



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**

**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with  
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick  
Sunday, 28 March, 2021  
PALM SUNDAY**

**SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

In person worship in the Pershore Benefice has been suspended until further notice, this service will be recorded in advance and available to view on Sunday morning from 1030 [here](#) on our YouTube channel and via our Facebook pages.

**Please use this service sheet as an aid to worship at home in conjunction with the  
Palm Sunday Service Booklet**

A hymn sheet to accompany this service is available on [Page 4](#)

**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 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 awakens – awakens 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 2:5-11**

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**

### **Mark 11: 1-11**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.” ’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

## **REFLECTION BY REVD CLAIRE LORDING**

People coming together for a common purpose heightens feelings and emotions and lets other know that an important message is being communicated. Black Lives Matters protests and rallies spoke of the need for racial justice across the world. Reclaim the Streets protests and vigils shared the vulnerability of women and the desire to walk their streets without fear. Kill the Bill protests want to share the human right to protest at all times.

As communities and countries we are defined by what we gather to shout about and what we protest about. They say, this is what we think is important and what we want

you to know. Communities can be reshaped by protests and gatherings, peaceful or otherwise. They can be strengthened and empowered by them, they can make a real difference.

Was any of this going through Jesus' mind as he arranged for a donkey to be ready for him to ride into Jerusalem? Did he know what the reaction of the people was going to be as they lined the streets? Did he anticipate that the religious leaders would want the crowds to be quiet and to stop making such a disturbance in their neighbourhood? Did he know this was going to be a gathering that would change the world?

On Palm Sunday we recall this greatest of entries into Jerusalem, where Jesus is proclaimed as the one who fulfils the promises of former times, and is acclaimed as a new king of a kingdom, God's kingdom, that values and loves ordinary people. We join our hosannas to the cries of those on the streets, welcoming their king. We cannot stand physically side by side this year as we remember this event, but in our hearts and minds we can go once more to Jerusalem. We can recall that this momentous event enables us to say that we are happy to be one of Jesus' supporters, encouragers, followers, fellow protesters against those things that are contrary to God's kingdom. That we are shouting like mad for a king that we love and want to worship. For a king that changes us and those around us.

And then comes the challenge. Will we keep up our shouting, following and protesting as this Holy Week unfolds? Will we be empowered to keep on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ? The cross is starting to loom large and the mood is going to change. It's going to be hard to keep going, but maybe if we stick together our voices will still be heard and we will get through this week, to the new life protest of hope that next Sunday promises. Amen.

### **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

### HYMN 1

### A&M 159

(*St Theodulph*)

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the king of Israel,  
thou David's royal son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one.

The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.

To thee before thy Passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises:  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

Thy sorrow and thy triumph  
grant us, O Christ, to share,  
that to the holy city  
together we may fare.

For homage may we bring thee  
our victory o'er the foe,  
that in the conqueror's triumph  
this strain may ever flow:

[John Mason Neale, 1818-1866]

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry!  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

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]

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!*

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?

(Cont.)

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 b.1925]

**HYMN 4**

**A&M 666**

***(Londonderry Air)***

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 Bethlehem's manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

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 yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

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 shall shine in splendour,  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known.

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 all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:  
"At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!"

[William Young Fulleton, 1857-1932]

# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 28 MARCH 2021

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

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

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*The office remains closed, but we are still working and available by phone and email*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### **WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT CRISIS:**

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms have been affected by the crisis, 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.

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Please visit our [Life Events](#) page at [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk) for more information on weddings and funerals during the crisis.

You can also find additional resources and information to help those suffering from bereavement and loss

# PERSHORE ABBEY APCM AND ST ANDREW'S PARISH CENTRE TRUST AGM

**NEW DATE: THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021 AT 19:00 VIA ZOOM**

The Pershore Abbey APCM and the St Andrew's AGM for 2021 has now been confirmed as **Thursday 22nd April at 19:00** via **Zoom**

If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Sara Speed (tel: 01386 710776) or email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for further details.

Access to a Zoom meeting will be available through a mobile, tablet, laptop or landline.

Elections of the Churchwardens, up to 8 additional PCC members and 2 representatives to the Deanery Synod will take place at this meeting. Anyone wishing to be nominated for any of these roles should contact Sara Speed, as above, for further information.

The APCM booklet will be available on our website in due course and a link will be sent by email to those on the Abbey circulation list. Should you require a printed copy, please contact Sara Speed by **Thursday 15th April** at the latest.

If you would like an email copy sent direct to your email address, please contact the office at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

The APCM Booklet, links to the official accounts and all notices regarding these meetings will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is due to be revised before the APCM.

