

MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY
Sunday, 26 FEBRUARY
LENT 1

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 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.

Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

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.

Hymn 421 All for Jesus, All for Jesus

- All for Jesus! all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be: for we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.
- 2. All for Jesus: thou wilt give us strength to serve thee, hour by hour; none can move us from thy presence while we trust thy love and power.
- 3. All for Jesus, thou hast loved us; all for Jesus, thou hast died; all for Jesus, thou art with us, all for Jesus Crucified.
- 4. All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this the church's song must be till, at last, we all are gathered, one in love and one in thee.

Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the day

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn 702 Lead us heavenly Father lead us

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee; yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

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- 2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us: all our weakness thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us. thou didst feel its keenest woe; lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.
- 3. Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy, love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy: thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Music: Melody from Friendrich Filtz Choralbuch, 1847

Harmonised by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Gospel – Matthew 4. 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saving to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.".

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

Reflection

Declaration of Faith

We say together

We believe in God the Father, who created everything in heaven and on earth. 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.

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

We offer God our Prayers and Thanks

At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in your mercy' please respond 'hear our prayer'.

We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:

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 forever.
Amen.

Hymn 610 Christ the world's true light

1. Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation, the daystar clear and bright of every land and nation; new life, new hope awakes, where peoples own his sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

- 2. In Christ all races meet,
 their ancient feuds forgetting,
 the whole round world complete,
 from sunrise to its setting:
 when Christ is throned as Lord,
 lands shall forsake their fear,
 to ploughshare beat the sword,
 to pruning-hook the spear.
- 3. One Lord, in one great name
 unite us all who own thee;
 cast out our pride and shame
 that hinder to enthrone thee;
 the world has waited long,
 has travailed long in pain;
 to heal its ancient wrong,
 come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

Thanksgiving and Blessing

He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Go in the joy and peace of Christ **Thanks be to God.**

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE 26 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.



Donate online at:

https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syriaearthquake-appeal

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 26 FEBRUARY 2023

<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.

CHORAL EVENSONG 1700 05 MARCH PERSHORE ABBEY WITH PEAL BOARD DEDICATION: Please join us on Sunday 05 March for this Choral Evensong service with Pershore Abbey Choir which will include special dedication of our Peal Board. There is a lovely explanation of the Peal Board by our Tower Captain, Stuart Piper, as this week's 'And Finally'.

JOHN WILDERSPIN: It is with sadness that I am writing to let you know that John Wilderspin has tendered his resignation as Pershore Abbey's Director of Music. He is looking forward to the next chapter in his life as he moves back to Warwickshire. John has generously shared his musical gifts as our organist and director of the choir for several years, and there is no doubt that we are going to miss his presence and talent within our community.

John will continue in post as Director of Music until 7th May. He will then continue to play on Sundays, whilst relinquishing other musical responsibilities, until 28th May. We are grateful that he is giving us this time so that we can appoint a worthy successor.

We will, of course, find a suitable occasion to mark his leaving, giving the whole church community the opportunity to express our thanks for all that he has done for the Abbey. *Claire*

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.

<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.

LENT 2023

<u>LENT COMPLINE BY ZOOM MONDAYS AT 1900</u>: Our Zoom sessions will take place on Mondays in Lent from 27 February and on Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 April in Holy Week. All of our half-hour services will begin at 1900. Please contact Claire at **vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk** for the Zoom link each week.



"A PLACE FOR US" - CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE (CTIP) LENT COURSE 2023: "A Place for Us" is an original Lent course based on the recent film production of West Side Story. Through study and discussion of key scenes from the movie, related to Lent passages from scripture, Lavinia Byrne and Jane McBride help us to reflect on fear, love, betrayal, death, and reconciliation. The course will run for 5 sessions over two venues during Lent.

If you would like further details or still wish to sign up, please contact the office or speak to Claire.

MEAT FREE FRIDAYS IN LENT: General Synod Representative, Lynn Nichol from Pedmore, has been hitting the headlines with her proposal that we should all try to have meat-free Fridays during Lent. Lynn asked a question at the recent General Synod as to whether the House of Bishops would commit to not eating meat on Fridays as part of the Church of England's commitment to reducing Carbon emissions.

This idea has then been picked up in a number of national newspapers.

Read more about Meat Free Fridays in Lent here at the Worcester Diocese website:

https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/meat-free-fridays-in-lent.php.

Can you make a commitment to being meat-free on Friday's this Lent?

CHURCH OF ENGLAND: Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings, to seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them. Find more about how to access the daily reflections here: https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-



easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections

BISHOP JOHN'S LENT APPEAL IN 2023 IN AID OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF PERU: As a country, Peru has had a very turbulent few years. It had one of the world's highest Covid mortality rates and has experienced considerable political unrest. Read more about the Appeal here: https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-johns-lent-appeal-2023.php

VOLUNTEERING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

BISHOP JOHN'S INVITATION TO PARISH VOLUNTEERS: 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."

Further information from www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH ABBEY SUNDAY COFFEES?: The "new look" Sunday morning coffees and time for fellowship in St Andrew's Centre is proving to be popular. However, our team of helpers is somewhat depleted and we could do with a few more volunteers on the rota. In addition to serving the refreshments, there is also the exciting opportunity to join the washing up team and operate the new dishwasher - each load takes less than 2 minutes!. For more details about helping with either duty, please contact Sara Speed (01386 710776 or via the Benefice Office) or chat to any of the helpers on Sunday mornings. *Sara Speed*

<u>ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED:</u> We had a positive response to our request, but still urgently need volunteers to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine 4 times a year to a number of areas:

- Station Road 25-51 (odds) & 50-88 (evens)
- Hurst Road & Furlong Road.
- Kingfisher Fields & Skylark Drive.

