



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

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

**Sunday, 15 January 2023, St Andrew's Centre**

**EPIPHANY 2**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR SERVICE IN ST ANDREW'S

The 1030 Service will not be recorded or live-streamed this week. We apologise to those of you who usually join us in this way.

Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided.

Our hymns for today can be found on **Page 3**

*Please leave the service booklet, but do remember to take this sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave and recycle when you have finished with it.*

### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 49.1-7**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Corinthians 1.1-9**

A reading from the first Letter to the Corinthians

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **John 1.29-42**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## HYMN SHEET

Pershore Abbey CCLI No. 46441

### FIRST HYMN

### **A&M 104**

*(St Edmund)*

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
    Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
    manifested by the star  
    to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
    in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee address,  
    God in man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
    Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding-guest  
    in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
    changing water into wine:  
anthems be to thee address,  
    God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole  
    palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
    quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
    ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee address,  
    God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
    stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
    all will see his glorious sign;  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
    all will see the Judge appear:  
thou by all wilt be confest,  
    God in man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
    mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
    and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
    at thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
    God in man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

### GRADUAL HYMN

### **A&M 324**

*(St Andrew)*

1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
    of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
    saying, 'Christian, follow me':

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2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred  
leaving all for his dear sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
that we love him more than these.

5. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895)

*Music:* Edward Henry Thorne (1834-1916)

### THIRD HYMN

### A&M 650

*(Faithfulness)*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O.Chisholm (1866-1960)

*Music:* William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

### COMMUNION MOTET

New Year Carol - Benjamin Britten  
*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 429**

***(Grace in Essence)***

1. Bread is blessed and broken,  
wine is blessed and poured:  
take this and remember  
Christ the Lord.
2. Share the food of heaven  
earth cannot afford.  
Here is grace in essence –  
Christ the Lord.
3. Know yourself forgiven,  
find yourself restored  
Meet a friend forever –  
Christ the Lord.
4. God has kept his promise  
sealed by sign and word:  
here, for those who want him –  
Christ the Lord.

[John L Bell b. 1949 & Graham Maule b. 1958]

**FINAL HYMN**

**A&M 510**

***(Kelvingrove)***

1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know,  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind,  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I call your name?  
will you set the prisoners free,  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

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4. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside,  
and never be the same?  
will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you,  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you, and you in me.

John L. Bell (b.1949)  
and Graham Maule (b.1958)

**DON'T FORGET:**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK TO  
**PERSHORE ABBEY**  
FOR OUR 0800 & 1030 SERVICES NEXT WEEK AND OUR  
IONA SERVICE AT 1700 ON  
**SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023**

*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 Canon Claire Lording for support.*



# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 15 JANUARY 2023

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](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on 01386 552071 and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS IN THE COMING WEEK:** Clive Howes

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.

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## PIPE DREAMS - PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN

### PIPE DREAMS ORGAN INSTALLATION 9-18 JANUARY 2023

PERSHORE ABBEY IS

# CLOSED

DURING THIS PERIOD OF OUR ORGAN INSTALLATION

THERE IS **NO ACCESS** TO PERSHORE ABBEY

FOR VISITORS AND WORSHIPPERS



### ABBEY CLOSED 9 JANUARY - 18 JANUARY 2023:

There will be an intensive period of activity from **0700 to 1200 midnight every day** from **9 to 18 January 2023** to install scaffolding within the Abbey. During this period the Abbey will be **CLOSED**.

**Daily Offices** will continue to be observed in the **choir vestry** throughout the organ installation period.

Our services on **15 January** will take place in **St Andrew's**.

During this period there will be increased activity at the octagon roundabout to the west of the Abbey for the delivery of scaffolding and site personnel.

The erection of the scaffolding internally will make use of hand held impact drivers to secure the connections. This will be noisy but we are hopeful that the noise should be contained within the Abbey.

### ABBEY OPEN WITH RESTRICTED ACCESS TO SOME AREAS 23 JANUARY - 24 FEBRUARY 2023:

Work will take place in the Abbey from **0700 to 1900 Monday - Saturday**. During this time we expect the Abbey to remain open, but access to areas where work is taking place may be restricted. The start date is currently flexible.