Anyone who wishes to be added should apply now.

The Roll will of course be open again after the meeting .

Please contact the office on **01386 552071** (answerphone only), email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or speak to Bill Newman if you would like to be added.

Alternatively you can download the form here and return it to the Benefice office:

**[ELECTORAL ROLL APPLICATION 2021](#)**

**COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 6 APRIL**



# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



## **PERSHORE BENEFICE CHURCHES TO RE-OPEN FOR LIMITED SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**SEE PAGE 10 AND PAGE 11 FOR FULL DETAILS OF OUR PLANNED RANGE OF ONLINE AND IN PERSON WORSHIP**

For the past year our events and services have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have done our very best to make sure that we can still celebrate the main festivals of the Church, even if it's in different ways from what we have been used to.

This Easter is no different. Please see pages 10 and 11 for the full range of services that will be happening, either in person or online. Due to social distancing and other restrictions the services may not all be as you are anticipating, so please check the details so you know what to expect.

Please also do remember to keep an eye on the garden at St Andrew's which will be featuring a display to help us journey through Holy Week.

We very much look forward to safely welcoming all those who feel able to join us back in to our churches as we celebrate Easter.



EASTER 2021



**EASTER LILIES:** If you wish to donate an offering towards the cost of the lilies in the Abbey this Easter please put cash or a cheque made payable to "*Pershore Abbey Ladies Flower Guild*" in a marked envelope and place through the Benefice Office door. If your donation is in memory of a loved one, please let us have the name to be remembered and we will include it on the list to be displayed in the Abbey over the Easter period. *Thank you.*

## **OUR CHURCHES REMAIN CLOSED FOR IN PERSON PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL MAUNDY THURSDAY 2021 AT THE EARLIEST**

The Abbey will remain open for personal prayer only from 9:00 till 17:00 seven days a week. The Village Churches will also continue to open for personal prayer. See Page 17 for details. We will continue to offer access to worship through our online service sheets and pre-recorded services for those of you who decide to stay at home during these difficult times and will review our position once again after Easter.

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Due to social distancing and other restrictions the services may not all be as you are anticipating, so please check the details so you know what to expect.

Some of our services will be ticketed to ensure everyone's safety, so please ensure you book in advance if you wish to attend one of these services.

## **Palm Sunday 28 March**

*Palm crosses will be available to collect from the back of the Abbey between 0900 and 1100 to take home and display*

**1030 Palm Sunday Procession** (YouTube only - recorded 2020 and 2021)

**1030 Eucharist** (YouTube only - recorded 2021)

## **Monday in Holy Week 29 March**

**1900 Compline** (Zoom)

*Please contact Claire [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the invitation*

**1900 Compline** (YouTube - recorded 2020)

## **Tuesday In Holy Week 30 March**

**1900 Compline** (Zoom)

*Please contact Claire [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the invitation*

**1900 Compline** (YouTube - recorded 2020)

## **Wednesday in Holy Week 31 March**

**1900 Compline** (Zoom)

*Please contact Claire [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the invitation*

**1900 Compline** (YouTube - recorded 2020)

## **Maundy Thursday 1 April**

**2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper and the Stripping of the Altar** (Perschore Abbey)

This will be a shortened Eucharist without footwashing. This will be followed by a silent watch until midnight. You are welcome to leave after the stripping of the altar.  
*No booking required.*

**2100 Office of Tenebrae** (YouTube only - recorded 2021)

During this meditative service we hear again the gospel of the watch and beautiful Taizé chants.

## Good Friday 2 April

**1000 How to make an Easter Garden** *(YouTube only - recorded 2021)*

Join us for this family- friendly children's activity specially recorded for 2021

**1015 Churches Together in Pershore Walk of Witness** *(YouTube only - recorded 2020)*

**1400 Service of the Last Hour** *(Pershore Abbey) No booking required*

**1400 Service of the Last Hour** *(YouTube - recorded 2020)*

**1500 Bredon Hill Service** *(YouTube only - recorded 2014 and 2019)*

## Holy Saturday 3 April

**1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil** *(Pershore Abbey) No booking required*

**1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil** *(YouTube - recorded 2020)*

# Easter Day

## Sunday 4 April

# HE IS RISEN



**0600 Dawn Service** *(YouTube only - recorded 2021)*

**0800 Eucharist** *(Pershore Abbey)*

**1030 Eucharist** *(Pershore Abbey)* This will be a ticketed service.

Please contact Claire [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) to book your ticket or leave a message on the office answerphone - **01386 552071**

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

**1030 Holy Communion** *(St Nicholas', Pinvin)* This will be a ticketed service.

Contact Pinvin Churchwarden Glen Hurst for more information.

