



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 13 April 2025
PALM SUNDAY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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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 2.4-11

A reading from the Letter to 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

Luke 19.28-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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.**

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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.

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.

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.

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 (1925-2014)]

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 (c. 1624-1683)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Ave Verum—Edward Elgar

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine, sanguine
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu fili Mariae.
Miserere mei.
Miserere mei. Amen

Hail, true Body, spotless
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!

[O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 142

(Caswall)

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.
3. Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which from endless torments
did the world redeem.
4. Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.
5. Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

[Edward Caswell (1814-1878)
Music Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876)]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 728

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 (b.1950)]

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*Organ Voluntary: Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736—J S Bach
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary*

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 13 APRIL 2025

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.**

**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

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS - JOIN THE 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



FEBRUARY - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all for your continued prayers and good wishes. I have now started my post-surgery chemotherapy and am grateful that side effects seem to be minimal at the moment. I have had confirmation that my treatment should be finished by the end of June. Please continue to pray for me, for all being treated for cancer and all health professionals. *Claire*

PREPARATION OF THE ABBEY'S NEW ELECTORAL ROLL: If you want to be on the Roll you must sign up before 21 April, even if you have been on the Roll before. Forms will be available on the Abbey website and in the Abbey. You can also contact Bill Newman who is the Abbey's Electoral Roll officer on 01386 640497.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Sign up sheets will be at the back of the Abbey for those who would like to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday and those who would like to read at the service of Tenebrae. There will also be a rota for those who would like to keep the watch until midnight. Those who would like to be involved in the dramatised reading of the Passion on Good Friday can also sign up. Thank you in advance to all who will volunteer. *Claire*



MYANMAR CRISIS APPEAL: Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection last Sunday. £147.20 has been sent off with £70.00 of it Gift Aided which should bring total to £164.70. Pushing it up to £200 would be fantastic if anyone else felt they could donate this Sunday. *Sarah Thomson*

LENTEN LUNCHES 2025: A huge thank you to everyone who supported the lunches which were raising funds for Friends of the Holy Land. An incredible £665 was raised, which will be increased with £370 of that being gift aided. This will make such a difference to our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land.



TIME OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE - IONA SERVICE 1700 SUNDAY 27 APRIL: Provides space for reflection on what peace means, music and times of quiet prayer for areas of conflict around the world. Everyone is very welcome to join in the Abbey or by Zoom. If you'd like a link, please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk Please do bring along a prayer or poem for peace, a news story, or your favourite quote about what peace is. *Helen Oldham*

PLEASE SEE OUR APRIL BULLETIN FOR EASTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

HOLY WEEK & EASTER DAY

PALM SUNDAY 13 APRIL

0800 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession on Abbey Park to Abbey

(*Meet at St Andrew's Road/Abbey Road.*)

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

1030 Morning Praise (*St Mary's Wick*)

1500 Ubi Caritas - A Choral Devotion for Holy Week (*Pershore Abbey*)

1700 Wholeness & Healing Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

MONDAY 14, TUESDAY 15, AND WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

1900 Compline (*Zoom*) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for a link.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 APRIL

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars and the Office of Tenebrae (*Pershore Abbey*) This service will be 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 18 APRIL

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

No fee. Donations welcome. Booking essential via Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293.

1000 Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk Meeting outside Pershore Baptist Church, walking to Holy Redeemer and then to the Preaching Cross at Pershore Abbey. There will be a pause for reflection and a simple act of worship at each point.

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

1445 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly. Contact acbhteam@gmail.com for more details.

HOLY SATURDAY 19 APRIL

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

EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL

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 Nicholas', Pinvin*)

1030 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)

Please do join us, in church or online:

To view our livestreamed services, visit www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

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

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 13 April - Palm Sunday

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:00 Palm Sunday Procession (*St Andrew's Road/Abbey Road*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 15:00 Ubi Caritas - A Choral Devotion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday of Holy Week 14 April

- 10:00 U3A Ukulele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:00 Funeral for the late Janette Hurst
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 15:45 Reception for the late Janette Hurst
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)
- 19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)
- 19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April

- 09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 19:00 Holy Week Compline (*Zoom*)

Wednesday of Holy Week 16 April

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 11:00 Pershore Plus Volunteer Centre Lunch
Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Funeral for the late Roger Smith
(*St James', Birlingham*)
- 15:00 PASA Easter Wreath Making
(*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*)

Maundy Thursday 17 April

- 12:30 Burial of ashes for the late Ross Garratt
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 18:00 Good Friday Children's Activity Day Set
Up (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 20:00 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping
of the Altars and the Office of
Tenebrae (*Pershore Abbey*)

Good Friday 18 April

- 10:00 Good Friday Children's Activity Day
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Service of the Last Hour (*Pershore Abbey*)

Holy Saturday 19 April

- 10:00 Easter Wreath Display Set Up
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 12:00 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 17:00 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil
(*Pershore Abbey*)

Easter Day 20 April

- 06:00 Dawn Service and First Eucharist of
Easter (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 07:00 Easter Day Breakfast (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:00 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade Stall and
with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas' Pinvin*)