

PERSHORE ABBEY

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

Sunday, 19 March 2023

MOTHERING SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

Welcome to our All Age Mothering Sunday Service at Pershore Abbey today

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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

Loving God, you sent your Son to be part of a human family. Strengthen us as we share family life together, in our homes and in our church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE READING

Exodus 2:1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus

During this time a man from the tribe of Levi married a woman of his own tribe, and she bore him a son. When she saw what a fine baby he was, she hid him for three months. But when she could not hide him any longer, she took a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar to make it watertight. She put the baby in it and then placed it in the tall grass at the edge of the river. The baby's sister stood some distance away to see what would happen to him.

The king's daughter came down to the river to bathe, while her servants walked along the bank. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass and sent a slave woman to get it. The princess opened it and saw a baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

Then his sister asked her, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"

"Please do," she answered. So the girl went and brought the baby's own mother. The princess told the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So she took the baby and nursed him. Later, when the child was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. She said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses."

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 19.25b-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "He is your son."

Then he said to the disciple, "She is your mother." From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Revd Claire Lording for support.



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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 537

(England's Lane)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

5. For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

[Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 136

(Bunessen)

1. Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.

2. And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread.

3. Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926]

1. God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.

2. As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.

3. Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.

4. Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.

5. God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!

[Fred Kaan, 1929- 2009]

COMMUNION HYMN

(Au Clair De La Lune)

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

[Margaret Cropper, 1886-1980]
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He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hand.
He's got the little tiny baby in his hand.
He's got the little tiny baby in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

[African-American traditional song,
arr. Paul Leddington Wright, b. 1951]

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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

19 MARCH 2023

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

Vicar: Canon Claire Lording

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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

19 MARCH 2023

MINISTRY NEWS

MOTHERING SUNDAY 19 MARCH 1030 ALL AGE EUCHARIST AT PERSHORE ABBEY:

Everyone is welcome to join our All Age Eucharist service when we give thanks for mothers past and present. We also celebrate the family of the Church.

IONA SERVICE PERSHORE ABBEY 1700 ON SUNDAY 26 MARCH.

'There was once a man who had two sons. The younger son said to his father, "Father give me my share of the estate."' What does Jesus' well-loved story show us about sharing and the nature of God, our lives and creation? Everyone is welcome to this small reflective service. If you would like to join by Zoom, please contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

CIVIC SERVICE 26 MARCH 1400 AT PERSHORE ABBEY:

The Civic Service is an opportunity for the town to gather to give thanks and pray for the work of the Mayor and Town Council. Please come and support Pershore Mayor, Cllr Matthew Winfield, and all those who serve our town as Town Councillors.

NEW DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARIES NOW AVAILABLE ACROSS THE BENEFICE:

Copies of the new Prayer Diary are now available in all of our churches, so please pick up your copy next time you are in church or visiting.

CONTACTING SAM ANDREWS - PERSHORE ABBEY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER:

Sam is now getting fully into her stride as Children and Families Worker for Pershore Abbey. If you would like to contact Sam about any aspect of her role or anything connected with the role, please can you contact her on her dedicated Children and Families email to ensure that she is able to respond to your enquiry promptly. Sam's email address for all things connected with the role of Children and Families worker is candfw.pershoreabbey@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

EASTER LILY SUNDAY AT THE ABBEY:

At services on 26 March it will be possible for people to make a donation towards the Easter lilies that will be used to decorate the Abbey from Easter Day. Mary Cope, a member of the Abbey Flower Guild, will be on hand to write down any names of loved ones that you may wish to be remembered as you give your donation. Donating Easter lilies in memory of a loved one is a beautiful tradition and reflects our hope and joy in the resurrection for us all. *Claire*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Sign up sheets will be at the back of the Abbey for those who would like to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday and those who would like to read at the service of Tenebrae. There will also be a rota for those who would like to keep the watch until midnight. Those who would like to be involved in the dramatised reading of the Passion on Good Friday can also sign up. Thank you in advance to all who will volunteer. *Claire*

Pershore Benefice Easter 2023

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday 2 April

0800 BCP Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

0945 Café Church (St Andrew's Centre)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession on Abbey Park to Abbey. Meet at St Andrew's Road/Abbey Road crossroads. Come and join us singing and drumming to the Abbey.

1030 Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) with **LIVESTREAM**

1030 Morning Praise (St James', Birlingham)

1700 Evensong (Pershore Abbey)

Monday in Holy Week 3 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Tuesday in Holy Week 4 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Wednesday in Holy Week 5 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Maundy Thursday 6 April

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars

and the Office of Tenebrae (Pershore Abbey) with **LIVESTREAM TO BE CONFIRMED**

This service will be approximately one and three-quarter hours and will be followed by the Watch until Midnight. You are welcome to leave after the Office of Tenebrae.

