

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

March 2022

Welcome to the **Church News Monthly Edition March 2022** where you can find out more about our special services, events, courses and what's going on across the Benefice.

The weekly bulletin in our regular service sheet will continue to keep you up to date with what's happening week by week.

FAREWELL TO REVD STEVE AND FAMILY: Chester Diocese has now formally announced that our Curate, Revd Steve Dunton, is to be the Vicar of the Parish of Timperley in Altrincham from April this year. All our love, prayers and best wishes go with Steve and all his family.

Steve's last Sunday with us will be **3 April**, where he will take the 0800 service and the 1030, which will be a Benefice Service at Pershore Abbey.

If you feel that you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Steve to commemorate his time here within the Pershore Benefice, you can post cash, or a cheque made out to **Pershore Abbey PCC**, placed in an envelope and marked **S Dunton Gift** through the office door, or alternatively contact the office for BACS details. We will present this gift at the 1030 Benefice Service on Steve's final Sunday.

Steve will be licensed and installed on **Monday 28 April (NOT 28 March as previously published)** at **1900** in Timperley.

We are organising a coach to celebrate with Steve. It will leave the Abbey at 1530 and will return around 2330. We expect the fare to be around £15 per person and a sign-up sheet will be available in the Abbey from this Sunday. Our other churches will also be making arrangements for those who will join us. Alternatively, email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk to book your seat.

It will be lovely if lots of us can be with Steve in this huge step! Thank you. *Claire*



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- Iona Worship in Pershore Abbey

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MINISTRY NEWS

FAIRTRADE SUNDAY SERVICE 6 MARCH 1030

PERSHORE ABBEY: We will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight 2022 at the Sung Eucharist at Pershore Abbey on **6 March**. We invite you all to consider the world you want as people all over the world come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.



Our Traidcraft stall will be open after the service selling a wonderful selection of fairly traded items and goodies.

Find out more at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: A service to celebrate the above will be held on 4 March at 1400 in the Baptist Church. The service is ecumenical and open to all. Written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland the title is "I know the plans I have for you" from the book of Jeremiah. *Hilary Roffey*

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR NEW CANONS (INCLUDING CLAIRE!) - WORCESTER CATHEDRAL 1700 12 MARCH:

You are welcome to attend the Service of Evensong which will include the Installation of Canons at Worcester Cathedral at 1700 on 12 March. There will be no ticketing but it would be helpful if you could let the office know if you intend to come, so that we can respond to the Cathedral's request for approximate numbers. Please sign up using the sheet at the back of your church, call 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you would like to support Claire and join the service.

WORCESTER DIOCESE OPEN CONVERSATIONS 3: Growing as Kingdom People: As we seek to grow as healthy and sustainable churches amidst the challenges of the pandemic, come and continue to talk and learn together. In this next series of Open Conversations, we'll be sharing plans to support and resource parishes as we journey into the future. We will be hearing good news stories from churches in each deanery and exploring next steps. Full booking details and dates across the Diocese can be found here at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations. The Pershore & Evesham Deanery event takes place on **Thursday 24 March 1830-2030** at the **St Andrew's Centre**. *Claire*.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS: On **March 14** at **1430** we are holding our annual Wave of Prayer for our link Diocese and 18 million other members, across the world, will be praying for Worcester Diocese.

On **March 25** at **1430** our members will be meeting at **Badsey Church** for our Deanery Festival to celebrate 'Lady Day'. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Revd Alma Organ will be presiding and preaching.

LENT IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE 2022

COMPLINE BY ZOOM DURING LENT: This quiet and reflective service which will last half an hour will be held every Monday during Lent, commencing on **7 March**, at **1900** via **Zoom**. Please contact me for more information and for the Zoom invitation for each week. *Claire*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES - WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 0830 & 1930 AT PERSHORE ABBEY: Joining a service on Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. Traditionally a cross made out of ash is marked on a forehead, as a sign of our penitence and God's forgiveness. The **1930** service will be live streamed.

