

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

May 2022

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

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

THY KINGDOM COME 2022

Once again we are joining this global wave of prayer which takes place from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Christians throughout the world are invited to hold as a focus for their prayers a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



ASCENSION DAY SUNG EUCHARIST - PERSHORE ABBEY 1900

THURSDAY 26 MAY: We begin these days of Thy Kingdom Come 2022 with a special Eucharist to remember the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples.



NOVENA OF PRAYER 27 MAY - 4 JUNE: During this special nine day period of prayer (which is what Novena means) we shall be holding Zoom services so we can join with others in the Benefice, and across the world, praying for the Holy Spirit to come. The services will start at 1900 and will last between 10-15 minutes on each of these days.

If you'd like to join this time of prayer on any of the days please contact Claire on vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk and she will arrange for you to have the Zoom link.

Copies of the beautifully produced Novena Prayer Booklet are available free of charge from the back of Pershore Abbey or you can download a copy here: **Novena 2022**

THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER JOURNAL: Sadly we have no more copies of the Prayer Journal, but you can download a pdf version here: **Prayer Journal 2022**

CHEEKY PANDAS: And for children and little ones, we have free copies of 'Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle - a story about Faithfulness'. Perhaps get a copy for the young ones in your family. Cheeky Pandas resources are designed to help children and families grow in their faith. More Cheeky Panda resources are available here: **Cheeky Pandas 2022**

STOP PRESS . . . Suzanne Clarke and Sam Andrews were elected as Churchwardens of Pershore Abbey at the APCM on 5 May. We wish them well and thank Bill Newman for his services as Churchwarden over the past years. **More in June Bulletin!**

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 15 for full Sunday service details

MINISTRY NEWS

INTRODUCING JULIE WESTLAKE - READER IN TRAINING: Julie is a Reader in training from Bengeworth who is doing her 10 week placement in the Pershore Benefice from May to July.

"I feel very privileged to be spending my two month placement at Pershore Benefice, and am grateful to Claire for making this opportunity available to me. I am on the first year of my LLM (Reader's) Course at Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. I am already trained as an ALM in Worship – although Covid restrictions put paid to much practical experience as I was about to enter that stage of my training when everything became 'virtual'.

I was born in Evesham and my family were fruit growers in the Vale. Sadly the orchards have gone, but for a couple of acres the family retain as a reminder of our heritage. I have spent all of my life in the Vale apart from a few years living in Cambridge when my husband's work took us there. Steve worked at BBC Woodnorton and also London, and is now retired.



My background is in Business Strategy and Communications and my working life has been mostly spent as a lecturer - in the Further and Higher Education Sector. One of the happiest times in my working life was spent lecturing at Pershore Group of Colleges where I taught on a range of courses which required business or marketing elements. To continue the Pershore connection, my daughter joined the sixth form at Pershore High and flourished at that school, and both my children were members of 233 squadron Air Cadets based at Pershore. I served on their Civilian Committee for a while. In short, I love Pershore – its people, its shops and community.

I am now retired, and juggle a number of things. Church life and worship at St. Peter's Bengeworth is a key part of my week. I have three grandchildren who stay or visit very regularly. I am really passionate about supporting young people and am trustee of a local Youth Organisation. I also chair the John Martin's Charity Board of Trustees which provides grants to education, local Churches and relief in need within the locality.

I am really looking forward to joining in Pershore Abbey and Benefice and once again thank you for this opportunity."

We all look forward to meeting Julie and welcoming her to our church community.

THE VICAR OF TIMPERLEY: Revd Steve was thrilled to see so many Pershore parishioners make the journey to Timperley to see him installed as the new vicar on 28 April. We all wish Steve and his family much success and joy as they settle into their new home and parish.

Come along to help shape the future of Church and resourcing ministry

When – **24th May 5.30 for 6.00 – 9.00pm** feel free to bring your sandwiches, tea and coffee provided.

Where - **All Saints Church, Evesham**

How do we flexibly organise ourselves across the Pershore and Evesham Deanery to ensure that we make the best possible evolving use of our stipendiary clergy, our self supporting clergy, and our lay ministry to serve all God's people?

The Revd Alison Maddocks, Dean of Smaller Churches has been asked by the Diocesan Transformation and Change Team to lead this process as a part of the Diocesan commitment to help churches in the Diocese of Worcester to be healthy and sustainable.