Good Friday 7 April

1000-1415 Children's Activities (5-10 years) (St Andrew's Centre)

No fee - donations welcome. Booking essential via Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293.

1015 Walk of Witness to Chapman Court followed by a short service at 1030.

Meet on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross.

1400 Service of the Last Hour (Pershore Abbey) with **LIVESTREAM**

1445 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly please contact the Bredon Group for details of this service on acbhteam@gmail.com

Holy Saturday 8 April

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil (Pershore Abbey)

This service will last approximately one hour.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Daily Offices will also continue to be observed as usual

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EASTER DAY

April 9 2023

HE IS RISEN



0600 Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter (Pershore Abbey)

followed by breakfast of boiled eggs and rolls at St Andrew's Centre. (Please bring an egg cup with you!)

0800 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

0900 Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)

1030 Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) with **LIVESTREAM**

1030 Holy Communion (St James', Birlingham)

1030 Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

ALL WELCOME

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HOLY WEEK COMPLINE BY ZOOM



Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week



1900

Online via Zoom

An opportunity to share in the quiet and peace of Compline during Holy Week, with a reflection

This half-hour night service will take place via Zoom

Please contact vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link each week

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GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY



Friday 7 April

1000 -1415

St Andrew's Centre

Enjoy Easter themed activities and crafts including:

- Baking
- Creating an Easter garden
- Telling the Easter story
- Making baskets & much more . . .

Booking Essential

Spaces are limited so reserve your place from 20 March
Booking and information: Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293

CORONATION NEWS

CORONATION PRAYERS: The Church of England is calling for a period of prayer leading up to the Coronation of King Charles III and has released a book of Daily Prayers.

A limited number of these special coronation prayer booklets will be available via the Abbey Office soon. The cost of the books will be **£2.00** (this includes the cost of postage and admin fees). If you would like to pre-order a booklet, please contact the office at **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**.

BEAUTIFUL BUNTING FOR PERSHORE'S 'CORONATION' STREET': For the Coronation of HRH King Charles III, Pershore Town Council are asking as many of you as possible to get creative to help them fill two full strings of bunting that will be strung up on Broad Street ready for the Coronation celebrations. Find out more at **<https://www.pershore-tc.gov.uk/2023/03/pershore-community-coronation-bunting/>**



CORONATION EVENSONG SUNDAY MAY 7 1600 PERSHORE ABBEY:

There will be a special Evensong service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III at **Pershore Abbey** on **May 7** at **1600**. There will be tea and cake served afterwards.

SAVE THE DATE

As well as our special service for the King's coronation we have a number of other significant services coming up at Pershore Abbey:

ORDINATION OF JAYNE PARKER - SUNDAY 2 JULY 1030 AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL:

We hope that as many of you as possible will join with the congregation at Worcester Cathedral on **2 July** to support and celebrate with Jayne as she is ordained deacon.

On 2 July the **ONLY** service in the morning at the Abbey will be the **0800 BCP Eucharist**, which will also be live streamed. **There will no 1030 Sung Eucharist**. This will enable as many people as possible to attend Jayne's ordination at the Cathedral at 1030, which will also be live streamed by the Cathedral.

Abbey Evensong will take place at 1700 as usual.

More details on travel arrangements and timings will be available as we get closer to the date, but in the meantime, please put Jayne's ordination in your diary.

MOTHERS' UNION CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS - 11 JUNE 1030 AT PERSHORE ABBEY:

We are looking forward to welcoming Judith Grubb, who is the Worcester Diocese Mothers' Union President, to our 1030 service at the Abbey on 11 June to present certificates to some of our MU members.

Certificates are given to members of the Worcester Diocesan Mothers' Union in recognition of their years of faithful service to the Mothers' Union and the life of their parishes. We will be focussing more on this service in our May bulletin, but in the meantime, please add this date to your diary.

SAVE THE DATE CONT.

PERSHORE ABBEY PIPE ORGAN FESTIVAL 28 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2023: We are pleased to announce that we now have a new date for the postponed Organ Festival. Our School outreach programme has now been confirmed and we are thrilled that Bishop John will be joining us on Sunday 1 October for our 1030 Festival Eucharist as originally planned.

PIPE DREAMS ORGAN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN FESTIVAL THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ORGAN FESTIVAL AS WE COME TOGETHER TO
CELEBRATE OUR PIPE DREAM BECOMING A REALITY**

Full details of our Organ Festival will be announced soon,
but we are very excited to share our planned programme of events
with you as we move into the final stage of the project.