PALM
CROSSES
FOR
ASH
WEDNESDAY



Please leave your old palm crosses in the box at the back of Pershore Abbey by **Monday 28 February** as we need to recreate the ash in the traditional way for this year's Ash Wednesday service on **2 March** at **Pershore Abbey**

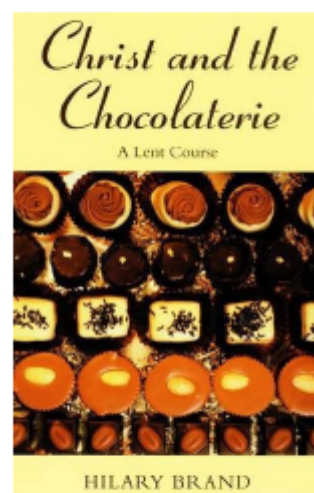
COMING SOON FOR LENT 2022

IN PERSON LENT GROUPS BEGIN
TUESDAY 1 MARCH

"Christ and the Chocolaterie"

Based on the film 'Chocolat', this year's in-person lent course will run for 6 sessions in St. Andrew's on the following evenings from **1900-2030**:

- Tuesday 1 March introductory session **1845 - 2100**
- Tuesday 8 March
- Tuesday 15 March
- Sunday 20 March
- Thursday 31 March
- Tuesday 5 April



This is an original, innovative and lively Lent course inspired by the film *Chocolat*, (based on the bestselling novel by Joanne Harris) using the film as a starting point for exploring issues about God and the world. Hilary Brand has designed five group sessions on the themes of giving, acceptance and change. Each includes excerpts from the film, group discussion questions, exercises and meditations.

It will be a Lent course with a decadent twist as we will be serving luxurious hot chocolate before each session! There is a voluntary **£5** contribution for course material.

CTIP LENTEN LAUNCH APPEAL
SHROVE TUESDAY
1 MARCH

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

This year we are supporting

Pershore United Charities

which gives assistance to those in need within the Pershore area

Pancakes at **13:30**
followed by presentation

LENTEN LUNCHES
ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

THURSDAY

10, 17, 24 & 31 MARCH

12:00 - 14:00

Last orders at 13:30

PRAY ONE FOR ME: ASH WEDNESDAY
2 MARCH 1100-1200
MEET IN PERSHORE ABBEY APSE

NEWS FROM WORCESTER DIOCESE

BISHOP JOHN'S LENT APPEAL: This year Bishop John's Lent Appeal will raise money for our partner Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania.

The pandemic has meant a particularly difficult time for the Diocese of Morogoro, but in recent months, Bishop Godfrey has created a number of new parishes.

The Diocese is looking to become self-supporting and is hoping to open an education and conference centre which can be hired by others – Baraka House (Blessing House).

Bishop Godfrey said: "The diocese has a remarkable location for business site in Morogoro. All funding to build Baraka House is coming from parishioners with each parish assigned a specific target for an annual contribution. Covid-19, drought and flood have all affected harvests and therefore reduced incomes, but we are not discouraged - God is strengthening our parishioners and clergy to meet this goal.

It is with great gratitude that we receive news of this heart-touching appeal for Lent. The parishes of Morogoro and parishes of Worcester are now holding hands together for the Baraka House project."



Once Lent begins, you will be able to donate to Bishop John's Lent Appeal on the diocesan website.

You can find out more about the Diocese of Morogoro here:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/>

GO GREEN FOR LENT 2022: The Lenten 40-day period before Easter gives us the opportunity to reflect on the practice of fasting and commit to giving up something that brings a real benefit to nature and helps address climate change. Below are some changes you could make that will help the environment. Take time to pray, reflect and consider these options - pick one or two or however many you'd like (you never know the changes might just stick!)



