

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition



PERSHORE BENEFICE

Easter / April 2022

Welcome to the **Church News Monthly Edition for Easter and April 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: 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, before leaving to take up his new position as Vicar of the Parish of Timperley in the Chester Diocese.

Steve will be licensed and installed on **Thursday 28 April** at **1900** in Timperley. We have now booked the coach and here are the details:

- We will leave from the Abbey Turning Circle at **1500** (not 1530, as previously stated) using Astons coaches.
- There is a toilet on the coach.
- We will make a stop at Keele services on the M6 for about half an hour for comfort, drinks, and food (you can bring your own or buy something at the services).
- The coach will drop us off on the road by the church.
- The service will start at **1900** and there will be some light refreshments afterwards.
- The coach will pick us up at **2100** for the return journey and we would hope to be back around **2325**.
- The cost will be around **£15** per person.



Please note: there will be no social distancing in Christ Church, but they are still encouraging the wearing of face coverings.

We hope we can support Steve, Hannah and the boys at this service so please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call 01386 552071 to let us know that you would like to come. *Peter Stansbie*

IN THIS EDITION . . .

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- Iona Worship in Pershore Abbey

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HE IS RISEN



We look forward to celebrating the joy of Easter with all our congregation this year after a difficult two years due to Covid 19. We hope to welcome you into our churches either in person or by joining one of our live-stream events.

Full details of all our Holy Week and Easter services can be found on Pages 3 & 4

NEW FOR EASTER 2022 - PERSHORE ABBEY CHOIR PRESENT STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

TUESDAY 12 APRIL PERSHORE ABBEY 1900: The Abbey Choir have been working hard on this dramatic picture of the events leading up to the Crucifixion. Please come along and support them in this Holy Week performance. *Free Entry.*



GOOD FRIDAY ACTIVITY DAY - ST ANDREW'S 15 APRIL 1000-1415:

Calling all 5 –10 year olds - join in the fun baking, taking part in the Easter story, making baskets, creating our own Easter gardens and much more. Booking is essential and reservations will be taken from **MONDAY 28 MARCH** as numbers will be limited. Phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293 to book. No cost - donations welcome!

CTIP GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: Please join Churches Together for this important act of witness. We shall be gathering on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross at **1015**. We will then walk to Chapman Court for a short service at **1030**.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS – JOIN THE DAWN CHORUS ON EASTER MORNING AT

PERSHORE ABBEY: 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 via [**office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

PERSHORE ABBEY EASTER LILIES:

If you wish to donate an offering towards the cost of lilies to decorate the Abbey this Easter please put your gift in a marked envelope, available from the Abbey.

If your donation is in memory of a loved one and you would like that person's name displayed in the Abbey please let us have the name to be remembered and we will include it on the framed list on show in the Abbey over the Easter period. *Thank you.*



ABBEY BOOKSTALL **EASTER CARDS**

The Pershore Abbey Bookstall now has a lovely selection of Easter cards for sale.

Why not take a look at their new seasonal range?

Pershore Benefice Easter 2022

HOLY WEEK



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*) **FREE ENTRY**

This work presents a dramatic picture of the events leading up to the Crucifixion.

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

No fee - donations welcome. Booking essential via Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293.

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

Meet on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross

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

1400 Service of the Last Hour *with LIVESTREAM*

Holy Saturday 16 April

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

JOIN US IN CHURCH OR ONLINE THIS EASTER

Facebook: @pershoreabbeycom

YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community

Pershore Benefice
STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

with the Pershore Abbey Choir
Musical Director and Organist : John Wilderspin



HOLY
WEEK

Tuesday 12 April
1900

Pershore Abbey - Free Entry

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.

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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk



GOOD FRIDAY
ACTIVITY DAY

15th APRIL 2022

IN ST. ANDREWS' CENTRE

10AM - 2.15PM

AGE 5 - 10 YEARS

NO COST - DONATIONS WELCOME

Come along and join us, we have lots of fun baking, taking part in the Easter story, making baskets, creating our own Easter gardens and much more.

