



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

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

**Sunday, 21 May 2023**

**EASTER 7 /SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

**WILKOMMEN!** We welcome our visitors from Salzwedel to our service today.

Our worship today will be accompanied by our new Pipe Organ.

The 1030 will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.

You can join in live 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**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 1.6-14**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. **Amen** .

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**John 17.1-11**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

To find the recording visit [www.youtube.com](http://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

*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 Canon Claire Lording for support.*



## HYMN SHEET

### FIRST HYMN

**A&M 486**

**VULPIUS(GELOBT SEI GOTT)**

1. Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know He is your choice.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
*Alleluia!*

5. Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in His great name,  
With the same faith His word proclaim.  
*Alleluia!*

3. They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.  
*Alleluia!*

6. Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
*Alleluia!*

4. O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.  
*Alleluia!*

7. So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
*Alleluia!*

[George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883-1958)]

### GRADUAL HYMN

**A&M 690**

**JESUS IS LORD**

1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
For by his power each tree and flower was planned and made  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
Sun, moon and stars in heaven Cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise Him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
In flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree  
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,  
Yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
From death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit  
To show by works of power That Jesus is Lord:

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  
 first-begotten from the dead,  
 thou alone, our strong defender,  
 liftest up thy people's head.  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 Jesu, true and living bread.

2. Here our humblest homage pay we,  
 here in loving reverence bow;  
 here for faith's discernment pray we,  
 lest we fail to know thee now.  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 thou art here, we ask not how.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
 once for all when thou wast slain,  
 in its fullness undiminished  
 shall for evermore remain,  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 cleansing souls from every stain.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
 as of old in Bethlehem,  
 here as there thine angels hail thee,  
 branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 we in worship join with them.

5. Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
 stricken rock with streaming side,  
 heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
 worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
 Alleluia, alleluia,  
 risen, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)

**COMMUNION MOTET**

Ave Verum—Elgar

*Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir*

**COMMUNION HYMN****A&M 229****IN BABILONE**

1. Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus!  
 Hail, thou Galilean King!  
 Thou didst suffer to release us;  
 thou didst free salvation bring.  
 Hail, thou universal Saviour,  
 bearer of our sin and shame!  
 By thy merit we find favour;  
 life is given through thy name.

(Cont.)

2. Paschal Lamb by God appointed,  
 all our sins on thee were laid;  
 by almighty love anointed,  
 thou hast full atonement made.  
 All thy people are forgiven  
 through the virtue of thy blood;  
 opened is the gate of heaven;  
 reconciled are we with God.
  
3. Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,  
 there for ever to abide;  
 all the heavenly host adore thee,  
 seated at thy Father's side.  
 There for sinners thou art pleading,  
 there thou dost our place prepare,  
 ever for us interceding,  
 till in glory we appear.

John Bakewell (1721-1819)  
 Martin Madan (1726-1790)

**FINAL HYMN**

**A&M 691**

***TRURO***

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
 does his successive journeys run;  
 his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
 till moons shall wax and wane no more.
  

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. People and realms of every tongue            dwell on his love with sweetest song,            and infant voices shall proclaim            their early blessings on his name.</li>   <li>3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:            the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;            the weary find eternal rest,            and all the sons of want are blest.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. To him shall endless prayer be made,            and praises throng to crown his head;            his name like incense shall arise            with every morning sacrifice.</li>   <li>5. Let every creature rise and bring            peculiar honours to our King;            angels descend with songs again,            and earth repeat the loud Amen.</li> </ol>
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Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 21 MAY 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 29 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](mailto: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.

## MINISTRY NEWS

### THY KINGDOM COME 2023

Once again we are joining this global wave of prayer which takes place from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Christians throughout the world are invited to hold as a focus for their prayers a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**NOVENA OF PRAYER 19 MAY - 27 MAY:** During this special nine day period of prayer (which is what Novena means) we shall be holding Zoom services so we can join with others in the Benefice, and across the world, praying for the Holy Spirit to come. The services will start at 1900 and will last between 10-15 minutes on each of these days. If you'd like to join this time of prayer on any of the days please contact Claire on [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) and she will arrange for you to have the Zoom link.

**RESOURCES:** Limited copies of Thy Kingdom Come resources are now available from the Abbey, so please help yourself. Alternatively they can be downloaded from [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) or via these links:

- For the Novena Prayer Booklet click here: [Novena 2023](#)
- For the Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journal click here: [Prayer Journal 2023](#)



**CHEEKY PANDAS:** For children and little ones take a look at the Cheeky Pandas resources which are designed to help children and families grow in their faith. More Cheeky Panda resources are coming soon and will be available from [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) or click on the following link: [Cheeky Pandas 2023](#)

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**MAY IONA WORSHIP - THE WORD WITHIN:** The Word Within is the topic of May's Iona service at **1700** on **Sunday 28 May** in the **Abbey** and via **Zoom**. Everyone is most welcome to join this small, reflective and informal service. If you would like a Zoom link please email Helen at [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**BUS SIGN UP SHEET TO JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION ON 2 JULY NOW AVAILABE:** 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. Sign up sheets are now available at the back of the Abbey and village churches or alternatively, sign up at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).



