



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 07 April 2024**  
**EASTER 2**

## **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](http://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 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.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 4.32-35**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**1 John 1.1-2.2**

A reading from the first Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these

things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

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**HYMN SHEET**

**FIRST 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:

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:

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:

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)]

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**A&M 236**

***CARLISLE***

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

[Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)]

**THIRD 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

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.*

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.*

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

[Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769)  
Translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897)]

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A&M 429**

**GRACE IN ESSENCE**

1. Bread is blessed and broken,  
Wine is blessed and poured:  
Take this and remember  
Christ the Lord.

2. Share the food of heaven  
Earth cannot afford.  
Here is grace in essence-  
Christ the Lord.

3. Know yourself forgiven,  
Find yourself restored,  
Meet a friend for ever-  
Christ the Lord.

4. God has kept his promise  
Sealed by sign and word:  
Here, for those who want him-  
Christ the Lord.

[John L. Bell (b.1949)  
And Graham Maule (b.1958)]

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest —  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

[Fanny Crosby, (Francis Jane Van Alstyne)(1820-1915)]

## **PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 07 APRIL 2024**

**As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:**

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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**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**

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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.

## PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

**ABBEY LINK MAGAZINE 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.
- 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)

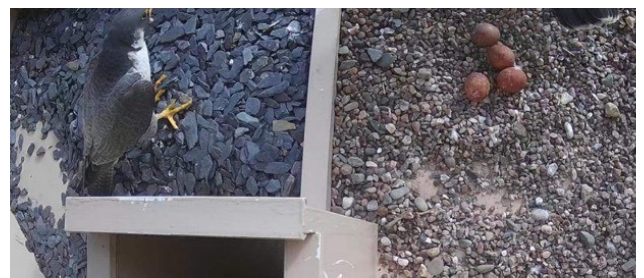
Delivery takes place only 4 times a year. If anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

**ABBEY LINK REQUEST:** I know it seems a early, but I am now on the lookout for material to fill the pages of the Summer edition of our magazine. Suggestions and questions to be answered are all welcome. And if you have an idea of general interest and are willing to write an article yourself that would be really fantastic! If you're unsure, please don't hesitate to contact me at [editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or catch me in person on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your help! *Christopher Kimberley (editor)*

**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*

**PEREGERINE UPDATE:** We are delighted to say the Abbey Peregrine has now laid four eggs, and is sat on them keeping them warm. The camera is still LIVE and can be viewed by visiting: <https://youtube.com/live/XdDe2JpQ6t0> or [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)



## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

### **Sunday 07 April**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

13:15 Breathworks Class (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 08 April**

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

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

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

19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

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

### **Tuesday 09 April**

09:03 Bells - VoE Peal (*St Andrew's*)

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

13:00 Pershore High School Visit  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Wednesday 10 April**

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

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

### **Thursday 11 April**

10:30 Private Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Rolland Rutter Court*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Abbey Mission Group (*St Andrew's Upper*)

14:00 Funeral Service for the late  
Malcolm Colmer (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

### **Friday 12 April**

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Saturday 13 April**

10:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Andrew Hemming Concert  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 14 April**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing Service  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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