



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 24 March 2024
PALM SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel. To find the recording visit www.youtube.com and search for **Pershore Abbey Community** [Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)

Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Please take this sheet home with you and recycle when you have finished with it. If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the Letter of the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in

human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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.**

**If you would like to receive a gluten-free host during communion
please let a sidesperson know**

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 161

WINCHESTER NEW

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

[Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 163

SING HOSANNA

1. There's a man riding in on a donkey,
There's a man and they say he's king!
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome
And the voices of the people sing:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna, to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Why a king riding in on a donkey?
Why a king wearing no fine crown?
Where the drums, where the high sounding cymbals
If a king is riding into town?

3. Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
Hear the joy of the news he brings!
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
He is Jesus and the King of kings.

[Paul Wigmore (b1925-2014)]

1 My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4 They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

5 Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

[Samuel Crossman (c1624-1683)]

COMMUNION MOTET**Alone to sacrifice – Bach / Paul Trepte**

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Alone to sacrifice you go this solemn day.
An offering to the Death you came to take away;
And we are guilty, Lord, what is there we can say?
Although the sin is ours, we know that you must pay.*

*Why did you choose to make your punishment so stern?
Lord, let us pity you, and suffer in return.
That this shared suffering, our sole defence
May earn the pardon and the peace for which we sinners pay.*

*Allow us all to share your passion and your pain.
And share the glory too, in which you live and reign.
Although for six days more the anguish must remain
When Easter morning breaks, Lord, let us laugh again.*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 142

CASWELL

1 Glory be to Jesus,
 who, in bitter pains,
 poured for me the life-blood
 from his sacred veins.

2 Grace and life eternal
 in that blood I find;
 blest be his compassion
 infinitely kind.

4 Oft as earth exulting
 wafts its praise on high,
 angel-hosts rejoicing
 make their glad reply.

3 Blest through endless ages
 be the precious stream,
 which from endless torments
 did the world redeem.

5 Lift ye then your voices;
 swell the mighty flood;
 louder still and louder
 praise the precious blood.

[Edward Caswell (1814-1878)]

1. Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony
the Man who is God:
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father, forgive'.

3. Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

[Graham Kendrick (b1950)]

Voluntary: Valet will ich dir geben (All glory laud and honour) - Bach
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

24 MARCH 2024

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, WEDNESDAY & 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 WHO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT TODAY, PRAYING ESPECIALLY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE HOLY LAND. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE.

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.

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.



Pershore Benefice Easter 2024

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday 24 March

0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession on Abbey Park to Abbey. Meet at St Andrew's Road/Abbey Road crossroads. Come and join us singing and drumming to the Abbey.

1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*) with **LIVESTREAM**

1030 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

1500 Hear my Prayer A Choral Devotion for Holy Week. The Abbey Choir and The Five Alive Parish Choir will lead a programme of seasonal favourites including music by Mendelssohn and Stainer. (*Pershore Abbey*)

1700 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday in Holy Week 25 March

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Tuesday In Holy Week 26 March

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Wednesday in Holy Week 27 March

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Maundy Thursday 28 March

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars

and the Office of Tenebrae (*Pershore Abbey*) with **LIVESTREAM TO BE CONFIRMED**

This service will be approximately one and three-quarter hours and will be followed by the Watch until Midnight. You are welcome to leave after the Office of Tenebrae.

Good Friday 29 March

1000-1415 Children's Activities (5-10 years) (*St Andrew's Centre*)

No fee - donations welcome. Booking essential via Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293.

1000-1200 Good Friday Witness Drop in anytime at the corner of the High Street and Broad Street, to mark Good Friday by leaving a prayer in a sand tray.

1400 Service of the Last Hour (*Pershore Abbey*) with **LIVESTREAM**

1445 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly please contact the Bredon Group for details of this service on acbhteam@gmail.com

Holy Saturday 30 March

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil (*Pershore Abbey*)

This service will last approximately one hour.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Daily Offices will also continue to be observed as usual

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YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community

Pershore Abbey

HEAR MY PRAYER

A Choral Devotion for Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY, 24 MARCH

15:00

Pershore Abbey

Pershore Abbey Choir with The Five Alive Parish Choir will lead a programme of seasonal favourites including music by Mendelssohn and Stainer

Directed by Paul Trepte Organist: John Swindells
The Five Alive Parish Choir Director of Music: Hilary Harris



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LENT & HOLY WEEK COMPLINE BY ZOOM



**Mondays in Lent from 19 February
Monday 25, Tuesday 26 &
Wednesday 27 March in Holy Week**

1900

Online via Zoom

An opportunity to share in the quiet and peace of Compline during Lent, with a reflection

This half-hour night service will take place via Zoom

Please contact vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the

Pershore Abbey

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY



AGES
5-10 YRS

Friday 29 March

1000 -1415

St Andrew's Centre

Enjoy Easter themed activities and crafts including:

- Baking
- Creating an Easter garden
- Telling the Easter story
- & much more...

No Cost - Donations Welcome

Booking Essential

Spaces are limited so reserve your place from 11 March

Booking and information: Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293

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EASTER DAY March 31 2024



0600 Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter (Pershore Abbey)

followed by breakfast of boiled eggs and rolls at St Andrew's Centre. (Please bring an egg cup with you!)

