



PERSHORE ABBEY
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 02 April 2023
PALM SUNDAY

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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.**

THE READING

Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

This service is being live streamed to the Abbey’s YouTube Channel

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www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community**

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If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 161

(Winchester New)

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

[Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 163

(Sing Hosanna)

1. There's a man riding in on a donkey,
there's a man and they say he's king!
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome
and the voices of the people sing:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the king!*
2. Why a king riding in on a donkey?
Why a king wearing no fine crown?
Where the drums, where the high-sounding cymbals
if a king is riding into town?
3. Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
Hear the joy of the news he brings!
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
He is Jesus and the King of kings.

[Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 147

(Love Unknown)

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?
2. He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.
4. They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.
5. Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

[Samuel Crossman (c. 1624-1683)]

COMMUNION MOTET

O Saviour of the World - A. Somervell

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 142

(Caswall)

1. Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.
2. Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind.
3. Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which from endless torments
did the world redeem.
4. Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

(Cont.)

5. Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

[Edward Caswell (1814-1878)
Music Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 728

1. Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony
the Man who is God:
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father, forgive'.

3. Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

[Graham Kendrick (b.1950)]

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE

02 APRIL 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 EASTER OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY

(excluding Bank Holidays)

The Benefice Office will be closed on Friday 7 April and Monday 10 April

Office staff will usually be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on weekday mornings (excluding bank holidays) 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.

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-syria-earthquake-appeal>

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

02 APRIL 2023

DETAILS OF OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN THE MONTHLY EDITION, ONLINE OR CAN PICK UP A LEAFLET FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH



MINISTRY NEWS

PERSHORE ABBEY PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION SUNDAY 02 APRIL 1000: Don't forget that we will be gathering at **1000** on **Palm Sunday** to march together to the Abbey from Abbey Park, singing on the way. Do join us for this triumphant procession!

CHORAL EVENSONG SUNDAY 02 APRIL PERSHORE ABBEY 1700: The Pershore Abbey choir will be leading Choral Evensong at this regular service on the first Sunday of the month. Do come and support both them and our organist and musical director, John Wilderspin, as they fill the Abbey with the wonderful sound of choral worship. All welcome.

Catch up with all the Ministry News, Coronation Updates, Details of Benefice APCM's and much more in the Easter / April Monthly Edition.

Pick up a copy in church or download a copy online today from

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

BENEFICE OFFICE HOURS EASTER 2023: The Benefice Office will be closed on **FRIDAY 7 APRIL & MONDAY 10 APRIL**. The office will be open to visitors as normal Tuesday - Thursday 1100—1200 noon. Please be aware that due to staff holidays staff will be operating on reduced hours outside of the regular opening times, so your enquiry may take a little longer to respond to. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

TOTAL SILENCE REQUIRED IN PERSHORE ABBEY DURING VOICING PERIOD: Please remember that **TOTAL SILENCE** must be observed at all times when inside the Abbey during the 'Voicing' period of the pipe organ installation. Signage is in place to let you know when this is taking place.

ABBAY BOOKSTALL VOLUNTEERS AND WELCOMERS: Now that the Abbey is once again open and we are seeing increased visitors, Jean Andrews would like to hear from all volunteers and welcomers to urgently confirm their availability. Our Bookstall and Welcoming Team are a major part of our Abbey visitor experience and we very much look forward to a busy and successful visitor year with your support. Thank you.

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 02 April - PALM SUNDAY

Pershore Abbey Open

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

10:00 Palm Sunday Procession (*Abbey Park*)

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

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

17:00 Choral Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

The Abbey will be lit up during Holy Week

Monday 03 April - HOLY WEEK

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

14:00 U3A History Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 04 April - HOLY WEEK

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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

19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)

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

Wednesday 05 April - HOLY WEEK

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

09:00 Flower Guild - Funeral flower preparation
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:00 Funeral Service for the late
Margaret Pearse (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

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

19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)

Thursday 06 April - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

09:00 Flower Guild - Easter Lily Preparation
(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Choir Vestry*)

18:00 Good Friday Set Up (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

19:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

20:00 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of
the Altar, Office of Tenebrae
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

Friday 07 April - GOOD FRIDAY

Pershore Abbey Open

Benefice Office Closed

10:00 Good Friday Activity Day (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:15 CTIP Walk of Witness (*Gather at Preaching Cross*)

14:00 Service of the Last Hour
(*Pershore Abbey with Livestream*)

15:05 Bells, Fully Muffled Quarter Peal
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 08 April - HOLY SATURDAY

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

17:00 Evening Prayer with short Easter vigil
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 09 April - EASTER DAY

Pershore Abbey Open

06:00 Dawn Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey followed
by breakfast in St Andrew's*)

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

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

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

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