Here are some ways you could Go Green this Lent - find out more at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/go-green-for-lent.php

- Go plastic free
- Switch off from digital
- Boycott fast fashion
- Buy less or second hand
- Buy local or in bulk
- Become zero waste
- Spend more time in nature
- Invite wildlife into your garden
- Try a plant-based recipe or diet
- Grow your own
- Change your method of transport
- Take a step to save energy in your home
- Move your money
- Join the movement for fossil free Churches
- Join the Eco Church community

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK 2022

Palm Sunday 10 April

0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession on Abbey Park to Abbey. Meet at St Andrew's Road/ Abbey Road crossroads. Come and join us singing and drumming to the Abbey.

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

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

1700 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday in Holy Week 11 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Tuesday in Holy Week 12 April

1900 Stainer's Crucifixion performed by Pershore Abbey Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

The Pershore Abbey Choir will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion this year as part of the reflections and meditations of Holy Week. This work presents a dramatic picture of the events leading up to the Crucifixion. *Free Entry*

Wednesday In Holy Week 13 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Maundy Thursday 14 April

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper *with LIVESTREAM*, **Stripping of the Altars** *with LIVESTREAM* and the **Office of Tenebrae** *with pre-recorded service on YouTube* (*Pershore Abbey*)

This service will be approximately 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 15 April

1000-1415 TBC Children's Activities (*St Andrew's Centre*)

We hope to run this event in 2022. Full details to follow.

1015 TBC CTiP Walk of Witness to Chapman Court followed by a short service at 1030

We hope this event will run in 2022. Full details to follow.

1500 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly please contact the Bredon Hill Group on acbhteam@gmail.com for details

1400 Service of the Last Hour *with LIVESTREAM*

Holy Saturday 16 April

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

This service will last approximately one hour.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER FLYER WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE IN YOUR CHURCH AND ONLINE SOON

EASTER SUNDAY 2022

Pershore Benefice
EASTER DAY
April 17 2022



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*)

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

0900 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

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

1030 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

ALL WELCOME

JOIN US IN CHURCH OR ONLINE THIS EASTER

Facebook: @pershoreabbeycom

YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Churchyards can be such a wonderful space to explore, so why not take some time to visit our village churches this Spring.

BIRLINGHAM: The churchyard in Birlingham is a glorious carpet of spring flowers and they have successfully been running Snowdrop Teas every weekend throughout February.

WICK: The wonderful team of volunteers at St Mary's have been busy in Wick churchyard too and hope to have a fabulous carpet of flowers for you to explore in the coming years.

PINVIN: If you would like more information on Pinvin or St Nicholas Church, their monthly village magazine **PINPOINT** can be found on the Pinvin Parish Council website at www.pinvin.org.uk or email pinpointeditor@gmail.com for a copy direct to your inbox!

All of our village churches are holding regular Sunday services and are looking forward to a summer filled with weddings, baptisms and jubilee celebrations! Please see [Page 12](#) for their services this March

ART IN THE ABBEY

OLIVER JONES AT PERSHORE ABBEY 19 FEBRUARY

TO 30 MARCH 2022: After a successful showing at National Trust's Berrington Hall as part of Meadow Arts' exhibition '**Skin Deep,**' two works by **Oliver Jones** will be shown at Pershore Abbey during February and March 2022

Oliver Jones works in pastel chalk, a medium commonly associated with intimate portraiture and gentle landscapes, rather than large format works. His works defy expectations: they are large, but also highly charged.

The two works, **#motherandchild** and **Divine** have been selected as they present similarities with certain forms of religious art. The pieces address how different forms of communication can contain social messages about who we are and how we relate to each other. In these cases, looking at body image, the impact of social media and self-image/self-worth.



Find out more about the artist via www.olivercjones.com and Meadow Arts here: www.meadowarts.org

URGENT APPEAL FOR PERSHORE ABBEY TREASURER

TREASURER NEEDED FOR PERSHORE ABBEY

Our current Treasurer will step down from this role at the Pershore Abbey APCM on **5 May 2022**.

