

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE



June 2022

Welcome to the **Church News Monthly Edition for June 2022**

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

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AT PERSHORE ABBEY

Pershore Benefice

JUBILEE SONGS OF PRAISE



celebrating 70 years

Image: Jacob King/PA Wire/PA Images.

PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE SONGS OF PRAISE: Join us on **Sunday 5 June** at **1600** in **Pershore Abbey** as the town comes together to celebrate and give thanks for the 70 year reign of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Refreshments and cake will be available after the service. Please come and raise your voice in this special Jubilee Songs of Praise service. The service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. All Welcome.

PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE BELLS: No-one can have missed the fact that the country will be celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee over the weekend of Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June. Whilst the whole weekend lends itself to plenty of celebratory bells, the Pershore ringers will be ringing the bells in the Abbey on **Friday 3 June** starting at **1030**. We will finish at **1130** to coincide with the start of the Service of Thanksgiving being held at St Paul's Cathedral, London. At the end of the ringing, the Tenor will be tolled 70 times as a tribute, once for each year of Queen Elizabeth's reign. *Stuart Piper*

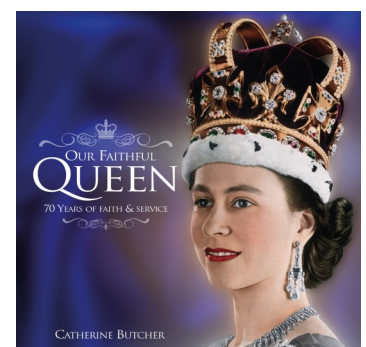
PERSHORE ABBEY PLATINUM JUBILEE EXHIBITION - 1400 02 JUNE TO 1730 05 JUNE:

The Pershore Abbey exhibition of memorabilia of the Accession (1952) and the Coronation (1953) will open at **1400** on **Thursday 02 June** and will run until **1730** on **Sunday 05 June** to coincide with the Central Weekend celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please could those loaning items contact Judy Dale or bring them along to the Abbey on Sunday, 29 May. *Many thanks, Ann Bray & Judy Dale*

"OUR FAITHFUL QUEEN" - COMMEMORATIVE GIFT BOOK NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE ABBEY BOOKSTALL:

Superbly produced and sensitively written by Catherine Butcher, this 64-page gift book includes many rarely seen photographs from the Queen's early life through to the present day, as well as prayers from a book of devotions given to the Queen to use in the days leading up to her coronation. Donations are welcome.



THE PLATINUM JUBILEE CONT.

PERSHORE ABBEY BABIES & TODDLERS COMMEMORATIVE BEAR:

Our wonderful Babies & Toddlers volunteers have arranged a special Jubilee Party to mark the end of term where each child will be given a commemorative Jubilee Bear and gift bag!



LOOK OUT FOR OUR JUBILEE ROUND UP LATER IN JUNE WHERE WE WILL SHARE PICTURES AND STORIES FROM OUR CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE BENEFICE

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATORY SERVICE, 1030 SUNDAY 5 JUNE ST JAMES',

BIRLINGHAM: St James' are planning a special service featuring contributions both in word and song by villagers of all ages and led by Peter Stansbie. All welcome.

MINISTRY NEWS

PERSHORE ABBEY PENTECOST SERVICE SUNDAY 5 JUNE 1030: Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Do join us at Pershore Abbey for our Sung Eucharist service this Pentecost.

PERSHORE ABBEY BCP EUCHARIST: Just a reminder that the 0800 service on the first Sunday of the month is from the Book of Common Prayer.



CHURCHES
TOGETHER
in PERSHORE

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR

CHRISTIAN UNITY: This year's service takes place on **Sunday 26 June at 1500** in Abbey Park. We are gathering at the bandstand, so bring something to sit on - and a brolly if the weather looks dodgy!

The theme of our gathering is "**Listening**". Along with representatives from all four of our churches the children from Holy Redeemer School will be taking a leading part.

Listening is a major part of the role of a workplace chaplain and Revd Dick Johnson from Faith at Work in Worcestershire will be with us to commission new chaplains and to re-commission those already visiting shops and businesses in Pershore.

