

# **MORNING PRAISE**

# PERSHORE ABBEY Sunday, 26 MARCH PASSION 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 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 707

# Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

From farthest regions let them homage bring, and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone creation's praises rise before thy throne:

## Please sit or kneel for our prayers

## Confession

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins 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**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen** 

Hymn 144

#### How Deep the Father's Love

 How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the chosen One bring many souls to glory.

- Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
   ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
   It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished;
   his dying breath has brought me life-I know that 'it is finished.'
- 3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
  but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
  Why should I gain from his reward?
  I cannot give an answer;
  but this I know with all my heart his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townsend (b. 1963)

#### The Gospel – John 11.1-45

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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 748

## O Jesus I have promised

 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

- O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
  - O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
  - O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

(Thornbury)

- 4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
  - O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

5. O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me,

my Saviour and my Friend.

John Earnest Bode (1816-1874) Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

#### **Thanksgiving and Blessing**

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 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 <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 MARCH 2023

#### **MINISTRY NEWS**

**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 <u>iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk</u>

<u>**CIVIC SERVICE 26 MARCH 1400 AT PERSHORE ABBEY:</u>** 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.</u>

**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.

#### **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* 

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS – JOIN THE PERSHORE ABBEY DAWN CHORUS:** We are seeking musicians to play for the Abbey Easter Morning Eucharist at 0600. There are three hymns to offer joyfully at this service and we'd love for you to join us if you are able. Please contact Jayne Parker for more details via the Benefice Office.

**SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN HOLY WEEK:** Would you like to visit Holland House on Tuesday 04 April for an excellent lunch followed by a presentation of a 'Spiritual Journey Along a Canal'? This is a time for reflection on our journey illustrated by slides. Please contact enquiries@hollandhouse.org or telephone 01386 860330. For more information contact Revd Alma Organ via the Benefice Office.

# **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 <u>office@pershoreabbey.org.uk</u>.

CORONATION EVENSONG SUNDAY MAY 7 1600 PERSHORE

**<u>ABBEY:</u>** 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.

**CROWNED KING - A SOUVENIR GOSPEL FOR THE CORONTION OF KING CHARLES III:** We will have copies of this beautiful Souvenir Gospel available from the Abbey Bookstall in April. It opens with full colour, illustrated pages explaining the symbolism and Christian meaning in the Coronation and through references to Jesus the King of Kings invites people to find out more by reading the Gospel of Matthew. Donations towards the cost of these beautiful books will be gratefully received.



**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/

# **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

#### **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**.

THE APRIL MONTHLY BULLETIN WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM SUNDAY 2 APRIL. FINAL COPY DATE **MONDAY 27 MARCH**. PLEASE EMAIL ANY ITEMS YOU WISH TO INCLUDE IN THE APRIL BULLETIN TO <u>OFFICE@PERSHOREABBEY.ORG.UK</u> BY THIS DATE.

# SAVE THE DATE

#### 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. Our 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.

**PERSHORE ABBEY PIPE ORGAN FESTIVAL 28 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2023:** 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.

# SALZWEDEL UPDATE

Nine visitors from our twin parish of Salzwedel in Germany will be arriving on the **16** and leaving on the **21 May 2023**. You may, of course, see and speak to them at the various church services that week in the Abbey but there are also opportunities to spend more time with our guests if you wish. They would love this. A small group of hosts has planned a full programme of events and visits that we are hoping as many members of the Abbey and Benefice community as possible will wish to share in.

For example:

- On **Tuesday 16 May** in the evening we are planning to have a small pizza evening in the Wick Club to welcome the first three arrivals. Would you like to join us?
- On **Friday 19 May** in the afternoon, we are planning a High Tea at 1600 in St Andrews with all nine guests. Can you come with a cake or a round or two of sandwiches to share?
- Are you able to join us on **Saturday 20 May** in the morning for a leisurely guided walking tour of Malvern Town centre?
- Later that evening we are planning a skittles evening. Would you like to join us at the Pershore Sports Club in Defford Road for a game of skittles and a fish and chip supper?

There will be sign up sheets for these opportunities in the days leading up to the visit.

In addition, our guests would welcome the opportunity to be invited into the homes of members of the Abbey and Benefice community – possibly for a cup of tea or coffee or just a chat (we'll supply the translators if required!!) If you think that you would like a visit from our guests please contact Michael Hodges or Claire via the Benefice Office and we will do our best to make the arrangements. *Michael Hodges* 

# **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. We can now confirm that on **29 March** we will begin the next stage!

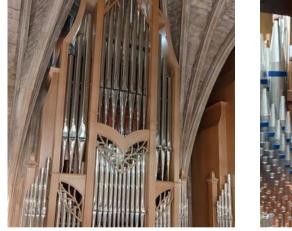
• THE NEXT STAGE OF THE INSTALLATION WILL BE THE VOICING PERIOD.

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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NEXT ABBEY ECO CHURCH MEETING: WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023 1915 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM Please feel free to join us at one of our meetings

#### **ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY**

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 March - LENT 5/PASSION SUNDAY 08:00 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) 09:00 Craft Happy (St Andrew's Upper) 10:30 Morning Praise (Pershore Abbeywith 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)	
PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY	
0800 Silent Prayer 0830 I	Vatins 1700 Evening Prayer
Monday 27 March <i>Pershore Abbey Open</i> 12:30 Fire Extinguisher Checks	19:00 Pershore Town Choir <i>(Pershore Abbey)</i> 19:00 CTiP Lent Course <i>(Pershore Baptist Church)</i> 19:15 Eco Church <i>(St Andrew's Upper)</i>
(Pershore Abbey & St Andrew's) 13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (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)	<b>Thursday 30 March</b> <i>Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing</i> 14:00 CTiP Lent Course <i>(St Andrew's Main)</i> 17:45 Choir Practice <i>(St Andrew's Main)</i>
19:00 Art & Craft Evenings ( <i>St Andrew's Upper</i> ) 19:30 Bell Ringing ( <i>St Andrew's</i> ) <b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	Friday 31 March <i>Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing</i> 09:30 Babies & Toddlers <i>(St Andrew's Main)</i> 13:00 Foodbank <i>(St Andrew's Main)</i>
<ul> <li>Pershore Abbey Open</li> <li>11:00 Foodbank Steering Committee (St Andrew's Main)</li> <li>11:00 Foodbank (St Andrew's Main)</li> <li>14:00 Abbey Finance Meeting (St Andrew's Upper)</li> <li>14:30 Mother's Union (St Andrew's Main Hall)</li> <li>18:45 Abbey PCC Accounts Meeting (Zoom)</li> <li>19:15 Private Meeting (St Andrew's Upper)</li> <li>19:30 Pinvin PCC</li> </ul>	Saturday 01 April Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing ~ 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)
Wednesday 29 March <i>Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing</i> 15:45 V&W <i>(Vicar's Vestry)</i> 19:00 Vale Harmony <i>(St Andrew's Main)</i> 19:00 Eco Church Meeting <i>(St Andrew's Upper)</i>	<ul> <li>10:30 Sung Eucharist with Traidcraft Stall (Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)</li> <li>10:30 Morning Praise (St James', Birlingham)</li> <li>16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (Pershore Abbey)</li> <li>17:00 Evensong (Pershore Abbey)</li> </ul>

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN VOICING OF THE NEW ORGAN IS TAKING PLACE **ABSOLUTE SILENCE** MUST BE MAINTAINED IN THE ABBEY AT ALL TIMES