Booking is essential and reservations will be taken from MONDAY 28th MARCH as numbers will be limited.

Phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293

Easter Day
Sunday 17 April

HE IS RISEN



- 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 James', Birlingham)**
- 1030 Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin)**

ALL WELCOME

JOIN US IN CHURCH OR ONLINE THIS EASTER

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY MISSION UK ONLINE CONFERENCE 4 MAY: An opportunity to join a joint mini-conference for Workplace Chaplains – ‘**Resilience: adapting to life and moving forward**’



The session will look at general skills to build resilience and how we can support those facing financial anxieties and difficulties, led by Jane Thompson of Cambridge Workplace Chaplaincy, with expert guidance from Alan Nicholls of the Money & Pensions Service.

The conference will take place online on **4 May 1400-1530**. Please book your place to attend via **Eventbrite** - it is free to attend, but you are encouraged to make a £5 donation towards costs.

FAITH AT WORK IN WORCESTERSHIRE: A course for anyone wishing to find out more about Workplace Chaplaincy and considering volunteering locally OR an ideal initial training for New Chaplains OR a refresher course for current chaplains.



ONLINE TRAINING: Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy starting **Monday 30 May 1300-1430** with 4 further weekly sessions on following Mondays at the same time.

One further session will be arranged to visit chaplains locally to see chaplaincy in action. Cost £50.00 per person – to book your place please complete the form on the FWW website - **www.faithatwork.org.uk**. Please speak to Claire if funding is a concern.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME AT PERSHORE ABBEY

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT: The impact of rising prices and the financial cost of Covid 19 is being felt across all sectors of society, including our local churches. We now have **24** people signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, which is great news!

If you would like to consider changing the way you give, then you can set up your regular giving by:

- ♦ Phoning **0333 002 1271**
- ♦ Scan the QR code to set up a regular gift
- ♦ Visit **www.parishgiving.org.uk/pershore-abbey-worcester**

PGS Parish Name: **Pershore Abbey**

PGS Parish Number: **420642094**

A flyer for the Pershore Abbey Parish Giving Scheme. At the top, it features the Pershore Abbey logo and the text 'PERSHORE ABBEY The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross'. Below this, it invites regular worshippers to contribute regularly to help the Abbey. It provides a link to set up and manage regular giving online and thanks the donors. A call to action 'CALL 01386 552071 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION' is included. The flyer then lists benefits of giving online: 'Just like with telephone and paper donations, by choosing to give online, you can:'. It shows icons for giving monthly, quarterly, or annually by Direct Debit; increasing the gift annually in line with inflation; enhancing the gift with an optional 25% Gift Aid; giving anonymously; and donating securely. At the bottom, it states that the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, providing a simple and secure way for churches to receive regular donations to fund their mission and ministry.



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

THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022 AT 1900 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

The Pershore Abbey APCM and the St Andrew's AGM for 2022 will take place on **Thursday 5 May** at **1900** in the **St Andrew's Centre**.

Please contact Sara Speed (tel: 01386 710776) or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for further details of the meeting.

Elections of the Churchwardens, up to **7** 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.

Bill Newman steps down this year as his term as Churchwarden comes to an end. We thank Bill for his commitment and enthusiasm in the role and are now looking for a new churchwarden to join us at Pershore Abbey. Please do speak to Bill or any other member of the team to find out more about the role of Churchwarden.

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 28 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.

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

PERSHORE ABBEY 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 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 2022](#)

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 20 APRIL

VILLAGE CHURCHES APCM DATES:

Birlingham 4 April 1900

Pinvin 5 April 1930

Wick 6 April 1900

To join the Electoral Roll of either Birlingham, Pinvin or Wick please contact your churchwarden or the Benefice Office

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

As the terrible event in the Ukraine continue to unfold we invite you to remember all those affected by the conflict in your prayers and to give generously to those most in need.

A PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen



*Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL



INTERNATIONAL
RESCUE
COMMITTEE
DEC MEMBER

MAKE YOUR DONATION AT WWW.DEC.ORG.UK/APPEAL/UKRAINE-HUMANITARIAN-APPEAL

CONCERT #2 FOR UKRAINE - NEW DATE 20 MAY AT PERSHORE ABBEY: Sadly the second concert for the Ukraine due to be held at Pershore Abbey on 25 March was postponed due to Covid. The concert has now been re-scheduled for **20 May** and we do hope that you will be able to join Vocal High and Excelsa Voces as they raise their voices in support of the people of Ukraine.

#WePrayForUkraine

United in prayer for Ukraine

Christians across the UK and Ireland will be joining in prayer for Ukraine on
Sunday April 3



BRING & BUY SUCCESS

Birlingham Village raised **£1150**
with more to come at the
Bring & Buy sale held on 26
March in aid of Ukraine

What a fabulous result!

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE



VOTE FOR FUNDING FOR ST ANDREW'S LOOS

You may be aware that the Abbey and St Andrew's are part of Eco Church which looks at everything we do relating to the Environment - energy, waste and how we look after our buildings and land. Inside both buildings we have replaced nearly all our lighting with LED; outside you find wild flowers planted in Abbey Park and bird boxes and feeders at St Andrew's.



One challenge that we have found difficulty in making a substantial contribution towards is in controlling the amount of water we use, and waste. We have looked at rainwater harvesting and storage. Our main usage of water is in the toilets and at times of peak use - like Plum Fair - we run out of water.

A couple of years ago we came across modern toilet systems which use very little water per flush. Installation was the challenge as they were not a straight swap.

Severn Trent may however come to the rescue! They are sponsoring the Commonwealth Games and as part of that commitment they are providing a series of Environmental Grants for organisations in their area. We have made an application for a Gold Award of £20,000 towards the cost of updating our toilets and **WE HAVE BEEN SHORTLISTED** for a grant!

To progress we need your help please. Between **April 1** and **24** there is to be an online vote, and those with the maximum number of votes will get the grant.

You can vote on the Severn Trent website at

www.stwater.co.uk/publicvote

Your vote will count, so please do go on line to help us achieve our Eco Church goal.

Thank you



ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

CAR PARKING AT ST ANDREW'S: St Andrew's is now, happily, very busy again. However, this does put pressure on the small number of parking spaces at the back of the building. These spaces are mainly for those who hire the building and need access for various reasons. The first space is reserved for the Vicar so that when she is in a hurry to take funerals and services etc., and not on her trusty bike, she can get in. Please do not park in St Andrew's unless you have a good reason involving that building, not the Abbey. We are sorry we have to restrict parking in this way, but it is so limited that we have no choice.

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE MANAGEMENT – HELP NEEDED: St Andrew's Centre is now extremely busy with lots of new hirers and new activities. We have two outstanding helpers in organising and managing bookings and maintaining the building in Robin and Roger. But they could really do with some more help. We need an active and practical person to provide this help – could it be you? There is no pay but a wonderful sense of achievement! If you can help, please talk to Robin, Roger, the Churchwardens or let the Office know.

RISING ENERGY COSTS IN THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: We all know energy costs are going up and up. St Andrew's is not protected by the energy cap and costs are soaring. From January to February this year costs went up by over 5 times. Luckily, we are coming into the spring and summer, but we do need to do all we can to keep costs down. So, if you are using St Andrew's please switch off lights and do all you can to save energy. As well as helping St Andrew's you will be helping the planet of course.

ECO CHURCH ROUNDUP

PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH LIFESTYLE QUESTIONNAIRE: Get your completed forms in by Sunday April 3!

PERSHORE ABBEY ECO WALL COMING SOON! Watch out for our new Eco Wall in Pershore Abbey which will be the hub for all information on our Eco initiatives, plans, events and commitments.