We know volunteers are stretched. Costs are rising. We are also having to carefully plan how our stipendiary clergy work to ensure the best use of their gifting and calling, and a future with less stipendiary clergy.

Alison writes, "Those who attend this meeting will be invited to share in considering together how we make the best use of the ministerial gifting of all our ministers, lay and ordained to serve all God's people in Pershore and Evesham Deanery. This meeting is specific to this deanery and will talk specifically about the churches and benefices of this deanery. It follows on from the diocesan Open Conversations, enjoyed by many of you but there is no need to have been to the Open Conversations to be able to participate fully in this meeting.

Our churches are a wealth of committed people doing so much for their communities. It is our belief that there are further opportunities to work together and support one another to make the most of all God given gifts and we look forward to sharing in this conversation with as many of you as are able to come along."

Please book a place through Eventbrite: [**https://pershore-and-evesham deanery.eventbrite.com**](https://pershore-and-evesham-deanery.eventbrite.com), or telephone **01386 861669** to leave a message with your name and contact number.

Revd Canon Sarah Dangerfield

Area Dean of Pershore and Evesham

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES



MORNING PRAISE PET SERVICE 1030 SUNDAY 8 MAY ST MARY'S, WICK: Pets and well-behaved owners are warmly invited to join St Marys' special Morning Praise Pet Service on Sunday 8 May at 1030.

Coffee, sausage rolls and pet treats available afterwards!

ROGATION SERVICE 1030 SUNDAY 22 MAY ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN: May 22nd is Rogation Sunday, when traditionally parishes give thanks to God for the land and to ask for God's continued blessing on it, its crops and livestock. On this special day we are warmly invited by Alan, Kate and Daniel to join them at their home, Orchard Farm, for a special rogation service. We meet in the barn at 10.30am and give thanks for the sheep and lambs on the farm and pray that they will thrive. We walk to fields and pray that the hay and wheat to come will be good. It is a wonderful service followed by great refreshments. We are really looking forward to being back on the farm after our Covid enforced break.

Everyone is really welcome, and it would be lovely to see lots of people at this service. Look out for the signs off Owletts Lane if you don't know where Orchard Farm is.

NEW CHURCHWARDEN FOR PINVIN: St Nicholas' Church **APCM** took place on Tuesday 5 April where **Hilary Roffey** decided not to stand for re-election after being a Churchwarden for many years. Very many thanks from all the PCC for all your efforts over the past years and welcome to John Kemp who will be the new churchwarden for Pinvin alongside Glen Hurst.

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.

If you live in Birlingham and have an anecdote relating to the Queen or have met her in person, then Adrienne Woodward (Birlingham Churchwarden) would love to hear from you. You can make contact via **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**

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](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 - 21 MAY



Christian Aid Week is more important than ever this year and we are asking the Pershore Benefice to please get involved. We are using the no-return-visit system used last year and aim to deliver envelopes to all the houses local to a church member acting as a letter box for the envelope donations. Please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of Pershore Abbey if you can help and you haven't already been contacted. *Sarah Thomson*

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. It features the Pershore Abbey crest and name at the top. The text invites regular worshippers to contribute online to help the Abbey survive and flourish. It provides a link to set up online giving and a phone number (01386 552071) for further information. Below this, it lists benefits of online giving: giving monthly, quarterly, or annually by Direct Debit; increasing gifts annually with inflation; and enhancing gifts with a 25% optional Gift Aid. It also shows icons for giving anonymously and donating securely. At the bottom, it explains that the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations to fund the church's mission and ministry.



SUPPORTING AID AND CHARITIES

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

SOLD OUT - 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, featuring Vocal High and Excelsa Voces raising their voices in support of the people of Ukraine, has been re-scheduled for **20 May**. Tickets have sold out, but please visit www.vocalhigh.com for updates, as there may be a small number of returns available.

PERSHORE ABBEY SHINES A LIGHT ON WORLD NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS DAY:

Pershore Abbey will light up on World Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day on 17 May 2022 in support of the Nerve Tumours UK "Shine a Light" campaign, in association with the US Children's Tumour Foundation.

Support and donations can be made on the following link. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/shine-a-light-on-nf>



PERSHORE ABBEY & ST ANDREW'S CENTRE



RESULTS IN FOR SEVERN TRENT LOO FUNDING: Sadly we didn't win the vote but we have received a healthy contribution from Severn Trent to our water saving project and will bring you more news soon! Thank you to everyone who voted and engaged with our campaign.

