

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

November 2022

Welcome to our **November Monthly Edition 2022**.

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM 1050 11 NOVEMBER: Birlingham will be commemorating Armistice Day on Friday 11 November at an outside service taken by Peter Stansbie. People are asked to assemble by 1050 around the War Memorial on the Village Green for the short service of remembrance.

PERSHORE ABBEY 1040 13 NOVEMBER: We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to this special service when we gather to remember all those who have died in war and conflict.

We are very pleased that our Pershore Abbey Remembrance Service will not be ticketed this year, as it was throughout the Covid pandemic. We have arranged a seating plan which embraces both our visiting organisations and our regular congregation and would like to reassure you that we have plenty of seats to welcome you all safely.

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN 1030 13 NOVEMBER: Join the village of Pinvin for their service at 1030 with Pinvin Girl Guides.

ST MARY'S, WICK 1500 13 NOVEMBER: Join Wick village as they gather round the war memorial in the churchyard.



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

LEST WE FORGET

THIS MONTH . . .

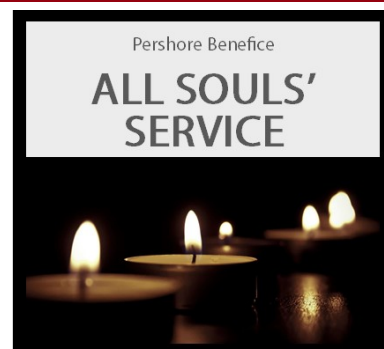
- Advent
- Christmas
- Eco News
- Christmas Gifts
- Iona Pilgrimage
- Foodbank Thanks
- Harvest Round Up

Read on for more details . . .

MINISTRY NEWS

ALL SOULS' SERVICE 06 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700:

Join us as we remember loved ones at this quiet and reflective service. This service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel (**#PershoreAbbeyCommunity**) for those who are unable to attend in person. You are also very welcome to come into the Abbey to light your own candle for a loved one at any time. *Claire*



REVD PHILIP HUGHES TREE STUDY COURSE FOR WINTER 2022 CONTINUES: If you wish to join with those ready to take part, please contact **office@pershoreabbey.org.uk**. After 1800 there is free parking on the left side of Bridge Street going towards Evesham. The course will run on Friday evenings at **1900** at **27 Bridge Street** until **Friday December 2**. Parking is permitted after 1800 on the yellow line outside.

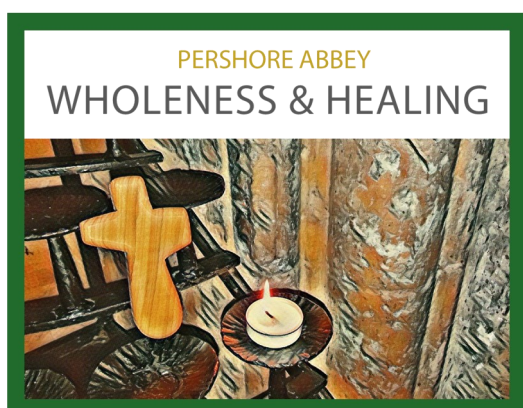
REGULAR SERVICES



**NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER
0945 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE**

Come and join in with our family friendly and informal café-style worship as we meet in St Andrew's for worship, music and refreshments.

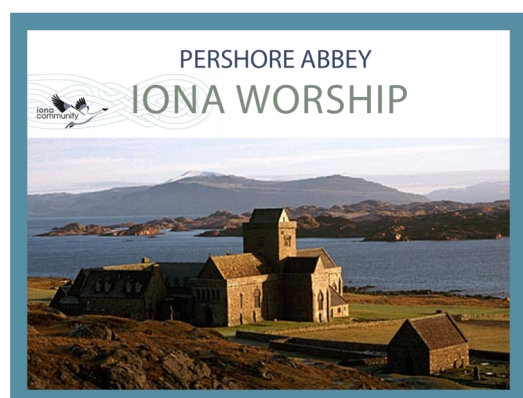
All Welcome



**THIS SERVICE USUALLY TAKES PLACE ON EVERY
SECOND SUNDAY 1700 IN PERSHORE ABBEY**

NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Don't forget, we also offer the opportunity to receive the ministry of healing prayers with two of the Wholeness & Healing team in the St John Chapel after communion has been received at every 3rd Sunday 1030 Eucharist



**THERE IS NO IONA WORSHIP SERVICE IN
NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER**

INSTEAD PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ADVENT DROP IN IONA EVENT

**27 NOVEMBER IN ST ANDREW'S
1400 - 1645**



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We have a very full diary of services, concerts and events for you in the Pershore Benefice this year!