Come along for what promises to be a joyous get together.

Don't forget our regular monthly services . . .

- Café Church in the St Andrew's Centre on 2nd Sundays
- Wholeness & Healing in Pershore Abbey on 2nd Sundays
- Iona Worship in Pershore Abbey on 4th Sundays

... See page 11 for full Sunday service details

Faith at Work
in Worcestershire

Donate online now

Faith at Work in Worcestershire need support to continue their work. Donate via their dedicated

Stewardship.org page at
www.stewardship.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

URGENTLY REQUIRED - ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS FOR DOORSTEP DELIVERIES: We need volunteers to deliver the Abbey Link Magazine to the following areas:-

Krier Fields

Skylark Drive

Jeacock Grove

Woodpecker Fields

Kingfisher Fields

Redlands and Redland House

Pershore High Street from Station Rd to Cherry Orchard (one side only)

If you live on or near any of these areas and are thinking of volunteering then please get in touch. Contact Roger Piper via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

IONA WORSHIP

SPECIAL IONA CELEBRATION AT 1700 SUNDAY 26 JUNE IN PERSHORE ABBEY: Everyone is welcome to a special service celebrating Columba and the Iona Community. Some people from the West Midlands Iona group will be joining us. Watch out for further details in the bulletin or on the website.

OUR IONA SERVICE TAKES PLACE EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY AT 1700 IN PERSHORE ABBEY
Those unable to join us in person are welcome to join us via Zoom

IONA PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 2022: A small ecumenical group will be travelling on a pilgrimage from Pershore Abbey to Iona Abbey in September 2022. The last pilgrimage to Iona from Pershore took place in 2016 – so it will be good to return and renew our connection.

The group will work, study, worship and live with members of the Iona Community and their guests. The theme for the week's study is: "Time and Space" offering an opportunity to experience life in community and explore the here and now through creative expression and shared reflection on the Iona Community concerns for inclusion, sustainability, and mutual accountability.

Six of us have already made a commitment. Would you like to come too?

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.

Please contact Michael Hodges (01386 552417 or mh@broadwayplc.com) to reserve a place or for more information.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PERSHORE ABBEY VOLUNTEER BOOKSTALL AND WELCOMERS COFFEE MORNING: The Abbey Welcomers Coffee Morning will be held at **1030** on **Tuesday 7 June** in **Pershore Abbey**.

Please do come along to enjoy an hour or so of fellowship . This is our opportunity to refresh ourselves on our responsibilities and to renew our commitment to this vital task. There are still quite a few vacant slots in the rota so if there are any willing volunteers out there who can give us one or two 2 hour slots a month we would welcome you with open arms at this popular get-together! I look forward to seeing you there! *Jean Andrews*



1030 - 1200 Noon
Saturday 18 June
St Andrew's Centre

ABBAY PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS CONTINUE IN JUNE AT NEW 1030 START TIME! Do join us again for our monthly parish coffee morning on **Saturday 18 June**.

Just 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. This month the coffee morning is being arranged by the Abbey Flower Guild.

We also have a coffee morning planned for **Saturday July 23**. All are welcome, so please do come along.

Sara Speed, PASA

ST ANDREW'S - THE NEXT 50 YEARS: On **Tuesday 20 September** at **1900** there will be an open meeting in St Andrew's to discuss what happens to it over the next 50 years. This is being held by the Trustees of the building and they want to hear your views.

So put the date in your diary – we will remind you again nearer the date, of course!

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

FOR MORE NEWS
FROM **PINVIN** TAKE A
LOOK AT THE LATEST
EDITION OF PINPOINT
MAGAZINE AVAILABLE
TO VIEW NOW FROM
WWW.PINVIN.ORG.UK

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH
MORE NEWS FROM
BIRLINGHAM PLEASE
VISIT THE VILLAGE
WEBSITE AT
WWW.BIRLINGHAM.ORG

PLEASE CONTACT THE
BENEFICE OFFICE FOR
MORE NEWS AND
INFORMATION FROM
WICK AND WE WILL
PUT YOU IN TOUCH!
[BENEFICE OFFICE](#)

LIFESTYLE SURVEY FEEDBACK: In the recent **Abbey Environmental Lifestyle Survey** there were an excellent 55 responses to the 16 questions posed.

