



PERSHORE ABBEY

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

Sunday, 16 April 2023

EASTER 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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1.3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 195

(Earth and all Stars)

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendour, the lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

2. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
Death is defeated, and Easter is bright.
Angels announce, 'Jesus is risen!'
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
3. Walking the way, Christ walking with us,
telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking the bread, showing his glory;
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

[Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 200

(Württemberg)

1. Christ the Lord is risen again,
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high, Alleluia!
2. He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;
we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!
3. He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!
4. He whose path no records tell,
who descended into hell,
who the strong man armed hath bound,
now in highest heaven is crowned. Alleluia!
5. He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!
6. Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven. Alleluia!
7. Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away:
let us sing by night and day Alleluia!

Christus ist erstanden

Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534)

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: melody from Hundert Arien, Dresden 1694

adapted by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 211

(Christchurch)

1. Now is eternal life,
if risen with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and held within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.
2. Man long in bondage lay,
brooding o'er life's brief span
was it, O God, for nought,
for nought, thou madest man?
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;
shall hope undying end in death?
3. And God, the living God,
stooped down to man's estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.
4. Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid in God with thee,
now and through all eternity.

[George Wallace Briggs, 1875—1959]

COMMUNION MOTET

O For a Closer Walk - Stanford

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 203

(Vulpus (Gelobt Sei Gott))

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say
3. Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high
4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing to-day with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:

[Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)]

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.
2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.
4. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

[Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885]

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE

16 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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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 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—A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING WILL BE HELD AT PERSHORE ABBEY ON WEDNESDAY 10 MAY AT 1500:

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. May Malcolm, faithful servant of God, rest in peace and rise in glory! *Claire.*

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

16 APRIL 2023

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

Di Jefferies has provided the cake for Pershore Abbey's after service coffee today. This is to mark her 90th Birthday which Di celebrated on 2nd April. Many congratulations Di!

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MINISTRY NEWS

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

PERSHORE ABBEY 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 this Sunday 16 April we shall be returning to having them at the back of the Abbey.

IONA SERVICE - SUNDAY 23 APRIL AT 1700: April's service will reflect on stories about refugees and others who face big challenges in their lives, as well as our welcome of those who seem different to ourselves. Everyone is very welcome to this small informal service in the Abbey. If you would like a Zoom link, please contact Helen by emailing iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

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 'Persore 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*

PERSHORE ABBEY APCM AND ST ANDREW'S AGM:

A reminder that the APCM will take place on Tuesday 5 May 2023 at St Andrew's. Full details and documentation can be found on our website at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk, in the April Monthly Edition or alternatively, call the office on 01386 552071 for information.

VOLUNTEER WARDEN FOR ST ANDREW'S CENTRE REQUIRED:

This is a really exciting opportunity to help provide good facilities for lots of organisations and people in the town. A Job Description and Application Form is available at our website <https://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/> or from the Benefice Office.

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 16 April - EASTER 2

Pershore Abbey Open

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism

Isla Green, Leo and Owen Hooper (Pershore Abbey)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

TOTAL SILENCE IS ESSENTIAL AT ALL TIMES IN THE ABBEY DUE TO VOICING WORK

Monday 17 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

10:00 Dramatherapy (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

18:00 St Andrew's Centre Trust Meeting (*Zoom*)

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

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 18 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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

13:30 Foodbank Volunteer Forum

(*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Abbey Fabric Committee

(*St Andrew's Upper*)

15:30 Salzwedel Meeting (*Michael Hodge's Home*)

18:00 V&W (*Zoom*)

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

Wednesday 19 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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

14:00 PUC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

18:30 St James', Birlingham APCM (*Birlingham*)

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

Thursday 20 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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

Friday 21 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Bells—Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 22 April

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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Sunday 23 April - EASTER 3

Pershore Abbey Open

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise *with LIVESTREAM*

(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

14:00 Pianoscapes *with Chris Long*

(*St Andrew's Main*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)



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