We are **urgently** seeking a volunteer to take on this challenging but rewarding position. They will need to start immediately, working with the current treasurer initially and then taking on the position fully after the APCM.

Ideally you will be a qualified accountant with an understanding of the charity sector.

More information on the role and an application pack is available from [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or call **01386 552071**. *Pershore Abbey PCC*

IT IS **VITAL** WE HAVE A NEW TREASURER IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE OUR MINISTRY

ST ANDREW'S UPDATE

A NEW UPPER ROOM DOOR & MORE . . .

2022 has seen a couple of improvements to our Upper Room. We have modified the entrance door such that you can open the door without the potential of taking a step backwards. It does however need some decoration ! Also we have installed some more storage cupboards - which are already full.

There are still a few jobs for the keen decorator - our back door and the toilet corridor. We can supply the paint and the paint brushes! Contact Robin or [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) if you think you can help.

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Abbey Link volunteers still required for deliveries to the new estates.

Contact Roger Piper or email [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for more information and offers of help

ST ANDREW'S & ABBEY HIRE

HIRE RATES FOR ABBEY EVENTS AND THE USE OF ST. ANDREW'S

The PCC have recently agreed to increased charges for hiring the Abbey and for the use of St. Andrew's main and upper rooms. Regular users have been informed of the new rates which come into force for new bookings on and after 1 March 2022.

Existing bookings will be charged at the old rates until the end of the year. If you need further details please contact the office.

Roger Batty, Events Coordinator

If you wish to book St Andrew's or the Abbey for a meeting or event, please remember to check availability with the Benefice Office on 01386 552071 or email [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

OUR MISSION

PILGRIMAGE TO IONA ABBEY 4 - 10 JUNE 2022: An opportunity to join a small ecumenical group on a pilgrimage to Iona Abbey has arisen. This is a chance to work, study, worship and stay with members of the Iona Community and their guests. The theme for the week's study is: "Wildlife week with David Coleman & Katharine Preston. We will learn about the ecosystem using nature to understand ourselves and our world. There will be exploratory and educational sessions looking at birds, bees, moths and flowers and reflective sessions focusing on observation, mindfulness and spirituality."

Full board and lodgings will be available in the newly refurbished guest accommodation at Iona Abbey. 6 nights will cost £621. Pilgrims from Pershore should also budget for other costs which will include train & ferry fares and one overnight hotel stay. When we have identified sufficient interest, we will make a firm reservation. Contact Michael Hodges (01386 552417 or mh@broadwayplc.com) for information or to reserve a place.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APCM MEETINGS IN THE BENEFICE: In April and early May we will be holding the meetings to elect churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meetings for each parish. These are an opportunity to reflect on the past year and to thank all those who have been involved in the life of our churches. Everyone is welcome to attend them. The meetings are also when we elect and appoint officers for the current year. Several of our parishes will be needing additional churchwardens and we still desperately need a treasurer for the Abbey. There is also always room for more volunteers who would like to serve as PCC members. If you think this could be you please speak to me or an existing churchwarden for more details. Thank you *Claire*.

Birlingham - 4 April 1900 in church **Wick** - 6 April 1900 in church

Pinvin - 5 April 1930 in church **Abbey & St Andrew's Centre** - 5 May 1900 in St Andrew's



PERSHORE ABBEY TRAIDCRAFT DATES

- 06 MARCH
- 20 MARCH

We look forward to helping
you browse and buy!

A "GREEN" STUDY COURSE - STARTING APRIL 27

2022: A series of six weekly illustrated studies of different trees mentioned in the Bible, looking at their characteristics, and the part they played in the lives of particular people who figure in scriptural events. It is hoped that this may be of interest for those who love trees as well as those who enjoy deepening their understanding of how our lives are linked with the narrative of the Bible. This course has been organised by Revd Philip Hughes. *More details in the April bulletin.*

EXHIBITION FOR PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We hope to mount an exhibition of memorabilia of the Accession (1952) and the Coronation (1953) in the Abbey for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend in June 2022.