ECO CHURCH LAND WORKSHOP: **Saturday 23 April** starting at 0930 and finishing by 1230, at Bromyard Road Methodist Church, Worcester WR2 5DL. Further information available soon.

ECO CHURCH WILDFLOWER PROJECT IN ABBEY PARK: Our biodiversity project involves growing wild flowers and allowing existing plants to grow within a specific area of the grass between the old graveyard wall and car park. The aims of the project are to increase biodiversity, engage and educate people about the flora and fauna, and encourage people to enjoy God's creation. If you would like further information about the project or would like to be involved in recording the plants and wildlife, please contact the Benefice Office on 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. Look out for leaflets with more information and what to look for coming soon!

GREEN STUDY COURSE

"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 have an 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.

Our hostess will be Mrs. Margaret Piper. The dates will be 1030 on Wednesdays April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1. We shall begin with coffee/tea, after which the Revd Philip Hughes will briefly introduce each tree and associated person. We will read a connected paragraph from the Bible and then members of the group will offer their insights for discussion. We will finish between 1130 and 1200 with a verse or two from a well-known hymn appropriate to the subject of the week. Look out for a sign up sheet at the back of the Abbey very soon!

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
01386 552071
office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING

PERSHORE ABBEY FLOWERS: More helpers are needed, not just for arranging flowers but also for watering the arrangements and supplying foliage. Please see Julie Newman or Mary Cope if you think you can help with this valued aspect of Abbey life.

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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

Contact Roger Piper or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for more information and offers of help

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. 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 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.

CARNIVALS, JUBILEES AND CUPS OF TEA!

PERSHORE CARNIVAL 2022 TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - "1952-2022:INVENTIONS OF THE PAST 70 YEARS": Well Folks!! It is fast approaching that time of year, when we, as members of Pershore Abbey, can join the community of Pershore by participating in the return of Pershore Carnival following its postponement during the past few years due to Covid.

It will be held on the early May Bank Holiday - **Monday May 2**. Anyone wishing to join us in the procession or to help with costumes etc (and of course have loads of fun!!) please contact Beth Seale 07824446143 or email bethseale@outlook.com. Alternatively, contact the Abbey Office 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk as soon as possible and by **April 10** at latest.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CARNIVAL TEAS: Can you help out at this year's Carnival on **Monday May 2**. The Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's committee will be asking for helpers to serve refreshments in St. Andrews and for cake bakers. Please speak to a PASA member if you can help! Thank you, *Julie Newman PASA*

PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE SONGS OF PRAISE: Come and add your singing voices to a joyful songs of praise for Her Majesty. **1600** at Pershore Abbey on **5 June**. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards. Please note there will be no Choral Evensong this Sunday.

PLATINUM JUBILEE EXHIBITION: 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*

coffee, cakes
& chat!



1030 - 1200 Noon
Saturday 23 April
St Andrew's Centre

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS RETURN IN APRIL **WITH A NEW 1030 START TIME!**

Following a prolonged absence, we are pleased to announce the return of our monthly parish coffee mornings, starting on **Saturday 23 April**.

You are all cordially invited to drop in to **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon for coffee, cakes and a chat. It would be lovely to see new, and not-so-new, faces getting together in a social setting – at last!

All are welcome so please do come along.

Sara Speed, PASA

PIPE DREAMS



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Empowering Pershore Abbey
to keep saying Yes

We are very disappointed to hear from Fratelli Ruffatti that due to the adverse effects of World events they have been experiencing great difficulty in receiving raw materials and products necessary to produce our new organ, and organs for their other customers. This is exacerbated by major shipping problems and a shortage of containers which has created long delays in the transportation of their organs to various destinations around the World, including the UK, and confounded their installation schedule for several organs.

Whilst the major components of our organ have been assembled in the factory, there are several components for the soundboards that are still missing with no reliable delivery schedule. Ruffatti have therefore reluctantly found it necessary to reschedule the organ installation for the Abbey beyond the Summer of 2022.