0800 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

0900 Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)

1030 Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) *with LIVESTREAM*

1030 Holy Communion (St James', Birlingham)

1030 Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

ALL WELCOME

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PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN NOTICES

PEREGERINE WATCH - LIVE: We are thrilled to announce the Abbey Peregrine camera is now LIVE. This project is the result of many hours hard work by a dedicated team. We would like to thank our anonymous donor for the camera, Cllr Dan Boatright and Worcestershire County Council for funding for cabling and screen and materials and Jason Marshall, Christopher Kimberley, Martyn Spence and Judy Dale for all their time and effort to enable us to be able to watch from our devices. The nesting platform was made and donated by Jason Marshall last year, and erected by Dawson Steeplejacks with funding from the Friends of Pershore Abbey. To view, visit www.pershoreabbey.org.uk or <https://youtube.com/live/XdDe2JpQ6t0>.



Photo Credit: Mark Everett

IONA SERVICE - 1700 SUNDAY 24 MARCH: Everyone is very welcome to this quiet reflective Palm Sunday service with a theme of 'From Ashes to Hope'. There'll be some Iona Community songs and time to reflect on things that are on our hearts, both personal and in the world. If you are unable to attend in person, the service will also be on Zoom. For a link, please email Helen Oldham on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

FRACTURED FAITH: TALKING PEACE IN A TIME OF WAR: A regional Iona Community event open to all. Saturday 6 April 1030 - 1600 at Coventry Cathedral. Speakers: Rev'd Ruth Harvey (Leader of the Iona Community) and Rev'd Mary Gregory (Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral). Please contact Helen Oldham for further details on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS - JOIN OUR DAWN CHORUS: We are seeking musicians to play for the 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 on curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk

BABIES & TODDLERS EASTER BREAK: Following a break over Easter, Babies & Toddlers will return on Friday 12 April, meeting weekly at 0930 at St Andrew's Centre.

CTiP LENT APPEAL: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Lenten lunches. An incredible £555 was raised, which goes to Friends of the Holy Land and be directed solely for the work of the School of Joy in Bethlehem. It is wonderful to know that every single penny raised will go direct to the school, with no administrative costs.

ABBEY MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS AND APCM 1900 7 MAY: Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. I also wanted to bring to your attention that Suzanne Clarke has wonderfully served the maximum six years as churchwarden, so will not be able to stand for election again. If you feel that you might like to serve the Abbey as a Churchwarden please chat to me, Suzanne or Sam Andrews, as soon as you can. *Claire*

ABBEY LINK MAGAZINE

ABBEY LINK MAGAZINE DELIVERERS URGENTLY NEEDED: Deliverers are urgently needed for the following areas:

- Allesborough Drive
- Hill Close
- Holloway Drive
- Willow Close
- Old Music Hall & Lower Priest Lane flats (School side)
- St. Agatha's Court, Close, and Mews.
- Kingfisher Fields
- Skylark Drive
- Goldfinch Rise
- Farleigh Road 65-87, 92-126, 150-164
- Farleigh Road 14-54, 89-127
- High St. Cherry Orchard to Bridge St. (Tesco side, flats only)

Delivery takes place only 4 times a year. If anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

VOLUNTEER DISTRIBUTER NEEDED: We urgently need a volunteer to take over the distribution of the Abbey Link Magazine for the Station Road / Cherry Orchard area of Pershore. It entails dropping off packs of magazines to about 12 of our deliverers in that area. Transport would be essential, and takes only about 2-3 hours four times a year. The next issue is due on 25 May. If anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

ATTENTION!! DON'T MISS The Renowned Tribe of Songsters -

Vocal High

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'Boisterous, witty and profound...'



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THE FEEL-GOOD CHORUS
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Tickets £15 from 'BLUE', Broad Street, and online from www.vocalhigh.com

Pershore Abbey
Bromsgrove School



Saturday 20 April
1300 - 1400 Concert
1700 Evensong
Free Entry—just turn up!



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ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 24 March - Palm Sunday

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:00 Palm Sunday Procession (*St Andrew's Road*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:00 Hear my Prayer Choral Devotion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 25 March

- 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*)
- 14:00 Scrabble Club (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 14:00 Worcester Organist Association
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:00 Private Meeting (*Choir Vestry*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
- 19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 26 March

- 10:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 17:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Live Lounge Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)
- 19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 27 March

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:00 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)
- 10:30 Pershore Cuppa & Chat Coffee Morning
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)
- 19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)
- 19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 28 March - Maundy Thursday

- 09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:00 Thanksgiving Service for the late
Sylvia Howell (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 16:00 Funeral Wake for the Late Sylvia Howell
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:30 Good Friday Prep (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 20:00 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the
altars, Tenebrae and Watch (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 29 March - Good Friday

- 10:00 CTiP Good Friday Witness (*Pershore*)
- 14:00 Service of the Last Hour (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:00 Bells Quarter Peal - Fully Muffled
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bells - Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 30 March - Holy Saturday

- 09:15 Flower Preparation (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 16:00 PASA Dawn Breakfast Set Up
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 17:00 Evening Prayer with short Vigil (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 31 March - Easter Day

- 06:00 Dawn Eucharist followed by breakfast
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:00 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM*
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)