**1030 Parish Communion** *(St Mary's, Wick)*

**1500 Eucharist** *(YouTube – a recording of the 1030 Easter Service 2021.*

*Recorded live at Pershore Abbey this Easter Sunday)*

Facebook: [@pershoreabbeycom](https://www.facebook.com/pershoreabbeycom)

YouTube: [Pershore Abbey Community](https://www.youtube.com/PershoreAbbeyCommunity)

## MINISTRY AND CHURCH NEWS

**IONA SERVICE ON WATER - WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH AT 1930 BY ZOOM:** All are welcome to join in this thoughtful service. Please email Helen on [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the Zoom link, which will be sent out a couple of days before the service. If you would like to share any pictures on the theme of water, please send them to Helen. They could be used during the prayers or reflection.

The service sheet can be accessed here to aid your worship at home: [Iona March 2021](#)

*'Some people dream of finding water on Mars. Others dream of finding it here on Earth.'*

<https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>

**WHOLENESS AND HEALING - SUNDAY 11 APRIL AT 1700 BY ZOOM:** The April Wholeness and Healing will once again be held by Zoom at 1700. If anyone would like a Zoom invitation please email Angela Gerrard via [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) before 6pm on Friday 9 April.

## STEWARDSHIP

**BOXED ENVELOPES:** Could you please let the office know if you would like to receive the next annual boxed set of planned giving envelopes. We will deliver the box to you so please confirm your address and the identification number on your envelopes in your request. Email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on **01386 552071** (answerphone service only). Thank you. *Sarah Thomson*

**CHURCH GIVING - GIVE.NET DONATION PAGE NOW LIVE:** We need your support now more than ever, so please consider giving through our dedicated give.net page, which offers secure regular or one-off payments from as little as £1. Click on the logo here or visit our website to donate. If you would prefer to set up a Standing Order, download the form [here](#).



## THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



**A MESSAGE FROM SARAH:** A very heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the lovely messages and cards and the beautiful "Thank You" rosebush and extremely generous cheque on my retirement. I am quite overwhelmed with gratitude and so grateful for all the kind words. You will all be greatly missed and I hope to see you out and about in Pershore and stop for a catch up and a chat. Meanwhile may God bless you abundantly and keep you safe. Sent with love, Sarah Martin xx

**PLATINUM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Norman and Hilda Pickles, at Nightingale Lodge, who are celebrating their Platinum 70th Wedding Anniversary on March 31. Hilda has also been a member of the Mothers' Union for 63 years.

*Celebrating  
70 years  
of marriage*



## OTHER NEWS

### **PERSHORE BENEFICE BELLS RING OUT FOR NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION:**

The Churches of the Pershore Benefice took part in the National Day of Reflection on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 with the church bells of Pershore Abbey, St James' Birlingham and St Mary's Wick tolling at 12.01pm following a National minute silence at 12 noon.



The event was organised by Marie Curie in partnership with other organisations, including The Church of England, to mark the 12 month anniversary of the first National Lockdown of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

In addition, a visual display was created on the front of St Andrew's Parish Centre as a reminder for residents to pause and reflect as they take their daily exercise. A lasting tribute A Rainbow Garden has been created in St Andrew's Garden by volunteers as a lasting tribute to 2020. *Trudy Burge*

**PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL EASTER GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE:** Have you lost a loved one in the last year? The flower bed in the Town Hall walkway will be available for people to place a painted pebble or card flower in memory of their loved one over the Easter period. Please contact the Town Hall on 01386 561561 to collect a free card flower ready for your own personal message, or for more information.

**GET VACCINATED - #GIVEHOPE:** Pershore Benefice is embracing the NHS backed Give Hope campaign convened by YourNeighbour and supported by many churches, including the Church of England. When it comes to sharing the good news of the Covid vaccines, the best way to give hope to your neighbours is through a kind and constructive conversation. It's as simple as H - O - P - E.

Visit [yourneighbour.org](https://yourneighbour.org) to find out more about the Give Hope campaign and the work of the YourNeighbour organisation.

If you have any concerns about the Covid 19 vaccine, or need practical help and support, then do get in touch with our Ministry Team via [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)



The COVID-19 vaccine  
is the first glimpse of  
light in the darkness.  
Be part of the mission  
and give HOPE.



#### **Have a Conversation**

Open up a conversation about the vaccine & listen to concerns.

#### **Offer accurate information**

Combat misinformation & bust myths with accurate information.

#### **Provide practical support**

Some people may want help to get the vaccine.

#### **Engage others & share opportunity**

Share on social media & in your WhatsApp groups to friends & family.