We will be updating you in the weekly bulletin and will have more information in the next Monthly Edition, but here is a preview of what's to come as we invite you all to **Follow the Star** in 2022 . . .

SHOEBOX SUNDAY 1030 6 NOVEMBER ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: We will be supporting Teams4U again this year. It now costs a minimum of **£3.00** to send each shoe box; this is a recent update on the previously quoted figure. If you prefer to contribute to our shoebox appeal in this way, it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

CHRISTMAS TREE SUNDAY AT PERSHORE ABBEY! So many people enjoy the Christmas trees which decorate the Abbey during December. As with everything else, the cost of them is going up. To help fund them, **27 November 2022** will be Christmas Tree Sunday, as well as Advent Sunday! There will be a box labelled "**Christmas Trees**" at the back of the Abbey on **27 November** if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of our Abbey Christmas trees. Any donations will be gratefully received. Thank you. *Claire*

ADVENT IONA DROP-IN EVENT SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1400 - 1645, ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: Instead of our usual 4th Sunday service, we will be providing a welcoming, reflective space, in the midst of Pershore's 'Christmas Light Switch On Fair'. The plan is to provide a warm welcome to visitors in St Andrew's Centre, with time and space to sit and chat, to enjoy some Christmas and Iona Community music, or do a Christmas themed craft activity.



Do drop in to St Andrew's Centre for the Advent Iona Drop-In event, between 14:00 and 16:45, finishing when the town Christmas lights are switched on. For more details, please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1500: The service will include favourite advent carols and will feature the Abbey Choir singing beautiful advent anthems in the gorgeous setting of Pershore Abbey. This service will be livestreamed via our YouTube Channel [#pershoreabbeycommunity](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). If you would like to be a reader at this service please contact Claire.

PERSHORE ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE COFFEE MORNING: **Monday 28 November from 1000 in Pershore Abbey.** Come along and help dress the Abbey Christmas Tree - there will be coffee and perhaps even a mince pie! **We look forward to welcoming you.**



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



ADVENT COMPLINE BY ZOOM MONDAYS IN ADVENT AT 1900: Please join us for this quiet and reflective service as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Once again we will be meeting on Zoom from the comfort of our own homes for this 20 minute service which will enable us all to pause and reflect on our Advent journeys. Join us live at **1900** on **28 November, 5 December, 12 December** and **19 December**.

If you would like to be part of this service, please email me at vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link and a copy of the order of service. *Claire*



EDIBLE NATIVITY SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER FROM 1030-1145, ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: Join us as we tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a fun way, making an edible nativity. There may be gingerbread involved - yum!!!

Drop off your child by 1030 at St. Andrew's and collect them from the Abbey at 1145 or stay with your child if younger. Places are strictly limited to 20, so please book your place by emailing office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on **01386 552071**. **YOU MUST BOOK BY 27 NOVEMBER TO SECURE A PLACE!**

TRAIDCRAFT ADVENT CALENDARS can be ordered now! There are three types available:

- ◆ Real advent chocolate calendar containing a nativity story booklet
- ◆ Divine advent chocolate calendar
- ◆ Non-chocolate calendar.



TRAIDCRAFT

Please order from the Abbey Traidcraft stall or contact Dora on email dorabpaynter@hotmail.com

FOLLOW THE STAR - THE GREAT INVITATION: Following a series of difficult Christmases, the Church of England's campaign for 2022 focusses on encouraging everyone to share the joy of gathering together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with their family, friends and neighbours - especially after two years where this has been impossible for many.



If you would like to order one of the **Follow The Star: The Great Invitation Reflection Booklets**, consisting of 12 reflections from a range of authors sharing personal stories exploring themes of invitation, please contact the office@pershoreabbey.org.uk as we will have a limited stock available from the middle of December priced at just **£1.00**.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NATIONAL ONLINE SERVICES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: In collaboration with a range of Christian charities and organisations, the C of E will produce online services for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas. They will all be broadcast on the C of E YouTube channel and Facebook page.

