



PERSHORE ABBEY

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 05 March 2023**

LENT 2

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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Genesis 12.1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 4.5,13-17

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null

and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 3.1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 4

1. New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.
2. New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
3. If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.
4. The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we need to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.
5. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

[John Keble (1792-1866)]

Music: Melody and bass by Samuel Webbe, the elder (1740-1816)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 131

1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!
2. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.
3. Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast.
4. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.
5. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

[William Cowper (1731-1800)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 675

Bishopthorpe

1. Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.
2. Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.
3. We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:
4. But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.
5. The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.
6. Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.
7. Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

[John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Turn thy face - Thomas Attwood
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 129

St Hugh

1. Lord, teach us how to pray aright
with reverence and with fear;
though dust and ashes in thy sight,
we may, we must, draw near.
2. We perish if we cease from prayer:
O grant us power to pray;
and, when to meet thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.
3. God of all grace, we bring to thee
a broken, contrite heart;
give what thine eye delights to see,
truth in the inward part;
4. Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone,
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
on Christ, on Christ alone;
5. Patience to watch and wait and weep,
though mercy long delay;
courage our fainting souls to keep,
and trust thee though thou slay.
6. Give these, and then thy will be done;
thus, strengthened with all might,
we, through thy Spirit and thy Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

[James Montgomery (1771-1854)]

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours', he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

[Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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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

05 MARCH 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 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

05 MARCH 2023

CHORAL EVENSONG 1700 5 MARCH PERSHORE ABBEY WITH PEAL BOARD

DEDICATION: Please join us on Sunday 5 March for this Choral Evensong service with Pershore Abbey Choir which will include special dedication of our Peal Board.

THE FIVE VILLAGES PROM 10 MARCH 2023: Singers from the Pershore Abbey Choir will be joining talented musicians of Charlton, Crophorne, Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Wyre Piddle, and beyond at St John the Baptist Church, Fladbury at 1930 on Friday 10 March to perform a fabulous evening of music by Handel, Parry, Gershwin, Elgar and others.

Old favourites and new discoveries will be sung. Bring your family, friends and neighbours to join in with what promises to be a fun evening and enjoy participating with a rousing Land of Hope & Glory and Rule Britannia.

This event is raising money for the Five Alive Parish and the charity, "Evesham Vale welcomes Refugees". Drinks will be available at the interval and after the performance. There will also be a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses and residents. Tickets are available (£12) online at [The Five Villages Prom Tickets, Fri 10 Mar 2023 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#) or you can buy tickets, in person, at the Fladbury Pie Shop."

DISPLAY OF MUSIC AT ABBEY COFFEE MORNING 18 MARCH IN ST ANDREWS 1030-1200

NOON: The next Parish coffee morning hosted by Pershore abbey Choir will also feature a special display of Music of the 30's,40's,50's & 60's used by a Dance Band at Norton Barracks Army Depot, Worcester. The images on the front of the sheet music are unique - perhaps you will remember having danced to the music! Enjoy a trip down memory lane with this display put together by Ivan Steele.

ORGAN UPDATE AND ABBEY CLOSURES

We are now entering the final stages of the physical installation and moving towards the voicing stage of the Organ works, during which the Abbey will remain open, but absolute silence will be required. A revised schedule of works is now available, so please be aware of the new proposed timings (all subject to change):

- Up to and including **8 March**: Abbey **PARTIALLY OPEN**. Please use the Wick Door and keep to marked areas when inside.
- **9 - 10 March & 15 - 17 March**: Abbey **CLOSED**. The scaffolding will be removed and there will be **NO ACCESS** to the Abbey.

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.

PLEASE PICK UP THE MARCH MONTHLY EDITION FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS INCLUDING LENT 2023, A PREVIEW OF EASTER 2023, FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT & 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 05 March - Lent 2

- 08:00 BCP 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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 06 March

- 14:30 Pershore U3A History Group
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:30 Bell ringing practice (*St Andrew's*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community Choir
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Lent Compline (*Zoom*)

Tuesday 07 March

- 11:00 Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Abbey PCC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 08 March

- 13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 CBMP Task Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 CTiP Lent Course (*Pershore Baptist Church*)

Thursday 09 March

- Scaffolding Removal - Abbey Closed**
(*subject to change*)
- 11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)
- 12:00 CTiP Lent Lunches (*St Andrew's Main*)

- 14:00 CTiP Lent Course (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 17:30 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:00 Craft Happy (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 10 March

- Scaffolding Removal - Abbey Closed**
(*subject to change*)
- 09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Saturday 11 March

- 09:00 Pershore U3A Coffee Morning
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:30 Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra
Concert (*Number 8*)

Sunday 12 March - Lent 3

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)
- 11:30 After Service Coffee (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service
(*Pershore Abbey*)



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