A PLEA TO HELP SAVE COSTS - TURN THOSE LIGHTS OFF; THAT HEATING DOWN:

You will be well aware of the rising cost of energy in your home. Did you know that the Abbey and St Andrew's are also affected, but even more so? There is no "cap" for us, no £150 or £200. We buy our energy through Parish Buying (the bulk buying arm of the C of E), usually through a contract with Total Energies. In February there were 6 contracts (nationally) available - we got 4 of them - and then only till September.

Our budgets for 2022 are:-

	ABBEY	ST ANDREW'S	Frightening figures - that's £33,000! Our total bill for both buildings in 2021 was £14,000.
GAS	£17000	£9000	
ELECTRICITY	£7250	£3250	

A typical meeting for 2 hours in St Andrew's has the heating switched on for 3 hours before and the heating bill for that meeting is £30.

We are reaping the benefits of the new LED lighting in our buildings - that investment has reduced our electricity consumption by over 25%. We are about to provide better controls on our boilers and thank FOPA for funding the Abbey one.

With your help we might well be able to at least contain these costs.

We would ask you, please, that:-

- if you have to cancel a meeting in St Andrew's you tell us so we don't heat an empty building
- if the meeting finishes early you switch the heating off (Roger or I will show you)
- switch those lights off if you don't need them
- shut those doors

Let's see if by working together we can save 10%!

Roger Batty and Roger Hancox

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.

ECO CHURCH ROUNDUP



PERSHORE ABBEY'S NEW ECO WALL IS UNVEILED: Pershore Abbey's Eco Wall is now available to view!

Using sustainable, re-usable material as the backdrop, the area provides lots of useful information on how we can work together to achieve our Eco Mission and what it means for our church.

Do take a look next time you are in the Abbey

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. The first base line survey of the area will take place on **World Environment Day** on **5 June**. If you would like further information 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.

PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH MEETING 1915 11 MAY 2022 ST ANDREW'S UPPER ROOM: The next meeting of the Eco Church Group will be an in-person meeting on Wednesday 11 May in St Andrew's. If you would like to find out more about the group, please contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

GIVING BIODIVERSITY A HELPING HAND

SUNDAY 5 JUNE

1400-1600

Join in with our initial plant survey on the newly established unmown 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'

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

URGENTLY REQUIRED - ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEER FOR DISTRIBUTION: A distributor is required to deliver packs of the Abbey Link Magazine to approximately 15 deliverers. This should take just over 2 hours, four times a year, but you will need a car. Our next issue is due at the end of end of May, so we need someone in place as soon as possible. Please contact Roger Piper via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

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 on 01386 553110 or via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

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

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.



CARNIVAL THANK YOUS, JUBILEES AND CUPS OF TEA!

CARNIVAL THANK YOU: A big “Thank You” to all who baked cakes, helped to serve refreshments on the day, to set up, clear away or donated cash to make our Carnival Teas in St Andrew’s such a success. We raised £587.88 for St Andrew’s Centre. Many customers admired the quality of the cakes and the cheerful, friendly helpers. Well done, everyone! *Sara Speed (for Pershore Abbey and St Andrew’s Social Committee)*



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.

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.

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. *Ann Bray & Judy Dale*

More news on Jubilee Events will be available in the weekly bulletin as we approach the Royal Week and Central Weekend Celebrations.

ABBAY PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS CONTINUE IN MAY AT NEW 1030 START TIME!

coffee, cakes
& chat!



1030 - 1200 Noon
Saturday 28 May
St Andrew’s Centre

Do join us again for our monthly parish coffee mornings on **Saturday 28 May**.

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!

Looking forward, we also have coffee mornings planned on the following days:

- ♦ Saturday June 18
- ♦ Saturday July 23

All are welcome so please do come along.

Sara Speed, PASA

CTIP FOODBANK

The Pershore Food Bank continues to receive a great deal of support from the Community with many generous donations still coming in despite recent worrying increases in the cost of living. This goodwill is more valuable than ever as our volunteers are sometimes seeing clients in a great deal of distress as life becomes more and more difficult for them.

During the Pandemic, we had to dispense with offering hospitality to our clients which was hard for everyone especially as coming to a Food Bank can be a very upsetting experience for many people. With extra support from our wonderful volunteers we have been able to resume offering coffees or teas and a sympathetic chat.