Finding alternative installation dates is difficult for the Abbey, particularly during the period September - December which is normally a busy time - especially so this year because of the many events and weddings that have been postponed to this period. We are therefore hoping that the installation will now take place during early 2023.

There is still some enabling work planned in the new blower room and triforium including the blackout of the two clerestory windows above the two platforms already installed in the Abbey. This will take place between 25 April and 13 May 2022 so that when the organ is finally delivered the Abbey will be ready for Ruffatti to install it.

David Long

CTIP FOODBANK

Banksy says: thank you to all our wonderful donors and a big thank you to the staff at Harrisons in the High Street for agreeing to collect toiletries and household cleaning products for us. Extremely helpful. Yes, of course we will now be accepting chocolate for Easter but please try to avoid those eggs in big cardboard boxes . . .

**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



Banksy sorts through ribbons for his
Easter Bonnet!



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".

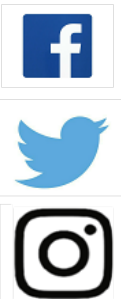


The "Daily Prayer" App is free to download and is now available through our website.

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.

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Website: **www.pershoreabbey.org.uk**



Volunteer Centre
Pershore

Fancy a chat?



The **Good Neighbourhood Network**

is coming to

St Andrew's Hall, Pershore

on Wednesday 27th April 2022

11am Start

Come to our **free**, no commitment, drop-in session and:

- ♦ Find out about the services the Pershore Volunteer Centre and the Pershore Wellbeing Hub can offer YOU
- ♦ Tell us about the services that you would like to see
- ♦ Learn how volunteering for us works, and see if you can make a difference. Would you like to join our team?

Schedule for the day:

- ♦ Meet and greet with tea/coffee
- ♦ Brief outline of Pershore Volunteer Centre and Pershore Wellbeing Hub
- ♦ Light lunch
- ♦ Entertainment by Moira and Peter of Dampier's Round



To register (not essential, but helpful), please contact Jo at the Pershore Volunteer Centre.
01386 554 299 | jo.stylianou@pershorevolunteers.org.uk

PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 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.

Please see the separate pages on Page ? & ? for full details of our
Holy Week and Easter Services 2022
across the Pershore Benefice

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 3 APRIL
Passion Sunday with
Farewell to Revd Steve

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1500 Civic Service

NB: No Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 10 APRIL
Palm Sunday

0800 Eucharist

0945 Café Church (St Andrew's)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession (Abbey Park)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 17 APRIL
Easter Day

0600 Dawn Eucharist

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 24 APRIL
Easter 2

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 1 MAY
Easter 3

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 Choral Evensong

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

0900 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 1 MAY

1030 Holy Communion

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 1 MAY

1030 Morning Praise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY APRIL 23 PARISH COFFEE MORNING: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1030

SUNDAY APRIL 24 PIANOSCAPES CONCERT: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1430

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27 GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1100. Free drop-in session in association with Pershore Volunteer Centre and the Pershore Wellbeing Hub.

FRIDAY APRIL 29 FRIENDS OF PERSHORE ABBEY CIO MEMORIAL LECTURE: PERSHORE ABBEY AT 1900. Dr. Belinda Wilkes, Director of the Chandra X-Ray Center & Senior Astrophysicist at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory has agreed to deliver the Friends of Pershore Abbey Memorial Lecture—"Views of the Universe through the sharp X-ray eyes of NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory".

Pre-lecture reception at **1800**. Entry Donation **£15**. Tickets available from Blue, Broad Street, Pershore or email tickets@fopa.co.uk

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FOPA MEMORIAL LECTURE

SATURDAY APRIL 30 1930

PERSHORE ROTARY - ROCK CHOIR

SATURDAY MAY 7 1930

VALE HARMONY - SPRING SING

SATURDAY MAY 14 1930

PERSHORE CHORAL - SPRING CONCERT

SATURDAY JUNE 18 1430

WPO - SUMMER CONCERT

SATURDAY JUNE 25 1930

FOAG WITH CHELTENHAM SYMPHONY

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