



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 30 April 2023
EASTER 4 / VOCATIONS 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 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, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2.42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2.19-25

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 10.1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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To find the recording please visit

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[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

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HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 207

(St Albinus)

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.

2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

3. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.

4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

Jesus lebt! Mit ihm auch ich
Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769)
Translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897)

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 197

(Alleluia No.1)

*Alleluia, alleluia,
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth:
He is King of creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen:
3. We have been crucified with Christ:
Now we shall live forever:
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for the world, alleluia:
5. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our saviour:

Donald Fishel (b.1950)

THIRD HYMN

A&M 208

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

1. Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:
Alleluia, alleluia.
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

2 That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord:

4 Jesu, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise:

3 He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again:

5 All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Based on *Aurora Lucis rutilat*

COMMUNION MOTET

Cantate Domino - Pitoni

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 423

(Unde Et Memores)

- 1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
- 2 Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

(Cont.)

- 3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
- 4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.

William Bright (1824-1901)

FINAL HYMN

A&M 493

(Woodlands)

1. Hope of our calling: hope through courage won
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
will bring his gospel to a waiting world.
2. Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.
3. Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each other's feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.
4. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from kingdom's seeds.
5. Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Ally Barrett (b.1975)

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE

30 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 OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY

(excluding Bank Holidays)

The Benefice Office will be closed on Monday 01 May

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 ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY WAR AND WHO CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT OR DISASTER, ESPECIALLY IN SUDAN.

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.

**PLEASE PICK UP THE MAY MONTHLY EDITION FOR ALL
THE LATEST NEWS AND INFORMATION
FOR PERSHORE BENEFICE**

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR

MALCOLM MEIKLE - A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING WILL BE HELD AT PERSHORE ABBEY ON WEDNESDAY 10 MAY AT 1500: *This service of thanksgiving will be livestreamed. Please contact the office if you would like to obtain our livestreaming information for this service.*

It was with shock and sadness that we learned that Malcolm had died, after a short spell in hospital, on 1 April. Malcolm was a man of profound faith, and 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*.

DENIS WAGER - A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING WILL BE HELD AT HOLY TRINITY, STRATFORD-UPON AVON ON WEDNESDAY 03 MAY AT 1430: It was with great sadness that we learned that Denis died on Saturday 15 April. Denis was a kind and gentle soul who faithfully served the Church in so many ways. Even though he had moved to Stratford, Denis kept up with the online Compline group and we all enjoyed seeing him then. Sharing in worship was very important to Denis, so it feels appropriate that as we give thanks for Denis' life, we remember the words of Simeon, which I know Denis always appreciated, "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word had been fulfilled." *Claire*

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEFICE SERVICE SUNDAY 30 APRIL PERSHORE ABBEY 1030: Once again the whole Benefice will join together to worship as one in this fifth Sunday service held at Pershore Abbey. We look forward to welcoming you.

ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE SUNDAY 30 APRIL PERSHORE ABBEY 1500: Members of the Avonvale District will be joining us in Pershore Abbey on 30 April for their annual St George's Day service. The service will follow the traditional parade through Pershore.

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. 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 28, when we hope to make a presentation. *Claire*

PERSHORE ABBEY APCM AND ST ANDREW'S AGM TUESDAY 05 MAY:

Full details and documentation can be found on our website at www.pershoreabbey.org.uk, or in the May Monthly Edition. Alternatively, call the office on 01386 552071 for information.

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

Sunday 30 April - EASTER 4

Pershore Abbey Open

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

15:00 St George's Day Service with Avonvale District Scouts (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Service Refreshments (*St Andrew's*)

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 01 May - Bank Holiday

Benefice Office Closed

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

18:00 Abbey Tower Tour - Pinvin Guides
(*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Bell Ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 02 May

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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

19:00 Abbey APCM (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Wednesday 03 May

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

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

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

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

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

Thursday 04 May

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

09:00 Flower Guild Coronation Preparation
(*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 SAEC (*St Andrew's Upper*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:00 Funeral Service for the late Paul Henry
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Choir Vestry*)

17:45 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (*Zoom*)

Friday 05 May

Pershore Abbey Open - Voicing

ALL DAY - Gutter Clearance (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Flower Guild Coronation Preparation
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

13:00 Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

Saturday 06 May - Coronation Day

10:00 Bells ringing to mark the Coronation of
King Charles III (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:30 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 07 May - EASTER 5

08:00 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Coronation Holy Communion
(*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)

10:30 Coronation Morning Praise
(*St James', Birlingham*)

13:00 Meditation Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:15 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

16:00 Evensong to Celebrate the Coronation of
King Charles III (*Pershore Abbey*)



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