### ABBEY CLOSED 27 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH 2023:

The work to remove the scaffolding will take place between **27 February** and **3 March**. This work will take place between **0700** and **1200 midnight** over this period. The Abbey will be **CLOSED**.

We will, of course, be communicating closely and clearly with all of our volunteers, congregation and visitors over this period to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum.

If you have any questions at all, please do contact us via [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) and we will be more than happy to advise, or visit our pipe dreams webpage at [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/pipe-dreams](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/pipe-dreams)

As with all works, it may be necessary to adjust this schedule. We will use the weekly bulletin and the Monthly Edition, together with clear signage in and around the Abbey, to keep you informed.

Thank you for your patience as we make our Pipe Dreams a reality



## BULLETIN NOTICES

### PIPE DREAMS ORGAN INSTALLATION - PERSHORE ABBEY CLOSED 9-18 JANUARY

Installation of our long-awaited pipe organ is due to start on **Monday 9 January**. The Abbey will be closed. There will be an intensive period of activity from **0700 to 1200 midnight every day** from **9 to 18 January 2023** to install scaffolding within the Abbey.

- During this period the Abbey will be **CLOSED** to all visitors and worshippers.
- **Daily Offices** will take place in the **Choir Vestry** until further notice.
- Our services on **Sunday 15 January** will take place in **St Andrew's**.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 JANUARY - 25 JANUARY 2023:** This years Community Unity Service is called "Do good: seek justice". It will be led by Pershore Community Church and will focus on social justice. Do join us for this service on **Sunday 22 January at 1500 at Abbey Park Middle School**.

This year the CTiP Unity Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at

**1500 on Sunday 22 January  
at Abbey Park Middle School**



**IONA SERVICE AT 1700 SUNDAY 22 JANUARY:** Everyone is very welcome to this small informal service in the Abbey and via Zoom, on the theme of 'Anna and Simeon: Passing on the Light'. If you'd like a Zoom link for the service, please email Helen at [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) If you are joining in at home, you may like to have a candle handy.

**BENEFICE SERVICE 1030 29 JANUARY AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** We look forward to welcoming the congregations of all the churches that make up the Pershore Benefice to Pershore Abbey once again on **Sunday 29 January** for the 1030 Eucharist. We come together to celebrate Candlemas and commemorate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

**WHOLENESS & HEALING TEAM LOOKING FOR SUPPORT:** As well as our regular Sunday service, on every 3rd Sunday the Wholeness & Healing team give the ministry of healing prayer to those who would want this in the St John chapel after they have received communion. We are looking for people to assist/support the person saying the prayer. Should you feel able to assist please speak to Claire or Angela. *Thank you.*

**PALM CROSSES NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** Please leave your old palm crosses in the marked box which will be placed at the back of Pershore Abbey from 19 January, as we need to recreate the ash in the traditional way for this year's Ash Wednesday service on **22 February** at Pershore Abbey.

## **BULLETIN NOTICES CONT.**

**APCM REPORTS ADVANCE NOTICE:** The Pershore Abbey APCM will be held on **2 May 2023**. In order to prepare, collate and distribute the APCM booklet we will shortly be contacting those of you who need to submit a report with a request to forward all completed reports to the office by **17 February 2023**. Please keep an eye on your inboxes!

**ABBEY LINK IDEAS REQUESTED!** The Spring edition of Abbey Link is now in production and I'm inviting everyone to make suggestions for articles. What would you like to see in the magazine? Have you a question to be answered or a subject to be explored? If you have, you can reach me at [editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or speak to me in person on Sunday. You could even consider writing something yourself, but just suggestions would be great! I can't promise to publish everything, but no idea is wasted. Thank you!  
*Christopher Kimberley*

**TRADCRAFT STALL AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** Please note that there are no Traidcraft stalls planned at Pershore Abbey in January. We will bring you news of their return soon!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**PERSHORE ABBEY PARISH COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 21 JANUARY:** The Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Social Committee (PASA) are holding their first coffee morning of 2023 at **St Andrew's** on **Saturday 21 January** from **1030 - 1200** noon. Drop in for a drink and a chat. All welcome.

