



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**

**PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY**  
**SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022**



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**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**  
**1926 –2022**



**A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen**

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



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## **SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**We welcome the Friends of Pershore Abbey CIO to our 1030 Patronal Service today**

A separate Service Booklet together with hymns is available for this service

**The 1030 Patronal Service will be live-streamed and available to view  
on our YouTube channel.**

You can join the service live at 1030 or catch up later  
in the day or week.

Remember to take this bulletin home with you.



**THE FRIENDS OF  
PERSHORE ABBEY**  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

At this time of national mourning we come here to remember, to commemorate, to pray and to console one another, confident in the faith that the Queen shared, that after a lifetime of Christian service she now rests in God's eternal peace.

May we pray for her soul and for all those who mourn, especially her family.

**God of love,  
we thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may find comfort and hope in your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

We pray for His Majesty King Charles III on his Accession to the throne, and for the Royal family.

We pray for those affected by the war in the Ukraine

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place and for all those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

We pray for all those welcoming new life into their families.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

## **BULLETIN NOTICES**

**(PLEASE SEE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY EDITION FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION)**

### **IMPORTANT - COMMUNION UPDATE**

We are now able to offer Communion in two kinds at all our Eucharist services across the Benefice. It is still perfectly proper to take communion in one kind only but we do also offer the chalice. However, intinction (the dipping of the bread into the wine) will not be permitted. Also, it would help those administering the chalice if you could hold the base of the chalice when taking the wine. Thank you.

**REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II:** Following the sad and sudden news that our beloved Queen died peacefully at Balmoral on 8 September 2022, we are now making preparations to remember and celebrate the life of Her Late Majesty The Queen.

As further details emerge of the plans for the period of mourning and State Funeral, we will update you on our own services through our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, through our website and by email. It may be that some of our planned services or events across the Benefice may no longer take place or that special services are added, so do make sure you keep yourselves updated.

We take this opportunity to let you know that our churches across the Benefice are open for prayer, reflection and contemplation, to simply light a candle or to leave a message in a Book of Condolence.

Flower tributes may be left at the Preaching Cross in the Pershore Abbey grounds, located just beyond the West Door.

The Pershore Abbey Union Flag was raised on Saturday 10 September for the Accession of King Charles III but will once again be flown at half mast from 1300 on Sunday 11 September as we continue to observe the national period of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III:** As we mourn the death of one monarch, we also welcome and embrace the Accession of King Charles III, who has pledged his life not only to the service of his people, but to the Church of England.

We share this prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King,  
bless his reign and the life of our nation.  
Help us to work together  
so that the truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We will ring the Abbey bells unmuffled to mark the Accession of King Charles III, please check social media for timings.

**God bless the King!**

**CELEBRATING THE FRIENDS OF PERSHORE ABBEY:** The Friends of Pershore Abbey mark 90 years since their Inaugural Festival Service held in the Abbey in 1932. As the Friends join in our Patronal Festival service this Sunday, we have an exhibition in the South Transept with some photographs, newspaper accounts and interesting archives focussed on the start of the Friends and how they have helped to fund Abbey building repairs and improvements. Their service in 1932 was attended by many, including the Poet Laureate John Masefield and was even broadcast on the 'wireless'. Do have a look when you are in the Abbey. *Judy Dale*

**HARVEST FESTIVALS:** During September and October we shall be celebrating Harvest in our churches. This year many of the harvests have been good, but others have struggled and in places across the world harvests have failed again. Our Harvest Services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and to give thanks for all who work in the farming community, both at home and abroad.

This year our harvest services will take place on the following days:

<b>St James', Birlingham</b>	1030	18 September	Harvest Festival
<b>Pershore Abbey</b>	1030	2 October	All Age Harvest Eucharist
<b>St Mary's, Wick</b>	1030	9 October	Harvest Festival
<b>St Nicholas', Pinvin</b>	1030	16 October	Harvest Festival

As we celebrate our plentiful harvest here in the Pershore Benefice we also remember that it is a time to share in that bounty and ask that people consider bringing non-perishable food donations for the Pershore Foodbank along to our services.

**PERSHORE ABBEY HARVEST SUPPER: Saturday 1 October at 1800 in St Andrew's Centre.** Tickets will be on sale in the Abbey after the 1030 Sunday Service or contact Julie Newman. Ticket prices are £8 adults and £4 children. Requests please for Apple Crumbles (plain toppings) and also for Jacket Potatoes - if you are able to cook 8 potatoes and bring them along hot before 1800 on the evening, your help would greatly be appreciated - sign up sheet on Abbey table. Donations for raffle prizes can be brought to the Abbey or to the Benefice Office during their opening hours. *Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) Team*

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING ST ANDREW'S CENTRE 24 SEPTEMBER 1000-1200:** Please bring friends along to our Christian Aid coffee morning. The money raised will go to the Emergency Appeal of Famine in East Africa. Donating to a Pakistan Flood Appeal is also vital, but many will already be responding through DEC, UN or other charities. Donations can be made via Sunday offertory collection using Christian Aid envelopes, if you are unable to come on 24 September. *Sarah Thomson*

**FROM LAMENT TO ACTION:** is the theme of the **Iona service** on **Sunday 25 September at 1700 in Pershore Abbey**. There will be time for reflection and lament about the damage to creation, which can free us to move on to change and positive action.