We work with local partners such as Citizens Advice, the Wellbeing Hub and the Pershore Volunteer Centre to help people find longer-term solutions to their problems and in the meantime make up extra generous parcels from all those amazing donations.

On 5 April we had a visit from Wychavon Councillors Tony Rowley and Christopher Day, along with several members of their team, and we eagerly await any favourable decisions they may make about additional tranches of government funding. We reminded our illustrious visitors how we continue to be proud to be able to offer our services at zero administrative costs.



The Pershore Carnival on Monday 2 May was a successful event for us, mainly because of all the hard work of one of our founders and stalwart member of the Steering Group, Carolyn Harford.

Despite some rather disappointing weather we were able to put on a small display, aided by some excellent art work by the children of Abbey Park School and an ingenious set of dummy packages made for us by the girls of Fladbury Brownies and Rainbows. Most importantly, it gave us a chance to chat with potential future recruits and to explain our mission to many of our wonderful donors.

DONATION REQUESTS:

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

Tinned Fruit ♦ Custard ♦ Rice Puddings

**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

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

MAY 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: **Pershore Abbey Community**

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 8 MAY

Easter 4 - Vocations Sunday

0800 Eucharist

0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1500 St George's Day Service
with Avonvale District Scouting

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 15 MAY

Easter 5

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 22 MAY

Easter 6 - Rogation Sunday

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1700 Iona Worship

THURSDAY 26 MAY

Ascension Day

1900 Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 29 MAY

Easter 7

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 8 MAY

1030 Morning Praise Pet Service

SUNDAY 22 MAY

0900 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 15 MAY

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 22 MAY

1030 Outdoor Rogation Service

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 15 MAY

1030 Holy Communion

Café Church

The fresh way to
Worship in Pershore



Monthly on the Second Sunday
in the St Andrew's Centre

WORSHIP • MUSIC • REFRESHMENTS



JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AT
09:45 FOR OUR MONTHLY
CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICE

SUNDAY 08 MAY

SUNDAY 12 JUNE

SUNDAY 10 JULY

ALL WELCOME



PERSHORE ABBEY

WHOLENESS & HEALING



Second Sunday
every month at 1700

This quiet and reflective service offers prayer and the
laying-on of hands (*subject to Covid restrictions*)
for God's healing of body, mind and spirit



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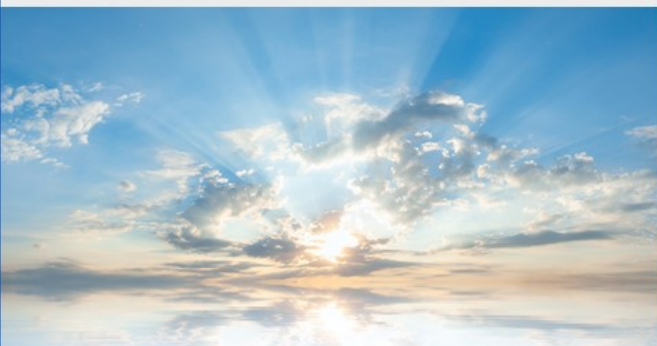
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For emergency contact information please call 01386 552071 (answerphone service only)

Pershore Benefice

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE



Thursday 26 May
1900
PERSHORE ABBEY

We begin our **Thy Kingdom Come 2022** journey with a special
Eucharist at 1900 at Pershore Abbey on Ascension Day, marking
the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples at
the village of Bethany near Jerusalem.

Please join us in church - all welcome

Pershore Benefice

NOVENA OF PRAYER

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



Come Holy Spirit



**Friday 27 May to
Saturday 4 June**
1900
Zoom

Join us on Zoom during this special 'Novena' (a nine-day period
of prayer) as we pray with others in the Benefice, and across the
world, for the Holy Spirit to come.

If you would like to be part of this 10-15 minutes of
prayer, please contact Claire on vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY MAY 14 CRAFTER'S QUARTERLY FAIR: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE FROM 1000

FRIDAY MAY 20 ROTARY CLUB OF PERSHORE QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF UKRAINE:

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1900: Quiz Night with Prizes, Ploughman's, Licenced Bar, Raffle, Supported by local charities in aid of Ukraine Refugee Crisis Emergency Appeal. Tickets £10pp from [Eventbrite](#)

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Come along and enjoy some refreshments and a good chat at the new start time of 1030!

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