If you have any items from these dates and would be willing to lend them to us please will you get in touch with either Judy Dale 01386 552744 or speak to Ann Bray.

We will take great care to keep the items safe.

We would like to make this a very special exhibition. Thank you. *Ann Bray & Judy Dale*



BENEFICE OFFICE NEWS

BENEFICE OFFICE REOPENS TO PUBLIC ON 1 MARCH: After an unpredictable 2 years of Covid-19 and many months of dusty office renovations, the doors to the Benefice Office will once again open to the public on **Tuesday 1 March**.

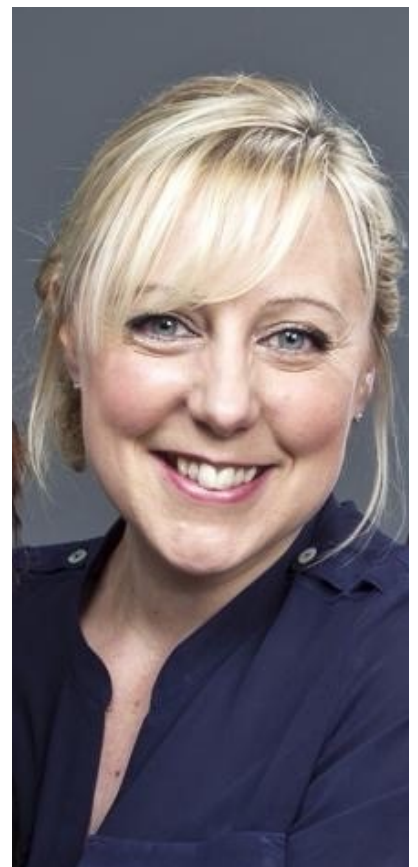
The office will open its doors to the public on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday only** for 1 hour from **1100 – 1200 noon** to deal with all of your enquiries in person.

If you are unable to visit during this time, both Gail and Elizabeth will be working behind closed doors and answering all office emails and telephone calls every weekday from **0930 – 1300**. If you email outside of these hours, we will endeavour to contact you the following day.

The **Benefice Office** works as a hub for all of our churches in Birlingham, Pinvin, Wick, Pershore together with the St Andrew's Centre. We deal with a vast array of enquiries from weddings & baptisms, concerts, event bookings, finance, website updates and marketing for both the Abbey and St Andrew's Centre. This goes in hand with the everyday administration required to support our ministry and volunteer team ensuring we keep everyone informed of the wonderful services and activities we hold across the Benefice. If you think there is another way you in which we can support you, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

It's so lovely to be back in the office meeting everyone again and we are very much looking forward to opening our doors and welcoming you all back in to a safe and much improved office-space.

We thank you for your patience, support and understanding throughout Covid –19 and the recent office building works. *Elizabeth and Gail*



Introducing Elizabeth Barnett

Elizabeth is very much looking forward to finally meeting you in person!

CTIP FOODBANK

MESSAGE FROM NICOLA AINSWORTH INCOMING PROJECT LEADER FOR PERSHORE FOOD BANK

It is a great privilege to be taking over this role from Lynne Raymer and I hope to be able to continue to take forward the important work of the Food Bank for the benefit of our local community. The Food Bank is committed to helping people through periods of crisis and short-term need while, equally importantly, signposting them towards other sources of assistance and longer term solutions. It is helping people along the path to turning their misfortunes around that is the source of our greatest satisfaction. The Foodbank never recounts individual stories but we have been incredibly heartened to receive several letters and cards of thanks in recent weeks.