ORGAN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 28 September	School Outreach Event
Friday 29 September at 1900	Festival Choral Concert <i>With Gonville & Caius College Choir, Cambridge</i>
Saturday 30 September at 1900	Festival Organ Recital with Robert Quinney, Director of New College Choir, Oxford and former Sub-Organist at Westminster Abbey
Sunday 1 October at 1030	Festival Eucharist with Bishop John
Sunday 1 October at 1700	Festival Evensong

TICKET INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

PLEASE VISIT THE PIPE DREAMS PAGE ON THE PERSHORE ABBEY WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION

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ORGAN UPDATE AND ABBEY CLOSURES

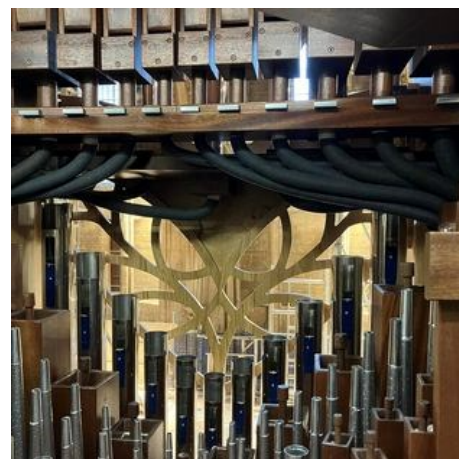
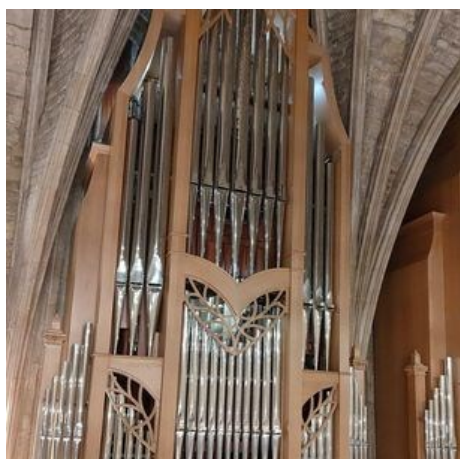
We are now entering the final stages of the physical installation and moving towards the voicing stage of the Organ works, during which the Abbey will remain open, but absolute silence will be required. A revised schedule of works is now available on our web site. There will be partial closures next week as the Abbey is cleaned, but on the 27 March we plan to begin the next stage!

- **THE NEXT STAGE OF THE INSTALLATION WILL BE THE VOICING PERIOD.**
DURING THIS PERIOD THE ABBEY WILL BE OPEN BUT **TOTAL SILENCE** MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES. THIS MAY BE REVIEWED AS WE PROGRESS THROUGH THE VOICING PERIOD.

It is vital that our expert team are able to work in an environment of absolute silence to bring our organ to life and give it the 'voice' that will resound through Pershore Abbey for generations to come.

We are so grateful for your patience, understanding and support during the installation process so far, and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for keeping up that support as we move towards the end of the installation project.

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.



You can keep up with all of the latest Pipe Dream news and see more pictures on our Facebook pages and Pipe Dreams web page on the Pershore Abbey website.



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ABBAY & 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 19 March - Mothering Sunday

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 All Age Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 10.30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
- 11:30 After Service Coffee (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 20 March

Pershore Abbey partially open

- 10:30 Birlingham PCC
- 13:00 Funeral Service of the late Leonard Lines
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:00 Wick PCC
- 18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Lent Compline (*Zoom*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 21 March

Cleaning - Pershore Abbey partially open

- AM Abbey Tower Lead Repairs
- 11:00 Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:45 Burial of the late Michael Manyer
(*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 22 March

Cleaning - Pershore Abbey partially open

- 10:00 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 Abbey Park School - Tudor Tour
(*Pershore Abbey Grounds*)
- 12:00 Funeral Service of the late Tom Prosser
(*Vale Crematorium*)
- 13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Funeral of the late Betty Middleton
(*Vale Crematorium*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

- 19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 CTiP Lent Course (*Pershore Baptist Church*)

Thursday 23 March

Cleaning - Pershore Abbey partially open

- 09:30 SAEC (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 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*)
- 19:15 Wedding rehearsal for Claudia Pallett &
Jamie Curry (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 24 March

Pershore Abbey Open

- 09:30 Wedding Flower Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Saturday 25 March

Pershore Abbey Open

- 12:00 Wedding Service of Claudia Pallett &
Jamie Curry (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 26 March - LENT 5/PASSION SUNDAY

Pershore Abbey Open

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:00 Craft Happy (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)
- 10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 14:00 Civic Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)