

PERSHORE ABBEY

The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick Sunday, 12 February 2023
SECOND BEFORE LENT

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.

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 Genesis 1.1-2.3

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day", and the darkness he called "night". And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day. And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the

water." So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse "sky". And there was evening, and there was morning – the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land", and the gathered waters he called "seas". And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning – the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female, he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 8.18-25

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6.25-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

FIRST HYMN A&M 365 Two Oaks

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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- I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.
- I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
 The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.
- 5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

[Brian Wren (b.1936) Music: Gordon Slater (1896—1979)]

COMMUNION MOTET

If ye love me - Tallis
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

THIRD HYMN A&M 696 Wareham

- Jesus, where'er thy people meet, there they behold thy mercy-seat; where'er they seek thee thou art found, and every place is hallowed ground.
- 2. For thou, within no walls confined, inhabitest the humble mind; such ever bring thee when they come, and, going, take thee to their home.
- Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few, thy former mercies here renew; here to our waiting hearts proclaim the sweetness of thy saving name.
- 4. Here may we prove the power of prayer to strengthen faith and sweeten care, to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heaven before our eyes.
- 5. Lord, we are few, but thou art near; nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:O rend the heavens, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts thine own!

[William Cowper (1731-1800) Music: William Knapp (1698-1768)]

COMMUNION HYMN

- A&M 456 Solothurn
- Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind and soul; with Christ we die and rise again, his selfless love has made us whole.
- 2. With minds alert, upheld by grace, to spread the word in speech and deed, we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
- 3. To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
- 4. Then grant us grace, Companion-God, to choose again the pilgrim way and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.

[Fred Kaan (1929-2009) Music: Swiss traditional melody in Reichart's Frohe Lieder Für deutsche Männer, 1781]

FINAL HYMN

- Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

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- 4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
- 5. Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

[Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)]

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This 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

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE 12 FEBRUARY 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 <u>office@pershoreabbey.org.uk</u> 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 THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY WAR AND WHO CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT

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.

MIKE PEGG FRCO: It has been confirmed that a service of thanksgiving will take place at the Abbey. This will be an opportunity for us all to give thanks for Mike's life, remembering with gratitude all that he contributed to the life of the Abbey with his musical skills as our Director of Music. We continue to hold Laurel and all the family in our thoughts and prayers. Claire

IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE CAN ALL PERSHORE ABBEY SUNDAY READERS AND INTERCESSORS INFORM THE DEACON WHEN THEY HAVE ARRIVED

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 12 FEBRUARY 2023



On Monday 6 February, an initial magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit in southern Turkey close to the border with northern Syria. A second 7.5-magnitude earthquake struck 9 hours later, with aftershocks following.

Donate online at:

https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal

There will also be donation buckets available at our Sunday services.

The collection for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal.

To save lives and give people hope, please donate what you can today

<u>CAFÉ CHURCH 12 FEBRUARY 0945 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:</u> Join our growing Café Church congregation on Sunday 12 February and discover a fresh, family-friendly way to worship in the Pershore Benefice.

WHOLENESS & HEALING 12 FEBRUARY 1700 PERSHORE ABBEY: Join our Wholeness & Healing team for this quiet and reflective evening service.

<u>POVERTY - IONA SERVICE AT 1700 ON 26TH FEBRUARY:</u> In the last two years, extreme wealth and extreme poverty have increased simultaneously for the first time in 25 years, both in the UK and globally. <u>poverty | Oxfam International</u>

This month's Iona service provides time to reflect on the impact of poverty and to share stories of people regaining their dignity, agency and power. Everyone is very welcome to join in, both in the Abbey or online. If you'd like a Zoom link, please email Helen at iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 3 MARCH 1400 PERSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH: The World Day of Prayer is celebrated on the first Friday of March each year. All are welcome to attend this ecumenical service.

MONTHLY ABBEY INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Do you sometimes wonder what happens to the prayers left on the board by the candle stand?

Each month, on the 1st Thursday between 1400-1500, these prayers are taken down and individually prayed aloud by a small group from the congregation. We would really like a few more people to join us in this worthwhile healing ministry. Could this be you? Prayers are already written, but also silent prayer support brings added strength. For more information, please talk to Janet Stansbie or Pauline Greenwood.

<u>PERSHORE ABBEY FLOWER GUILD AGM:</u> The Pershore Abbey Flower Guild AGM will be held on **Monday 27 February** at **1030** in the **Main Hall** of the **St. Andrew's Centre**. All welcome.

<u>THE HAPPINESS COURSE:</u> Pershore Wellbeing Hub have asked us to let you know about this course that they are running in March. For more info please go to the Wellbeing Hub follow the link below: happiness@pershorewellbeinghub.co.uk

LENTEN LUNCHES SOUP MAKERS NEEDED: Are you able to make a pan of soup for the Abbey's Lenten Lunch session on Thursday 2 March? We need 5 - 6 pans, so please ring **Jane Knox** if you think you can supply some soup! Soup that can be frozen can always be given early and stored in the freezer in St. Andrew's. All soups will need a full list of all ingredients please. Thank you so much. *PASA (Pershore Abbey & St. Andrew's Social Committee)*.

