



Welcome to Pershore Abbey

Sunday 12 April 2026 - Easter 2

This is your Service Sheet, Bulletin and Diary. Please use this sheet in conjunction with the service booklet provided. Large print copies are available from the welcomers.

The 1030 Service from the Abbey will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel: [Pershore Abbey Community](#)

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— Service Sheet —



First Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Ancient & Modern 194
Words: Christopher Wordsworth
Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) Descant by John Barnard (b.1948)
Tune: Lux Eoi



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 2.14a,22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

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



Second Reading

1 Peter 1.3-9

A reading from the First Letter to Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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



Gradual Hymn

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing to-day with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ancient & Modern 203
Words: Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)
Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)



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.**



Prayers

We pray for those who live in the midst of conflict today, praying for peace for all peoples and places. We also pray for the following members of our church family:

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.



Third Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Ancient & Modern 199
Words: Brian Wren (b.1936)
Tune: Truro



Music During Communion

Adagio from the Italian Concerto - JS Bach



Communion Hymn

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.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

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.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Ancient & Modern 209
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune: Savannah



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.**



Final Hymn

Paschal Feast! Upon the Cross
Jesus gave himself to save us.
Sin's sad leaven throw away:
Break the bread of life he gave us.
Alleluia!

Risen again, our living Lord
Death's dominion now has shattered.
Now we share his risen life,
Hell's dread powers for ever scattered.
Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the grave,
All who sleep in death awaking.
First fruit of the harvest field:
Now our Easter dawn is breaking.
Alleluia!

As through man death comes to all,
So has man unlocked death's prison.
As in Adam all are dead,
So in Christ shall be risen.
Alleluia!

Ancient & Modern 214
Words: Edwin Le Grice (1911-1992)
Tune: St Albinus



Organ Voluntary

Fanfare - Percy Whitlock

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

— Bulletin —

Abbey APCM Meeting - Call for New PCC Members: The Abbey's APCM is on Tuesday 5 May. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting is when we elect and appoint officers - new volunteers who would like to serve as PCC members are always welcome. For more details, please contact the office via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

Revision of the Abbey's Electoral Roll: The revision of the Annual Electoral Roll must be completed before the APCM. If you would like to be added, please contact the office via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for an application form or speak to our Electoral Roll Officer, Bill Newman for more details. Deadline for applications is 21 April. Thank you.

Abbey APCM Report: The Abbey APCM report is now available on our website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk If you would like a hardcopy, please order one via the Abbey Office.

Iona Worship, Sunday 26 April, 1700 at Pershore Abbey: Whether familiar with Iona Worship or exploring for the first time, you are very welcome to this one hour service of worship, prayer, reflection and response. The theme is based on urban micro-farming in Kenya, this year's focus of Christian Aid week. For more information or enquiries about inclusion via zoom, please contact Helen Oldham via iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

Please see our Monthly Bulletin for further notices and information.

— Keeping In Touch —

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If you have any concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden.

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

Following Church of England guidance, we do not allow the dipping of the host
or wafer in the chalice.

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— Diary —

Sundy 12 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*)
- 14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday 13 April

- 09:30 Yoga (*St Andrew's Upper*)
- 10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 16:00 Café Church Planning Meeting
(*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 (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 14 April

- 09:30 Bells - Vale of Evesham Peal (*St Andrew's*)
- 10:15 Foodbank Staff Arrive (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 14:00 Abbey Women's Fellowship
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Wednesday 15 April

- 10:00 Midweek Holy Communion
(*Pershore Abbey*)
- 11:00 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 15:45 V&W (*Vicars Vestry*)

Thursday 16 April

- 15:30 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)

Friday 17 April

- 09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 13:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)
- 18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 19:30 Bells - Pershore Development Quarter
Peal (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 18 April

- 09:15 Visiting Bell Ringers (*St Andrew's*)
- 10:30 Abbey Parish Coffee Morning
(*St Andrew's Main*)
- 10:00 Abbey Litter Pick (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Visiting Bell Ringers (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:00 Memorial Service for the late
David Wilson (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 16:00 Refreshments for the Memorial Service
for the late David Wilson
(*St Andrew's Main*)

Sunday 19 April

- 08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade stall and
with LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 14:30 Pianoscapes (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

Pershore Abbey Daily Offices

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

All are welcome to share in these services.

Canon Claire will be on Holiday from Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April.