Nicola talking to a Brownie section

Before my retirement, I had many years of experience in the Metropolitan Police and much of my work throughout that time had a community focus. I have always seen partnership working as the keystone of community safety and crime prevention with no one organisation having a monopoly on commitment or good ideas. I joined the Pershore Food Bank early in the pandemic and have enjoyed the challenges and rewards of its compassionate yet practical approach. The continuing good work of the Foodbank is only possible with the support of our tireless volunteers and the unfailing generosity of our donors and I look forward to taking on a more responsible position in furthering that partnership. *Nicola Ainsworth*

DONATION REQUESTS

EVERYBODY LOVES CHOCOLATE and here at the FOODBANK we never say "no" but please bear in mind that we are still working our way through the Christmas Chocolate Mountain and have a greater need for less exciting donations such as:

- ♦ Household Cleaning Products
- ♦ Long-life Milk
- ♦ Canned Vegetables
- ♦ Sturdy Carrier Bags



Banksy sorts through the store cupboard

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors we are **no longer asking for donations of dog food!**

THE FOODBANK IS OPEN ON TUESDAYS 1100 - 1300 AND FRIDAYS 1300 - 1500

The Foodbank hope to have a Citizen's Advice representative available at Friday sessions

PIPE DREAMS



Pershore Abbey has been planning and fundraising for the purchase and installation of a new pipe organ since the old Walker/Nicholson pipe organ was removed from the Abbey during the 1996 restoration of the Abbey and temporarily replaced by the Bradford electronic organ. The outcome of the research and endeavours of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) especially during the past seven years is at last to come to fruition and we are pleased to announce that the new organ is to be installed during this coming Summer.

The new organ is being built by Fratelli Ruffatti, an internationally renowned family organ builder based in Padua, Italy, and selected from some eight organ builders based in the UK and across Western Europe. It will be delivered to the Abbey for installation and voicing between June and August 2022.

The new organ is designed so that it will not only enable us to have beautiful music at all of our services, but it will also allow many different types of concert and musical events to take place in the Abbey.

This project has been seriously delayed because of the travel restrictions between Italy and the UK caused by Covid 19 - our original plan was to install the organ during the Summer of 2021. However, visitors to the Abbey will note that we have installed two platforms to support the organ casings and much enabling work took place during 2020 in the roof space behind the platforms to create a blower room. We have also installed a new ladder to the blower room to provide access for tuning and maintenance of the organ once installed.

The installation of the organ and associated work is due to commence on 22 May when a major scaffolding structure will be built across the central aisles of the Abbey to support a working platform from which the Fratelli Ruffatti craftsmen will build the organ casings. The component parts of the organ will be stored carefully in the south transept until they are required and suitable hoists and lifting equipment will be installed to raise the various items. It is anticipated that the construction of the organ and blower room will take place from early June until mid-July. The major scaffolding will then be removed to allow the voicing (tuning) of the organ to take place. Voicing is an extremely specialist task that requires complete silence in the Abbey. It is likely to take about five weeks to complete and it will be necessary to close the Abbey during this final and most sensitive part of the organ installation.

The whole installation process will be overseen by Robert Kilgour, Abbey Architect, Clive Haywood, Abbey Structural Engineer, and Matthew Martin, Abbey Organ Advisor, and when they and the PCC are content with all aspects of the installation, the organ will be formally handed over for acceptance by the Abbey. Plans are in hand to arrange a formal launch service for the new organ at that time.

During the whole of the installation process there will inevitably be times when there is restricted access to parts of the Abbey. We ask regular users and visitors to the Abbey to bear with us during this time. There will, of course, be interruptions to work activity to allow normal services to take place.

We are naturally delighted that this exciting organ project is shortly to be realised and look forward to the benefits that this new, powerful and versatile instrument will bring to the Abbey congregation and the wider community for generations to come.



Visualisation of scaffolding in situ during the organ installation

The PCC is most grateful for the financial support provided especially by the Friends of Pershore Abbey CIO and those members of the congregation and wider community who have made donations towards the organ pipes. This project would not have been possible without this most generous support. *David Long, Chair, Fabric Committee*



BECOME A PERSHORE ABBEY PIPER

Although we have a very limited availability of large pipes available to adopt, there are still plenty of smaller pipes available.