## HELP IN THE COMMUNITY

**CTIP FOODBANK:** The Foodbank remains open on Tuesdays 1100 - 1300 and Fridays 1300 - 1500.

Social distancing procedures remain in place with clients being asked to wait in the entrance hall, as guided by a volunteer.

Our thanks go to all of the volunteers who work so hard to make this possible, and to all those who continue to donate items.

**Please can you help our Foodbank with these non-perishable items:** (We are not able to use chilled or frozen items.)

- Coffee
- Rice Pudding
- Cereal
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Instant Mash
- Sponge Puddings
- Veg /Tomato Soup
- Pasta in Sauce
- Tinned Meat
- Deodorant
- EASTER EGGS!!



**CITIZEN'S ADVICE:** Face to Face sessions have now been suspended. To speak to an adviser please ring **01386 712100**.

For General Advice select option 1.

For help to complete your first Universal Credit application select option 2.

**citizens  
advice**

This service is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1000 -1300.

The Worcestershire Adviceline is also available Monday to Friday between 1000 - 1600: ring 03444111303 or email [enquiries.wychavon@citizensadvice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.wychavon@citizensadvice.org.uk)

**Get all of the latest Covid-19 information from Pershore Town Council [here](#)**

## ST ANDREW'S SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY AT PERSHORE LIBRARY

We have had a terrific response to the survey so far, but we are aware that there are people who are not able to access the links online to be able to have their say.

We have teamed up with Pershore Library who are happy for anyone who is a library member and who is computer confident to complete the survey using the public computers .

If you are a non-library member or not comfortable with using the computer, they may be able to complete the survey over the phone with you. Just call the Customer Contact Centre on 01905 822722 (Mon – Fri 0900—1700) and ask to be put through to Pershore Library .

Pershore Library is open Mon – Fri 1000 - 1700 & Sat 1000 - 1600 .

Please do spread the word to anyone who may not be able to access the digital links or QR code so that we can get as great a range of views as possible to help us move St Andrew's forward.



# St Andrew's - have your say...

## Please

fill in our on-line survey about St Andrew's,  
the town's vital Community Centre.  
Plans for improved facilities and repairs are  
afoot and we need public comments  
to get grants. Go to

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5CJB6FL](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5CJB6FL)

or click on the QR code.



## ECO NEWS

The latest edition of the Called to Action Newsletter is now available to view and download from the Worcester Diocese website: [Called to Action March 2021](#)



This edition looks at the journey to COP26 and focusses on targets we can all set ourselves to move forward on the journey.

Find out more about how Worcester Diocese is responding to the lead up to COP26 here:

[Journey with Us to COP26](#)

[Climate Crisis](#)

## AND FINALLY . . .

### WORCESTER DIOCESE VIRTUAL PASSION PLAY GOES LIVE FOR PALM SUNDAY



Having assembled a cast of people from all over the Diocese to take on the roles and to film themselves at home, the hugely anticipated Worcester Diocese Virtual Passion play will premiere on social media platforms over the Easter period.

It will also be available for Parishes across the Diocese to share as part of their online activity on Palm Sunday.

Watch out for cameo performances from members of our own Ministry Team including Revd Claire Lording!

Find out more from the Worcester Diocese website:

[www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk)

We hope that you are able to find time to take a look and to share this with others this Easter.

*If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Revd Claire Lording for support.*





# PERSHORE BENEFICE

## OUR CHURCHES REMAIN OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER ONLY

Please see below for information on the current situation for each church in the Benefice.

**Please be aware that only restricted areas of our churches will be open and numbers will be limited to ensure your safety.**

### PERSHORE ABBEY

**DAILY**

**0900 - 1700**

The Abbey may sometimes be closed for recording

### ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

**SUNDAYS ONLY**

**1030 - 1330**

### ST MARY'S, WICK

**DAILY**

**1000 - 1600**

### ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

**SELECTED SUNDAYS**

(see website for opening updates)

**1000 - 1300**

## IMPORTANT UPDATE:

**THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS IS NOW MANDATORY FOR ALL THOSE ENTERING OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF EVERYONE.**

Please be mindful that due to social distancing capacity will be reduced in our churches. When entering our church please observe social distancing rules at all times.

Hand-sanitiser and tissues will be available to keep you and others safe.

Please be considerate of others and keep to the guidelines.

### NHS COVID-19 APP - TEST AND TRACE THROUGH QR SCANNING

We are now displaying a QR code poster at all entrance points to our buildings.

Visitors with smart phones can choose to leave their details by scanning this code with the NHS COVID 19 App. You can find out more information about the NHS Covid-19 App, including a short video, by visiting the NHS website from here: [NHS COVID-19](https://www.nhs.uk/covid-19).