## OTHER NEWS

**JOHN WILDERSPIN - DONATION DEADLINE WEDNESDAY 24 MAY:** Donations towards Johns leaving gift as he moves to pastures new in Warwickshire can still be paid by BACS: Account name - Pershore Parochial Church. Sort Code - 20-98-61 Account No - 00695416. Please use the reference "JW GIFT". Please ensure all donations are made by **Wednesday 24 May** at the latest. John's last service will be on May 28, when we hope to make a presentation. *Claire*

**MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR THE LATE JENNIFER MORGAN 18 JUNE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:** The family of the late Jennifer Morgan, a former member of the Abbey congregation and community who passed away in March 2023, have organised a tea party in St Andrew's on **Sunday 18 June** at **1500** to celebrate Jennifer's life and share memories with her friends in Pershore. If you would like to join in this celebration with Jennifer's family and friends, please RSVP to Helen Matthews via the office. The family are very much looking forward to all those who knew Jennifer coming along.

**ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:** The new issue of the Abbey magazine is due out at the end of May, and due to retirements and ill health etc., we are in need of new deliverers.

The roads we need them for are as follows:-

- Hurst Road 1-28 (32 copies)
- Furlong Road 1-54 (54 copies)
- Station Road 25-51 (odds) & 50-88 (evens) (34 copies)
- Desjardins Way 49-83 (odds) & 46-60 (evens) (26 copies)
- Searle Close (all) (5 copies)

Delivery takes place only four times a year, and if anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

## CARNIVAL NEWS

**PERSHORE CARNIVAL 29 MAY:** For all those people who will be joining us in the Pershore Carnival 2023 on 29 May. You will need to meet us in Pershore Market nearest Cherry Orchard by 1045 (judging will take place between 1100-1115). The procession will move off at 1200. We will bring along all of the additional props required. Please note that you will have to follow all instructions given to you by any carnival marshals on the day to ensure your safety. Carnival is all about having Fun, so bring along a big smile and enjoy yourself. Good luck! *Beth Seale*

**PASA PERSHORE CARNIVAL TEAS MONDAY 29 MAY:** Thankyou to all the volunteers who have kindly donated cakes. If you are able to bring them along to St Andrew's after 0900 on Monday 29 May, or alternatively, you can give them to Hilary Fowler after the 1030 service on Sunday 28 May. If you would prefer to give a donation instead of a cake, we will be most grateful and can be given to Hilary Fowler. The money given goes towards our wonderful cake maker who provides extra homemade cakes for the Carnival & Plum Fayre. Thank you in advance. *Jane Knox (PASA - Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Social Committee)*



**PERSHORE  
CARNIVAL**

**SPRING BANK  
HOLIDAY MONDAY  
29TH MAY**

**Starts at 10am on Abbey Park  
Procession through town  
at midday**

Funfair, farmers' market and craft stalls,  
ferret racing, fun dog show, birds of prey,  
pony rides, food and drink, Punch & Judy,  
static engines, have-a-go sport sessions,  
face-painting, circus skills

**Live Music and Silent Disco  
all afternoon**

[www.pershorecarnival.co.uk](http://www.pershorecarnival.co.uk)

The poster features several colorful illustrations: a drink with a lime wedge, a burger, a dog's head, a trophy, a farmers' market stall with produce, a Ferris wheel, and a musician playing a guitar.

# PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERT PROGRAMME SPRING / SUMMER 2023

**FRIDAY MAY 12 1930**

**Vocal High and Chaps Choir**

**SATURDAY MAY 13 1930**

**Pershore Choral Spring Concert**

**FRIDAY MAY 19 1830**

**Friends of Pershore Abbey CIO Memorial Lecture**

**SATURDAY MAY 20 1500**

**Sinfonia Scintille**

**SATURDAY JUNE 10 1430**

**Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra**

**SATURDAY JUNE 17 1900**

**Roger Gay Memorial Concert with the Oakville Singers**

**SATURDAY JULY 1 FROM 1000**

**Pershore Midsummer Brass**

**SATURDAY JULY 8 1930**

**Birmingham Festival Chorus**

**SATURDAY JULY 15 1930**

**Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra in aid of FOAG**

Join us over the **August Bank Holiday Weekend** as we celebrate Pershore Plum Fayre with our Classic Car Show, Teddy Bear Activities, Tower Tours, Pershore Town Choir and much more!

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Coming in **Autumn 2023**:

**The Pershore Abbey Pipe Dreams Organ Festival,  
28 September - 1 October**

For all concert and booking information scan the QR code, visit [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events) or call the Pershore Abbey & Benefice Office on **01386 552071**



## ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **Sunday 21 May - EASTER 7/SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 22 May**

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Bells Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing

(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing

(*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 23 May**

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

13:30 Community Forum Meeting for

Foodbank (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

### **Wednesday 24 May**

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

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

### **Thursday 25 May**

15:00 V & W (*Choir Vestry*)

18:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Ken Tallis and

Holly Harding (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

### **Friday 26 May**

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

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

16:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

### **Saturday 27 May**

09:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)

15:00 Wedding Blessing for Matthew and

Anna Lee (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

### **Sunday 28 May - PENTECOST**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Morning Praise with LIVESTREAM

(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:00 Wedding Service for Ken Tallis and

Holly Harding (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)