



PERSHORE ABBEY
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 09 April 2023
EASTER DAY

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

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity . **Amen.**

THE READING

Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.1-4

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at

the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 20.1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 2

HYMN SHEET

INTROIT

This joyful Eastertide (Traditional arr. Wood)

Sung by Pershore choir

FIRST HYMN

A&M 205

Easter Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia,
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.
3. But the pains that he endured Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,
where the angels ever sing Alleluia.

[Lyra Davidica, 1708 and others

Music: Melody by Lyra Davidica, London 1708

Last verse arrangement by Heathcote Statham (1889-1973)]

GRADUAL HYMN

CAHON 676

1. This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
2. This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again, when he rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again.
3. This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came.

[Les Garrett (b.1944)

Arranged by Christopher Tambling

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THIRD HYMN

A&M 215

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
borne in pain paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead.

2. See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid?'
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;
honour and blessing glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
death is dead, love was won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

[Stewart Townsend (b.1963) and
Keith Getty (b. 1974)]

COMMUNION MOTET

The Strife is O'er—Henry Ley
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 212

(Noel Nouvelet)

1. Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

(Cont.)

2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
 thinking that he never would awake again,
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 then your touch can call us back to life again,
 field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green.

[John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 218

Maccabaeus

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
 angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
 let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting:
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
 life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

[*A Toi la glorie, O Ressuscite* , Edmund Budry (1854-1932)
 Translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)]

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE

09 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 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.

MALCOLM MEIKLE: It was with shock and sadness that we learned that Malcolm had died, after a short spell in hospital, on 1st April. Malcolm always threw himself completely into whatever he was doing, whether that was worshipping and being involved in the life of the Abbey and St Mary's, Wick; being involved in the communities of Wick, Elmley Castle, Pershore, District and the wider County; being interested in everyone and everything that was going on around him. Malcolm was a man of profound faith, who did his very best to ensure that his actions reflected his beliefs. He was an inspiration to many, a true friend to countless others and someone who leaves a large gap in our communities. He will, of course, be so missed by his beloved family. Please remember Mima and all the family in your thoughts and prayers at this time. Funeral arrangements will follow in due course. May Malcolm, faithful servant of God, rest in peace and rise in glory! *Claire*

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

09 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



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.

AFTER SERVICE COFFEE: A huge thank you to the coffee team who have enabled after service refreshments to take place at St Andrew's during the organ works. From 16th April we shall be returning to having them at the back of the Abbey. Please do stay so we can carry on our fellowship together.

JOHN WILDERSPIN: As many of you will know our Organist and Director of Music is leaving us at the end of May as he is moving home to Warwickshire. We would obviously like to say a big thank you to him for all his work with us. So, if you would like to contribute to a leaving presentation, please drop it into the Office. Cheques should be made payable to 'Pershore Abbey PCC'. Alternatively any donations can be paid by BACS: Account name - Pershore Parochial Church. Sort Code - 20-98-61 Account No - 00695416 and please use the reference "JW GIFT". John's last service will be on May 28th, when we hope to make a presentation. *Claire*

CTiP LENT APPEAL: A huge thank you to everyone who supported our appeal this year. Through donations given at Lenten Lunches, and at other times during Lent, we have raised £589.12 for our chosen charity, iSingPOP. This is a wonderful achievement! The money raised will help support the work of iSingPOP as they share gospel values with children in schools all over the country. *Claire*

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

CLERGY AND STAFF HOLIDAYS:

As we enter into Easter, if you require a Priest in an emergency, please telephone the office on 01386 552071 where you will be able to access all emergency contact numbers.

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*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 10 April - EASTER MONDAY

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

Benefice Office Closed

18:30 Bell Ringing practice (*St Andrew's*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 11 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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

14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship
(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Funeral Service for the late Pearl Hall
(*The Vale Crematorium*)

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

Wednesday 12 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

13:00 Art & Craft (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

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

Thursday 13 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

17:45 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

Friday 14 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

13:00 Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)

Saturday 15 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

09:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 16 April—EASTER 2

Pershore Abbey Open

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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