There'll be a chance to ask questions of people involved in positive environmental actions and to share ideas. Join us in the Abbey or via Zoom. If you would like the Zoom link, please email Helen on [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk). Everyone welcome.

**A THANK YOU FROM PASA:** An "enormous" thank you to all who helped make the Plum Festival day so good in St. Andrew's serving cakes and drinks to our many visitors. Thank you to all those who baked cakes and helped in St. Andrew's not only on the day but setting up on Sunday & then clearing away afterwards. You were a super team. *PASA Team.*



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** Archdeacon Robert will be leading a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the end of February 2023 with Bishops John and Martin. Do consider coming along. Click on the link to download a leaflet with more detail or contact the Benefice Office: **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

**PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATE!** Plans are underway for an exciting Organ Festival to celebrate the installation of our new Ruffatti Pipe Organ next year. We hope to be able to share more details about the Festival in the October monthly bulletin, but for now, please save the date - **20 - 23 April 2023**. Do join us as we finally realise our **Pipe Dream**.



**PERSHORE BENEFICE AUTUMN STUDY GROUP:** We are holding a five week course at St Andrew's for five weeks from **Thursday 22 September** starting at 1900 until 2030. The course will follow aspects of a Tearfund Learn course called "Live Just.ly" <https://learn.tearfund.org/en/resources/tools-and-guides/live-justly-global-edition>



The course will explore ideas of biblical justice, considering how our everyday actions align with kingdom values. You are welcome to join any or all of the sessions which will involve a story, a reflection, some Bible study, some discussion and, possibly, a little

light homework if you are feeling really enthusiastic (but this is in no way compulsory).

There is no need to book - just turn up on the night! You are welcome to join all of the sessions or to just come along when you can. Please do come and join us.

**CLIMATE SUNDAY:** This will take place on **18 September**. Through our worship and the words we share, we will be giving thanks to God for creation and reflecting on how we can be the best stewards of God's earth.



At time of global climate crisis we are called to action, so that those who comes after us have a world to cherish. Come and be a part of the challenge around our benefice.

## **EDWARDTIDE PILGRIMAGE TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022:**

Everyone is welcome to join the National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor. On Saturday 15 October, 0930—1600, Free Admission.

Visit the Abbey and experience its beauty in an atmosphere characterised by prayer.

A welcome liturgy will be offered on arrival, and pilgrims will be able to pray at the Shrine of St Edward – the king and saint who re-founded the Abbey – and in other spaces set aside in the Abbey.

Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a chapel will be set aside for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Visit [www.westminsterabbey.org](http://www.westminsterabbey.org) for more information.

**ABBEY OFFICE CLOSURE:** Please note that due to annual leave the Abbey Office will not be open on Monday 12 September for **telephone** or email enquiries. The office will be open to the public as normal, **Tues - Thurs, 1100 - 1200** noon. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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

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### **BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY**

***(excluding Bank Holidays)***

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

***Please email your enquiry to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on 01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.***



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

## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day. If you have an enquiry, she will get back to you as soon as she can.

### Sunday 11 September - Holy Cross / Trinity 13

08:00 Eucharist

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

10:30 Patronal Sung Eucharist with *LiveStream* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

12:00 POSTPONED - FOPA CIO AGM (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism for Ellis Nyalani (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

17:00 Wholeness & Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

### PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

**St Andrew's:** Toilet facility re-decoration will be in place all week

**Pershore Abbey:** Lighting Engineers all day Mon 12/ Tues 13/ Thu 15/ Fri 16

### Monday 12 September

09:00 Annual Service of Boiler (*St Andrew's*)

09:30 DAWN Support Sessions (*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:30 Me, You and a Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)

18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Evening Craft Sessions with Rachel Duke  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Wick PCC (*Wick*)

### Tuesday 13 September

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:30 Birlingham PCC (*Birlingham*)

14:00 AWF (*St Andrew's Main Hall*)

14:30 AWF Communion Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:15 V&W (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:00 Pershore Abbey PCC (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### Wednesday 14 September

10:00 Pastoral Group

11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Funeral Service for the late Alan Willis  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

### Thursday 15 September

11:30 Wedding Rehearsal - Oliver Smith &  
Stacey Stainer (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:15 Wedding Rehearsal - Andrew Hemming &  
Jennifer Bentley (*Pershore Abbey*)

### Friday 16 September

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Pershore Chatty Crafters (*St Andrew's Main*)

### Saturday 17 September

12:00 Wedding Service of Andrew Hemming &  
Jennifer Bentley (*Pershore Abbey*)

12:00 Internment of Ashes of the late  
Dennis Ridsdale (*St Mary's, Wick*)

15:00 Wedding Service of Oliver Smith &  
Stacey Stainer (*Pershore Abbey*)

### Sunday 18 September - Trinity 14/Climate Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LiveStream*  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Harvest Festival (*St James', Birlingham*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Centre*)

18:00 Friend's Songs of Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

