



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 12 May 2024
EASTER 7

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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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 1.15-17, 21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 5.9-13

A reading from the first Letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the

testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 17.6-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, 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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

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.**

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

HYMN SHEET

FIRST HYMN

A&M 666

LONDONERRY AIR

- 1 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
 should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
 to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
 when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
 and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

- 2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
 as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
 the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
 and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
 for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

- 3 I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
 how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
 of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
 and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
 when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

- 4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
 when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
 when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
 and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

[William Young Fullerton (1857-1932)]

1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

3 Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

[Charitie Lees De Chenez (1841-1923)]

THIRD HYMN**A&M 765 *LOBE DEN HERREN (PRAXIS PIETATIS)***

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

[Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)]

COMMUNION MOTET

If ye love me—Thomas Tallis
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 451

SAFFRON WALDEN

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Cont'd

5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

[Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 422

HYFRYDOL

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

[William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)]

Voluntary: Carillon De Westminster—Louis Vierne
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

12 MAY 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**

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01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.*

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.



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PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CLAIRE: I am sorry to share this as a general notice but I wanted to let you know that my planned foot surgery that was booked for 20 May has had to be postponed as I am currently undergoing tests for breast cancer. I want to reassure you that I am fit and well and am planning to be working as usual for the time being. Please remember me and all health professionals in your prayers. With many thanks for all your care and concern. *Claire.*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (12-18 MAY): Many thanks to all who came and so generously supported the coffee morning last Saturday. The plant stall raised £103 and refreshment donations raised £147. Next Saturday (18 May) we plan to have a STREET COLLECTION in the High Street and in Chapman Court. It would be wonderful if you would like to be involved, giving an hour or two. For details please ring me on 01386 561057 or email the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk Sarah Thomson



PEREGRINE HATCHINGS: We are rejoicing at the news our nesting Peregrine's have welcomed 4 chicks into the world. All four eggs successfully hatched over the Bank Holiday weekend with the first chick on Saturday 4, the next two on Sunday 5 and finally the fourth on Monday 6 May. All four chicks are being well looked after and we look forward to watching them grow strong over the next few weeks.

Peregrine nests are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and so it is politely requested that no drones or RC aircraft devices are flown in the vicinity of the Abbey. Instead, the nest can be viewed live here: https://www.youtube.com/live/NMfpm_1KFHA?si=ZQZ-vpQZ-vHvjvsp

THE REVD JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION: It would be wonderful if as many people as possible could attend Jayne's Ordination at the Cathedral on 29 June at 1400. A bus has been booked, leaving the Abbey at 1230. It will then leave the Cathedral at 1630. The cost will be £8. To book your place please use the sign up sheets at the back of all the churches or let the Office know.

HELP FOR CARNIVAL REFRESHMENTS PLEASE: On Monday 27 May refreshments are being served 1030-1430 in St. Andrew's. To all you wonderful helpers and cake makers please contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 to volunteer to help on the day and Hilary Fowler on 01386 552243 for offers of cakes - or monetary offerings are very acceptable. Sign-up sheets will be in the Abbey after the Sunday morning service. *Thank you from the PASA Team.*

SHINE A LIGHT CAMPAIGN: We will be supporting Nerve Tumours UK for their Shine a Light Campaign, aimed at raising awareness for the 26,500 individuals affected by Neurofibromatosis, by lighting the Abbey blue on Friday 17 May.



PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE NOTICES

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 12 May—Easter 7

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

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

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

15:00 Walking Pet Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

17:00 Wholeness and Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 13 May

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

10:00 Funeral of the late John Huntley
(*Vale Crematorium*)

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

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

14:00 Pershore U3A History Group (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

18:45 Art and 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 (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 14 May

09:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

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

14:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

Wednesday 15 May

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

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

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

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

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Thursday 16 May

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

19:30 Diocese of Worcester Training Course
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Friday 17 May

Shine a Light on Neurofibromatosis Light Up
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Pershore Almshouses Trust Meeting
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:00 CTiP Food Bank (*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 18 May

14:30 Sinfonia Scintille 'Bohemia'
(*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Tea and Harmony Free Concert
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:00 Private Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

Sunday 19 May - Pentecost

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 All Age Eucharist with Fairtrade stall and
LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

15:00 Cello Recital in aid of Worcester and Mid
Worcestershire RSPCA (*St Andrew's Main*)

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