**ABBEY VOLUNTEER COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 28 JANUARY IN ST ANDREW'S:** All of our wonderful Abbey volunteers should now have received an invitation to attend our Volunteer Coffee Morning, which takes place on Saturday 28 January from 1000 – 1200 noon. If you are a volunteer and have not yet had an invitation, please get in touch with the office at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

**PASA FISH & CHIP & QUIZ EVENING SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 1845 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:** The ever popular PASA Fish and Chip Supper returns once again this year. Tickets are just £10 with all proceeds going to **Pershore United Charities** and includes fish & chips, juice & tea/coffee (or bring your own drink along) and of course the quiz!

We need teams of 4, but these can be made up on the night, so anyone can just come along and make up a team to join in.

The evening starts at **1845 SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY** in **ST ANDREW'S**. Tickets will be available from Julie Newman from next week.

We do hope you will come along and join the fun!

**MORE NEWS FROM PASA IN THE NEXT MONTHLY BULLETIN DUE OUT FRIDAY 20 JANUARY!**

## ECO CHURCH

**NEXT ABBEY  
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY 18 JAN 2023 1915  
ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM**

Please feel free to join us at one of our meetings



### ST ANDREW'S UPDATE

Last Spring the Trustees were delighted to receive a grant of nearly £10,000 from the Lottery. Some of the improvements you may have noticed - there has been more LED lighting (helping to keep our energy costs down), electrical sockets (less trailing leads) and behind the scenes improvements to the kitchen. We should have a new washer soon - how many thousand cups and plates has the old one done?

Over the years we have had the audio visual screens and sound system, the original dishwasher, the hot water boiler, to name but a few. Many thanks to those supporting the work of the National Lottery.

### VACANCIES

**CHURCH ORGANIST FOR BREDON:** Applications are invited for the part-time post of Organist to the Parish of St Giles Church, Bredon with Bredon's Norton. Approximate hours are a regular commitment of around 12 hours/month along with special services at various times. The stipend will be £2600 p.a.

Applications in writing should be accompanied by a C.V. and the names and contact details of two referees and should be made to: **The Reverend Allison Davies, The Vicarage, Drakes Bridge Road, Eckington, Pershore, WR10 3BN**

For further information on this post please contact churchwardens Dr Andrew Chapman (ajc@andrew272.plus.com) or Mrs Angie Godsell (angie.godsell@btinternet.com).



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## **ROLE ADVERTISEMENT**

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### **Treasurer & Trustee (Volunteer)**

For the Ecumenical Charity, Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW)

The trustees wish to appoint a trustee and treasurer, to advise and lead the financial oversight and management of the charity. The treasurer will work closely with the charity's staff, including the Admin and Comms Officer who undertakes all day-to-day bookkeeping duties, and report quarterly to the Board of Trustees.

FWW operates a Safer Recruitment policy for all posts, including volunteers. Expressions of interest are invited from any qualified person. Deadline: Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> (12:00 noon). An informal interview will take place on or about March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To submit an expression of interest, or for more information, role description and person specification, please email [enquiries@faithatwork.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@faithatwork.org.uk) or phone 07946 655450.

## ABBNEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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 January - Epiphany 2

08:00 Eucharist (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

### PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO BE HELD IN CHOIR VESTRY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Pershore Abbey will be **CLOSED**

from **Monday 9 January to Wednesday 18 January** due to the installation of scaffolding in preparation for the delivery of our new Pipe Organ

### Monday 16 January

11:30 CTIP Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing Group  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*St Andrew's*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

### Tuesday 17 January

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

14:00 Abbey Finance Meeting  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

19:30 Pinvin PCC (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

### Wednesday 18 January

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

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir  
(*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

19:15 Abbey Eco Church Meeting  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

### Thursday 19 January

17:30 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

### Friday 20 January

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

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

### Saturday 21 January

10:00 PASA Coffee Morning  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

### Sunday 22 January - Epiphany 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

15:00 CTIP Unity Service  
(*Abbey Park Middle School*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)



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