ask in the name of your Son and our King Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Song - Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see.

#### *REFRAIN:*

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gift, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell

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### Blessing

We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory. **Amen.**

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11 December 2022

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PERSHORE BENEFICE



## SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE 1030 - 1145

Join us as we tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a fun way, making an edible nativity!

There may be gingerbread involved—YUM!

**Places are strictly limited to 20.**

Email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on 01386 552071 to secure your place by **27 November**.

Drop off at 1030 at St Andrew's and collect at 1145 from Pershore Abbey. Parents or carers may stay with younger children for the session.

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES 18 AND UNDER**

Follow **The Star**  
**THE GREAT**  
**INVITATION** for CHRISTMAS 2022

Please join us at

**PERSHORE ABBEY**

**for CHRISTMAS 2022**

Sunday 4 December

1030 Edible Nativity - Booking Essential (St Andrew's Centre)

Email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or call 01386 552071 by 27 November

Sunday 18 December

0800 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

1030 Tinsel-Free Morning Praise (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)\*

1700 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

(Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)\*

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

1530 Christingle Service (Pershore Abbey)

*Dress up in your favourite nativity outfit!*

2315 Midnight Mass with choir (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)\*

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

0800 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

1030 All Age Eucharist with choir (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)\*

New Year's Day Sunday 1 January

0800 BCP Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)\*

*\*Join in with our LIVESTREAM services at the time advertised on the Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel or catch up later*



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