If you are thinking of volunteering to deliver 4 times a year and live in or near these areas please contact Roger Piper via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

INTRODUCTION TO WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY ONLINE COURSE: The next online course will run on Monday evenings at 1900 on March 13, 20, 27, April 17, 24. It is a great introduction for those considering workplace chaplaincy and also a way of refreshing our understanding of our role for anyone who is already a chaplain. For more details and to book visit https://www.workchaplaincyuk.org.uk/resources/training/an-introduction-to-workplace-chaplaincy/

JUSTMONEY MOVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES: JustMoney Movement (the new name for the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility) is recruiting for a 4 day a week member of staff to help build the movement nationally. The deadline for applications is February 26. Full details can be found at https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/movement-builder/886809?tsId=8

It is also looking for new **volunteer trustees**, the deadline for which is February 28. Full details on this opportunity can be found here: https://www.charityjob.co.uk/volunteer-jobs/justmoney-movement/trustee/886876?tsld=8

PERSHORE ABBEY & ST ANDREW'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE (PASA)

<u>A BIG THANK YOU:</u> for the wonderful Parish coffee morning the Pershore U3A held on Saturday 18 February in St. Andrew's. The cakes & hospitality were exceptional and a grand total of £109.79 was raised for St. Andrew's. Thank you to Ingrid Fox and all the members of the Pershore & District U3A group who made it a very successful morning. If anyone is interested in seeing what members of the Pershore & District U3A group have to offer, you are invited to an Open Morning on Saturday 11 March in St. Andrew's from 1000 - 1200 for a chat and a free cuppa & cake.

NEXT PERSHORE ABBEY PARISH COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 18 March 1030-1200 noon in St Andrew's. This coffee morning will be run by the Pershore Abbey Choir. PASA (Pershore Abbey & St. Andrew's Social Committee).

AND FINALLY . . .

PEAL BOARD DEDICATION 1700 5 MARCH 2023: Peal Boards are often used to record bell ringing that has taken place to mark significant local, national, or international events. These boards are normally mounted on the wall in the ringing room where the bells are rung, though they are occasionally placed on public view within churches. To date, Pershore has had no such peal boards.

We knew that the first peal to be rung on the bells of Pershore Abbey took place on 25 April 1814. However, research by Madeline Reeder (obit 10 February 2023) showed that very little detail is known about the peal: the method rung was Grandsire Triples, it contained 5040 changes (which is the standard length for a peal of Triples), and it took 3 hours 13 minutes to complete. The names of the participants are unknown, apart from the fact that they were from All Saints, Worcester.

On 5 May 2014, a peal was rung at Pershore Abbey to mark the bicentenary of this first peal. We again rang 5040 changes of Grandsire Triples and completed our peal in 3 hours 2 minutes. To mark this bicentenary, a peal board has been made to record our performance and the fact that it was rung to mark this 200th Anniversary. The peal board is now being dedicated before it is mounted for display at the end of the walkway leading onto the ringing platform.

Stuart Piper, Tower Captain

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

understanding and co-operation during our organ installation.

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.

- <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 26 February - Lent 1

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Morning Praise (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)

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

11:30 After Service Coffee (St Andrew's Main)

14:00 Pianoscapes (St Andrew's Main)

17:00 Iona Worship (Pershore Abbey)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0830 Matins 0800 Silent Prayer 1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 27 February

10:00 Abbey Flower Guild AGM

13:00 Art & Craft for wellbeing

(St Andrew's Main)

18:30 Bell Ringing (Pershore Abbey)

19:00 Art & Craft Evenings (St Andrew's Upper)

19:00 Compline by Zoom in Lent

Tuesday 28 February

St Andrew's Bell Ringing Ventilation ALL DAY

11:00 Foodbank (St Andrew's Main)

14:00 Abbey Finance Committee Meeting

(St Andrew's Upper)

14:30 Mother's Union (St Andrew's Main)

19:00 Benefice Church Wardens meeting (Zoom)Sunday 05 March - Lent 2

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

Wednesday 01 March

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

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

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

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

19:00 CTiP Lent Course

(Pershore Baptist Church)

Thursday 02 March

11:00 Eucharist (Ganderton Court)

(St Andrew's Main) 12:00 CTiP Lenten Lunches (St Andrew's Main)

14:00 CTiP Lent Course (St Andrew's Main)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (Pershore Abbey)

18:00 Choir Practice (St Andrew's Main)

Friday 03 March

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

14:00 Wave of Prayer (Pershore Baptist Church)

19:00 Pershore Civic Society (St Andrew's Main)

Saturday 04 March

09:30 Marriage Preparation (St Andrew's Main)

19:00 PODYS Party (St Andrew's Main)

08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft

(Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)

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

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

11:30 After Service Coffee (St Andrew's Main)

13:30 Wedding Blessing Service (Pershore Abbey)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (Pershore Abbey)

17:00 Evensong with Peal Board Dedication

(Pershore Abbey)







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