One of the questions concerned money – '**I consider where I put my money by using ethical banking, savings accounts and/or investments**'.

Around 40% of the responses were positive about investing ethically which is probably much more than the average, so many of you are walking the walk to various degrees.

Nowadays there is so much more choice where we can place our money, meaning more decisions of course

- **Current / bank accounts** – there are few truly ethical banks. Look at your bank as a whole. Are you happy with its operations?
- **Savings accounts** – building societies, without shareholders, are often a good ethical choice with many having sustainability statements.
- **Investments in stocks and shares** – there are now a myriad of ethical choices that can be invested into directly or using a fund supermarket. Look for funds that take Environmental, Social & Governance factors, ESG for short, into consideration when investing your money.
- **Pensions** – most adults will have some money invested into a pension. Either set up by an employer where the employer also contributes or as a private pension
 - **Set up by an employer.** They can be either 'Final salary' pension - difficult to know where your money is invested OR 'Money Purchase' pension, which includes the recently introduced 'Workplace pension' – you should be able to find where your money is invested and may have a choice to invest into fund(s) where ESG factors are considered.
 - **Private pensions** – known as SIPP or Stakeholder – you can choose to invest into funds that consider ESG factors.

Want to know more? Worcester Cathedral are running a series of events & talks on caring for our planet. On **Thursday 7 July 1900 - 2030** it is hosting a talk entitled “**Living Gently on the Earth: Putting Your Money Where Your Heart Is**”, a seminar by the ECCR to discuss 'Greening your finances' and to 'put your money where your heart is.'

More details on this or any of their '**Living gently on the earth**' series visit www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco

To car share, please contact:

MARCUS SEALE

carshare@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ETHICAL FINANCE

Q: WHAT IS ETHICAL FINANCE?

A: ETHICAL FINANCE DOES NOT SIMPLY FOCUS ON FINANCIAL RETURNS, BUT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS AFFECTING SPENDING, BORROWING AND ASSETS.



By choosing an Ethical Finance organisation to manage your savings, investments, pensions funds, insurances, you are making a choice to support local, social economies and sustainable development.

BE ECO WISE WITH YOUR MONEY



Find out more about Ethical Finance at the Eco Church website - You and Your Money

SPARKING ACTION IN OUR CHURCHES ON TAX JUSTICE AND ETHICAL FINANCE

Eventbrite - ECCR presents Sparking action in our churches on tax justice and ethical finance - **Friday, 10 June 2022** at The Wiseman Room, The Church at Carrs Lane, Birmingham, England.

Find event and registration information at

www.eventbrite.co.uk



SPARKING ACTION IN OUR CHURCHES ON TAX JUSTICE & ETHICAL FINANCE



Training session
Friday 10 June, 10.00 - 14.30
The Church at Carrs Lane, Birmingham

NEXT ECO CHURCH MEETING

The next meeting of the Eco Church group will take place on

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

1915

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

Come along and help us make a difference to our church and our world



GIVING BIODIVERSITY A HELPING HAND

SUNDAY 5 JUNE

1400-1600

Join in with our initial plant survey on the newly established unown area between Pershore Abbey and the Abbey Car Park
See what is appearing after years of mowing!!

A number of areas in Abbey Park and St Andrew's Gardens have been sown, mown less or left untouched for longer to nurture biodiversity.

A new area has been created recently in partnership between Pershore Abbey and Wychavon DC

Have a look

between the Abbey and the car park.

Wild flowers have been incorporated into the grass around the perimeter and pathways will be maintained through the area.

Join Us

on World Environment Day - 5 June 1400-1600

Join us for our initial opening plant survey. We do not expect to find anything amazing, but a base survey is required to develop from.

Imagine & Reflect

Where could this go? Where do we need to go?

What chance Nature in today's world?