TRAIDCRAFT: Some of our congregation members across the Benefice may have heard that Traidcraft PLC is going into Administration. This is very sad news for us as an Eco church and for myself and my helpers. There is over £500 of Traidcraft stock stored safely which we have access to. We have a rota for 2023 and so will continue with our twice monthly stall through February and into March until we know more about how this Administration will affect ordering and stock. Please bear with us during this difficult time. *Dora Paynter*

<u>BISHOP JOHN'S INVITATION TO PARISH VOLUNTEERS:</u> Bishop John would like to invite anyone who gives their time to volunteer in their parish to one of two thank you events:

- Wednesday 29 March, 1900-2100, The Guildhall, Worcester: Book at https://bit.ly/3RffCyP
- Thursday 30 March, 1900-2100, Hartlebury Castle: Book at https://bit.ly/3kQ3p7y%C2%A0

Bishop John says: "I am hugely grateful for the time that is given by so many to ensure that our churches can continue to worship God, make disciples, share hope and transform our communities. I hope you will come to one of these events so that I can say thank you in person for the many ways in which you and many other people serve God. It will be a chance to enjoy a glass of wine together and meet others who serve in this way."

Anyone is welcome to come along to one of these events, but places are limited and we expect them to be popular. Please do sign up yourself and share this invitation with other volunteers. Further information from www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

AND SPEAKING OF VOUNTEERS

ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED: We urgently need volunteers to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine 4 times a year to the following areas:-

- Hurst Road
- Furlong Road
- Avon Mill Place
- Cherry Orchard 36-42 (evens) & 71-97 (odds)
- Station Road 25-51 (odds)
 & 50-88 (evens)
- Abbotts Grange
- Chevalier Close
- Desiardins Way 1-27 & 2-38

 Three Springs Road 33-57 (odds)

The next edition of the Magazine is due to come out at the end of February and we need to have people in place ready to make deliveries and reach out to our community. 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

MARCH MONTHLY EDITION: The next monthly edition will be published at the end of February. If you have any items, events or articles you would like to include, please forward your entries to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk by Friday 18 February at the latest.

LENT 2023

DON'T FORGET: Our Monthly Edition has full information on our Lent Service and events, or take a look at our Lent page at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/Lent

<u>LENT COURSE SIGN UP SHEETS:</u> Sign-up sheets for the Churches Together in Pershore Lent Course are now available at the back of your church. Alternatively, email <u>office@pershoreabbey.org.uk</u> to book your place. Remember to indicate which venue you would like to attend as sessions run at St Andrew's or Pershore Baptist Church.

<u>LENT COURSE UPDATE - VIEWING OF WEST SIDE STORY 17 FEBRUARY:</u> Churches Together in Pershore will show the Steven Spielberg reworking of **West Side Story** at **Pershore Baptist Church** on **Friday 17 February** at **1900** as an aid to this year's Lent Course, 'A Place for Us'.

PALM CROSSES NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please leave your old palm crosses in the box at the back of Pershore Abbey as we need to recreate the ash in the traditional way for this year's Ash Wednesday services on



ORGAN INSTALLATION UPDATE & NEWS

The organ has now arrived and we are adjusting to life in the Abbey with a very busy team working to a tight work schedule.

Despite the current disruption our **Sunday services will be held as usual** inside Pershore Abbey.

PERSHORE ABBEY WILL BE PARTIALLY OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please use the Wick Door entrance and keep to the marked areas when inside.

Please be that other areas may be open as the work progresses and we update you on these arrangements as soon as we can.

Our **Daily Offices** and **Sunday Services** will continue to be observed throughout the period but do please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for updates.

A revised schedule of works will be available via our Pipe Dreams web page soon

https://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/pipe-dreams/

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT 11 MARCH RELOCATED TO NUMBER 8 PERSHORE:

Due to the delay in the organ installation the March WPO concert has been moved to NUMBER 8, HIGH ST, PERSHORE. For ticket information and further details visit www.worcesterphilharmonic.co.uk/concert/spring-2023/
We extend our grateful thanks to Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra for their

EFFECTS OF SCAFFOLDING ON PERSHORE ABBEY: With the scaffolding now in place to allow for the installation of the new organ, a few things will be different for a while.

understanding and co-operation during our organ installation.

- <u>LIVE STREAMING:</u> We may broadcast only one shot for an entire service or still pictures with sound due to impaired sight lines for our cameras. Services will still be broadcast, and you will be able to hear them even if the pictures are limited.
- **FLOORING:** The floor of the Abbey has been covered in protective material for the installation of the scaffolding. Please do be careful as some parts of the floor may be uneven.
- <u>LIGHT LEVELS</u>: The light levels in the Abbey have been affected by the scaffolding, so it will be a little darker in the pews. Please bear with us through this period.

PLEASE PICK UP A MONTHLY EDITION FOR DETAILS ON OUR LENT SERVICES & MORE

ABBEY & 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 12 February - 2 Before Lent

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

09:45 Café Church (St Andrew's Main)

10:30 Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)

10:30 Morning Praise (St Mary's, Wick)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 13 February

11:30 Funeral Service for the late Judith Neil

(Pershore Abbey)

13:00 Art & Craft for wellbeing

(St Andrew's Main)

14:00 Abbey Mission Group

(St Andrew's Upper)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (Pershore Abbey)

18:45 Art & Crafts (St Andrew's Upper)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(St Andrew's Main)

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

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

Thursday 16 February

10:30 Funeral Service for the

late Brian Bickerstaff (Pershore Abbey)

18:00 Choir Practice (St Andrew's)

Friday 17 February

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

13:00 Foodbank (St Andrew's Main)

19:30 West -Side Story Showing

(Pershore Baptist Church)

Tuesday 14 February

11:00 Foodbank (St Andrew's Main)

14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship

(St Andrew's Main)

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

Saturday 18 February

09:30 PASA Coffee Morning (St Andrew's Main)

Wednesday 15 February

09:30 Private Meeting (St Andrew's Upper)

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

14:00 Funeral Service for the

late Pauline Bradstock (Pershore Abbey)

14:00 PUC AGM & Meeting (St Andrew's Upper)

15:00 Pershore Place Meeting

(St Andrew's Main)

Sunday 19 February - Next before Lent

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with *Traidcraft*

(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)







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