



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 14 April 2024
EASTER 3

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 3.12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-7

A reading from the first Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What

we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

THE GOSPEL **Luke 24.36b-48**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 209

SAVANNAH

- 1 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.
- 2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
- 3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 258

HEREFORD

- 1 O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!
- 2 There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
- 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.
- 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

[Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

THIRD HYMN

A&M 589

ANGEL VOICES

- 1 Angel-voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that Thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

3 Yea, we know that love rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

5 Honor, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

[Francis Pott (1832-1909)]

COMMUNION MOTET

O Taste and See—Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is,
blessed is the man that trusteth in him*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 621

REPTON

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Cont'd

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and
fire,
O still small voice of calm.

[John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 663

COE FEN

1 How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

2 Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

4 How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

[John Mason (c.1645-1694)]

Voluntary: Imperial March—Sir Edward Elgar

The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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

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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 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 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*

ECO CHURCH LITTER PICK: Join the Abbey Litter Pickers (ALPs) 1000-1100 on Saturday 20 April. Meet at the West End of the Abbey. All welcome. Equipment provided.

PEREGERINE UPDATE: Following a technical issue, the link to view the Abbey Peregrines has changed. Please now either visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMfpm_1KFHA or www.pershoreabbey.org.uk



Pershore Abbey Bromsgrove School



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

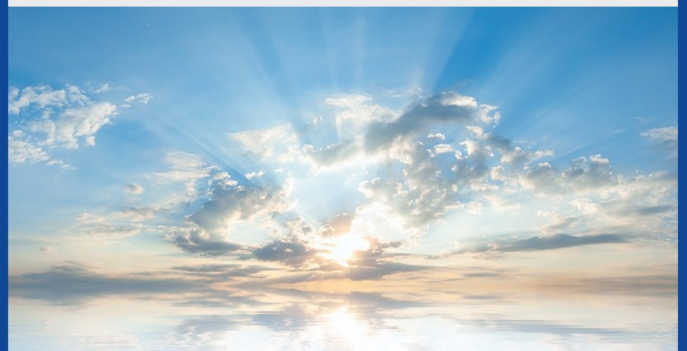


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Pershore Benefice

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE



Thursday 09 May
1900
PERSHORE ABBEY

We begin our **Thy Kingdom Come 2024** journey with a special Eucharist at 1900 at Pershore Abbey on Ascension Day, marking the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples at the village of Bethany near Jerusalem.

Please join us in church - all welcome

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 14 April - Easter 3

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*)

10:30 Outdoor Tree Service (*Court House, Birlingham*)

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

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 15 April

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Funeral for the late Ed Evans
(*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:00 Wick APCM (*St Mary, Wick*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 16 April

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

19:00 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

19:30 Pinvin APCM (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

Wednesday 17 April

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

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

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

18:30 Birlingham APCM
(*St Jame the Great, Birlingham*)

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

Thursday 18 April

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:15 Severn and Wye John Betjeman Society
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 19 April

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 20 April

10:00 Eco Church Litter Pick
(*Pershore Abbey - West End Door*)

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Bromsgrove School Concert
(*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong with Bromsgrove School
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 21 April - Easter 4 / Vocations Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

15:00 Wychavon 50th Anniversary Civic

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