'Only one Earth - live in harmony with Nature'



ECO CHURCH AT ST MARY'S, WICK

SUSTAINABLE FLOWER ARRANGING: St.Mary's Church, Wick has adopted a new approach to flower arranging in church. We have gone "eco" and so far so good. Our aim is to use no oasis (which is made from non bio-degradable plastic and is very harmful to aquatic organisms). This has been replaced by chicken wire in bowls and using jugs to hold flowers upright.

This has been a challenge, particularly for those used to doing pedestal arrangements in a traditional style; but for those without that background it is quite liberating as we are able to create a true country church feel without the need for classic flower arranging skills and training.

We are also trying to purchase a minimal number of flowers as most are imported with many associated air miles. Ours come all the way from Wick; our gardens, kind friends' gardens, hedgerows, and the churchyard, which has many shrubs planted in it which are ideal to cut.

We have used herbs such as rosemary and lavender strewn near the lectern to permeate lovely aromas around the church.

In the winter we have used dried flower arrangements for some constant decoration and in the summer we have been able to use some jugs of garden flowers. At Christmas we were able to make great use of beautiful fir tree branches blown down in a winter storm. They needed no watering, were quick to arrange or place and looked truly magical, lasting for many weeks.

We are also enjoying all meeting together to decorate the church for the major festivals, learning from each other, having a bit of fun and of course a cuppa and a piece of cake or a hot cross bun!

If anyone wants more info please contact Clair Meikle-Taylor via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

SUPPORTING AID AND CHARITIES



Thank you for your support, The Pershore Riverside Centre Team

www.pershoreriversidecentre.org.uk or call us on 01386 554713

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Pershore Riverside Centre CIO (charity no 1156413) King George's Way, Pershore WR10 1QU

SUPPORTING AID AND CHARITIES

As the terrible events 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



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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/pershire-abbey-worcester

PGS Parish Name: **Pershire Abbey**


PGS Parish Number: **420642094**

**PERSHORE ABBEY**
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross


We invite all our regular worshippers to contribute regularly to help the Abbey not only to survive but to flourish and plan confidently for the future.
Do follow this link to set up and manage your regular giving online.
Thank You, Claire and the Churchwardens

CALL **01386 552071** FOR FURTHER INFORMATION


Just like with telephone and paper donations, by choosing to give online, you can:




Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit




Increase your gift annually in line with inflation



Enhance your gift with an optional 25% Gift Aid



Give anonymously



Donate securely

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.



CTIP FOODBANK

DONATION REQUESTS:

We are grateful for all of your donations, but this month we are particularly in need of the following tinned items:

Fruit ♦ Custard ♦ Soup ♦ Spaghetti Hoops ♦ Vegetables (Peas & Carrots)

Tinned Ham

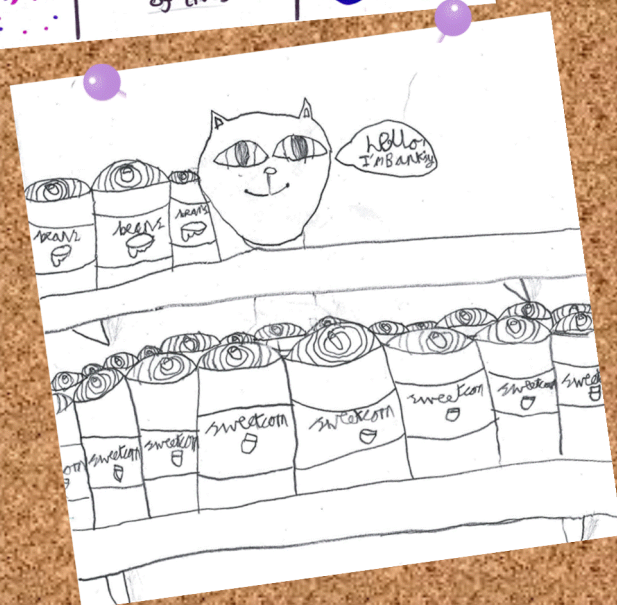
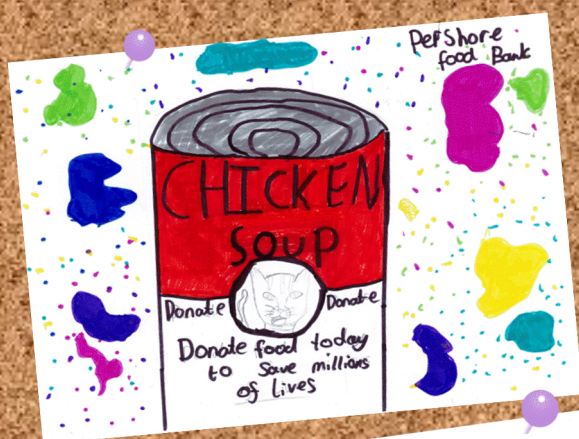
Long life milk and cleaning products are always welcome