Take a look at the **Adopt a Pipe Scheme Leaflet** for further details on the scheme.

Adopting a pipe makes a great and unusual gift and presents a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Pershore Abbey Pipe Dream story and is a legacy that will last for generations.

We have lots of other ways to support the Abbey including our **Floodlighting Scheme**. You can find out more on these schemes on our website here: **Fundraising at Pershore Abbey**

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE ONLINE

The Pershore Abbey 1030 service will be live-streamed every week and available to view on our YouTube Channel. We will continue to provide a copy of the online service sheet with a weekly bulletin update to aid your worship at home.

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

- 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** 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**



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**. 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. If you have yet to hear from anyone or have a particular need please contact Claire (**vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk/tel:552071**) or Angela Gerrard.

Facebook: **#pershoreabbeycom** YouTube: **Pershore Abbey Community**
Website: **www.pershoreabbey.org.uk**

PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

MARCH 2022

Details of the our planned Sunday worship services within the Pershore Benefice are given below, but please do check our social media pages and website in case of change.

ATTENDING A PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICE

It is important that you only attend a public worship service if you feel that it is appropriate and safe for you to do so.

A digital version of our service sheet is available to assist those who wish to worship at home, along with the 1030 Abbey service which is live-streamed every week.

PERSHORE ABBEY

WEDNESDAY 02 MARCH

Ash Wednesday

0830 Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
1930 Sung Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 6 MARCH

Fairtrade Service

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*
1700 Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

0800 Eucharist
0945 Café Church (St Andrew's)
1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*
1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 20 MARCH

0800 Eucharist
1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 27 MARCH

Mothering Sunday

0800 Eucharist
1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*
1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

Passion Sunday with Farewell to Revd Steve

0800 Eucharist
1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*
1700 Choral Evensong

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 27 MARCH

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 6 MARCH

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20 MARCH

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 27 MARCH

1030 Mothering Sunday Praise
with First Pinvin Girl Guides

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 6 MARCH

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 20 MARCH

1030 Holy Communion

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OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MEADOW ARTS PARTNERSHIP EXHIBITION AT PERSHORE ABBEY

20 FEBRUARY - 30 MARCH 2022

We are delighted to be exhibiting a selection of pieces by artist Oliver Jones at Pershore Abbey this Spring. The exhibition is open daily from 0930—1700.

SATURDAY MARCH 5

ARTIST TALK BY OLIVER JONES 1500-1630 AT PERSHORE ABBEY - FREE ENTRY: Oliver Jones is known for his large format hyper-realistic pastel chalk drawings. His two works on show at Pershore Abbey consider body image, the impact of social media on representation and self-worth. On **Saturday 5 March**, join him at the Abbey for a talk about **Divine** and **#motherandchild** as well as his wider practice. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/255997153377>

SUNDAY MARCH 20

PIANOSCAPES CONCERT: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1430

Join Chris Long for his popular Sunday afternoon concert sessions in the St Andrew's Centre. Tickets: email chrislong2008@live.co.uk

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS SPRING 2022

SATURDAY MARCH 12 1430

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY MARCH 19 1930

PHILOMUSICA

SATURDAY APRIL 2 1900

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

SATURDAY APRIL 30 1930

PERSHORE ROTARY - ROCK CHOIR

SATURDAY MAY 7 1930

VALE HARMONY - SPRING SING

SATURDAY MAY 14 1930

PERSHORE CHORAL - SPRING CONCERT

For full details or ticket and booking information, please visit our website www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events

NEW TO THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

Gong Bath Meditation

Monday at 1815 on
21 March

www.sharyoga.co.uk

BYO Craft & Chat

Wednesdays at 1315 on
9 March, 23 March

pershorecraftandchat@gmail.com

Movement & More

Baby Massage

Tuesdays at 0915
1, 8, 15, 22 March

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