## WORSHIP DURING COVID-19 AND KEEPING IN TOUCH

### PERSHORE ABBEY COMMUNITY ONLINE DURING NEW LOCKDOWN

As we move through this new period of lockdown we are continuing to review our online activity and to consider how best to move forward with a sustainable programme of online and digital activity.

We will continue to update Facebook with new items when we can, but hope you will bear with us as we go through this process.

A copy of our weekly service sheet will be available every week for you to use as an aid to worship at home, together with a pre-recorded online service.

Do continue to check out our activity on the following platforms in the meantime:

- Our YouTube channel is called [Pershore Abbey Community](#)
- Our Facebook page can be found at [#pershoreabbeycom](#)
- Our Facebook posts, latest Instagram posts and a Twitter feed can also all be found on our website at [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk) at the bottom of every page.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### C OF E LAUNCHES WORSHIP PHONE LINE:

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services 24 hours a day.

Please share this with those who are not online.



### C OF E ONLINE SERVICES AND SUPPORT:

The Church of England continues to broadcast online each Sunday via social media at 09:00. For simple daytime and night prayer services, download the free Church of England App "Time to Pray".



The "Daily Prayer" App is free to download and is now available through our website.

There is also an accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes led by the Archbishop of Canterbury .

**STAYING UP TO DATE:** The best way to stay up to date with all the current news and information at this time is through our website and Facebook pages.

All of our platforms can be easily accessed directly from [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)



**SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN AND DIARY:** If you would like to receive email updates and a copy of the Benefice Service Sheet direct to your inbox, please email the office at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

A copy is also uploaded to the website every Friday

**PASTORAL SUPPORT:** The Ministry Team and Abbey Pastoral Group are doing their best to keep in touch with everyone. This is mostly by telephone or email. If you have yet to hear from anyone or have a particular need please contact Claire ([vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk)/tel:552071) or Angela Gerrard.

## **ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY**

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick,  
(St A) St Andrew's, (V) New Vicarage, (CTIP) Churches Together in Pershore

### **THE PERSHORE ABBEY BENEFICE CHURCHES ARE CLOSED FOR IN PERSON PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL MAUNDY THURSDAY AT THE EARLIEST**

Please check on social media and our website for the latest updates

The Abbey remains open daily from 0900 - 1700 for personal prayer

**Please note:** the Abbey may sometimes be closed to allow for recording of services

### **SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2021**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

*Palm crosses will be available to collect from the back of the Abbey between 0900 and 1100 to take home and display*

**1030 Palm Sunday Procession** (YouTube only - recorded 2020 and 2021)

**1030 Eucharist** (YouTube only - recorded 2021)

#### **Monday 29 March**

1900 Holy Week Compline (Zoom or YouTube)

#### **Tuesday 30 March**

1100 FOODBANK (St A)

1900 Holy Week Compline (Zoom or YouTube)

#### **Wednesday 31 March**

1900 Holy Week Compline (Zoom or YouTube)

1930 Iona Worship (Zoom)

1530 V&W (Zoom)

#### **Thursday 1 April - Maundy Thursday**

1300 Burial of Ashes of the late

Peter Quarrel (St James', Birlingham)

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper and

Stripping of the Altar (Pershore Abbey)

*No booking required*

2100 Office of Tenebrae

*(YouTube only - recorded 2021)*

#### **Friday 2 April - Good Friday**

1000 How to make an Easter Garden

*(YouTube only - recorded 2021)*

1015 CTiP Walk of Witness

*(YouTube only - recorded 2020)*

1400 Service of the Last Hour (Pershore Abbey)

*No booking required*

1400 Service of the Last Hour

*(YouTube - recorded 2020)*

1500 Bredon Hill Service

*(YouTube only - recorded 2014 and 2019)*

1300 FOODBANK (St A)

#### **Saturday 3 April - Holy Saturday**

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil

*(Pershore Abbey) No booking required*

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil

*(YouTube - recorded 2020)*

#### **Sunday 4 April - Easter Sunday**

0600 Dawn Service (YouTube only - recorded 2021)

0800 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

1030 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

***This will be a ticketed service***

1030 Holy Communion (St James', Birlingham)

1030 Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

***This will be a ticketed service***

1030 Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)

1500 Eucharist (YouTube - recorded live at

*Pershore Abbey 1030 Easter Sunday 2021)*



Facebook: [#pershoreabbeycom](https://www.facebook.com/pershoreabbeycom) YouTube: [Pershore Abbey Community](https://www.youtube.com/PershoreAbbeyCommunity)

Website: [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)