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

The Foodbank aim to have a Citizens Advice representative available at Friday sessions



Just take a look at some of the fabulous artwork that the Foodbank has received from local children. Banksy has certainly made an impression and helped the children to engage with the vital aid the Foodbank provides to many local families.



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

JUNE 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.

We look forward to welcoming you in - person and don't forget that the 1030 Sunday Service from Pershore Abbey is livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube Channel: [Persnore Abbey Community](#)

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 5 JUNE

Pentecost

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1600 Jubilee Songs of Praise
with Livestream

SUNDAY 12 JUNE

Trinity Sunday

0800 Eucharist

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

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

Trinity 1

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 26 JUNE

Trinity 2

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*
1700 Iona Worship

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 12 JUNE

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 26 JUNE

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 5 JUNE

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 5 JUNE

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

1030 Holy Communion

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY JUNE 5 BIODIVERSITY PLANT SURVEY: ABBEY PARK 1400-1600

TUESDAY JUNE 7 VOLUNTEER BOOKSTALL & WELCOMERS COFFEE MORNING:
PERSHORE ABBEY 1030

SATURDAY JUNE 18 ABBEY PARISH COFFEE MORNING: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE AT
1030 Come along and enjoy some refreshments and a good chat at the new start time
of 1030!

SUNDAY JUNE 26 PIANOSCAPES CONCERT: ST
ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1430 Join Chris Long for his
popular Sunday afternoon concert sessions in the St
Andrew's Centre. Email chrislong2008@live.co.uk for
tickets.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29 ECO CHURCH MEETING: ST
ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1915 All welcome to join this
meeting and help us move forward to our Silver Award.



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- 05 JUNE
- 19 JUNE

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ABBAY CONCERTS & EVENTS SUMMER 2022

SATURDAY JUNE 18 1430

WPO - SUMMER CONCERT

Worcester Philharmonic ORCHESTRA
Cello Soloist
Rebecca McNaught
Conductor Joe Davies
Leader Graham Longfils

Saturday 18th June 2022
2.30pm
Pershore Abbey
WR10 1BL

SUMMER CONCERT

Coleridge-Taylor - Ballade
Elgar - Cello Concerto
Dvořák - Symphony No 8

Tickets £15 (under 16's free) available from:
Tourist Offices in Worcester, Pershore and Malvern
Ticket Secretary: 01905 353013
Pershore Town Hall
Online at: ticketsource.co.uk

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SATURDAY JUNE 25 1930

FOAG WITH CHELTENHAM SYMPHONY

Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra
In Support of Farmers Overseas Action Group (FOAG)
at Pershore Abbey

Conductor: DAVID CURTIS
Leader: CAROLINE BROEKMAN

Brahms Hungarian Dances 5 & 6
Tchaikovsky Rocooco Variations
(Soloist Rebecca McNaught)
Dvořák Symphony No. 9
in E minor 'From the New World'

25 JUNE 2022, DOORS 6.30PM | BEGINS 7.30PM
Tickets £16 including free drink / EB students / children free
From FOAG Box Office on 01886 853 295 and at the door
OR send a cheque payable to FOAG
with a self addressed envelope to:
Concert Ticket Office, Rectory Cottage,
Stanford Bridge, Worcester, WR6 6ST
OR online at eventbrite.co.uk
(additional charges apply).
OR bought in person from:
Blue, 19 Broad Street,
Pershore, WR10 1BB

AUTUMN/WINTER 2022 COMING SOON

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