You can find more information on this year's theme from the Church of England website: **Follow the Star - The Great Invitation**



We invite you all to join us in church and online
PERSHORE BENEFICE for CHRISTMAS 2022

In addition to these special seasonal services and activities,
our regular Sunday worship services will continue
to take place each week as usual

Sunday 27 November

- 1400 Advent Iona Drop-In Event with music & crafts 1400-1645 (*St Andrew's Centre*)
- 1500 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Sunday 4 December

- 1030 Edible Nativity - Booking Essential (*St Andrew's Centre*)*
Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call 01386 552071 by 27 November

Sunday 18 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Tinsel-Free Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Holy Communion and Carols (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
- 1700 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1800 Carol Service (*St Mary's, Wick - followed by party and panto at Wick club*)
- 1800 Carol and Christingle Service (*St James', Birlingham*)

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

- 1530 Christingle Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
Dress up in your favourite nativity outfit for our traditional Christingle!
- 1600 Christingle Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1700 Christingle and Crib Service (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)
- 2315 Midnight Mass with choir (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 0900 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1030 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)
- 1030 All Age Eucharist with choir (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

New Year's Day Sunday 1 January

- 0800 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

*Join in with our **LIVESTREAM** services at the time advertised on the
Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel or catch up later



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HARVEST FESTIVAL ROUNDUP

We had a wonderful range of Harvest Festival services across the Benefice this Autumn, and thanks to the generosity of our congregations at Pershore Abbey, St Mary's, St James' and St Nicholas, we were able to share the fruits of our bountiful harvest and food collections with the Foodbank and help those facing a difficult and uncertain winter.

Pershore Abbey received a letter of thanks from Lynne Raymer of Pershore Foodbank for their generous donations this year, which totalled a staggering **69kg** of food - that's the equivalent of around **164 meals**, while Pinvin donated **25kg** of food which roughly equates to **59 meals**.



Our churches looked absolutely beautiful too, with fantastic arrangements of flowers, fruit and seasonal produce. Wick produced a beautiful foam-free display which embraced our eco-mission fully.

Wick Harvest Foam Free Display

SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE ORCHARD IN WICK:

These apples and pears have all come from one orchard in Wick and as I was picking them it occurred to me what a metaphor for life the orchard was. Lots of different varieties living alongside each other, some were young trees whilst others were dead or on the decline. Fruits came in all shapes, tastes, sizes and colours and some had genetic faults and others had damage due to a variety of reason inflicted on them from life in the orchard. But they were all living in God's Orchard. They also were all destined to become something different; some would be juiced and others made into cider or Perry, some were good eaters and others keepers, yet others food for birds, wasps, and small mammals, or if they stayed where they dropped then they would provide fertility for next year's crop.

I wonder what we are intended to become?

What a shame the world can not be as accepting as the orchards.



Clair Mickle-Taylor

MOTHER'S UNION FOCUS ON VIOLENCE



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE

Every year this movement takes place from 25 November (The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10 December (World Human Rights Day). During these 16 days people around the world will unite to raise awareness about gender based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and call for improved laws and services for women who are affected by violence.

In many countries young girls have to undergo female genital mutilation as part of their culture. The Mothers' Union works with local people to educate village elders to change their attitudes and make this practice illegal.

Many societies see women as possessions with no rights; the Mothers' Union pays local workers to inform women of their rights and work with whole families to change attitudes and encourage mutual respect in families.

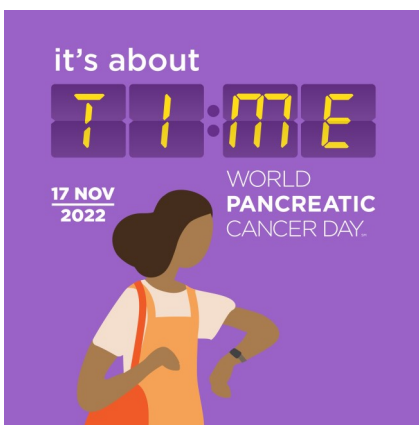
In this country, Domestic Violence affects all levels of society and the Mothers' Union is working with Women's Aid to educate people about this problem.

In our Diocese Mothers' Union supports 2 refuges that offer a safe place for women and their children. They offer physical, moral and spiritual support and offer trauma counselling. They work with the women to build up their confidence and train them with skills which will help them find work, a home and security.

During the Marriage Preparation sessions we offer to those getting married in our Benefice, the team raise the subject of Domestic Violence and give out a leaflet with the addresses and contact details of organisations that can help those experiencing abuse.

Rev. Alma Organ, Branch Leader

PERSHORE ABBEY LIGHTS UP IN SUPPORT OF CHARITIES



PERSHORE ABBEY LIT UP TO MARK WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY: 'Purple lights for pancreatic cancer' is an annual campaign in the U.K. during November's Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and this year Pershore Abbey will be illuminated in purple for World Pancreatic Cancer Day on **17 November 2022.**

"With pancreatic cancer, silence is deadly. It's a disease that gets too little attention or funding and far too many people are dying because of it.

Right now people are being diagnosed too late for treatment; too late to survive. By 2026, it will become the fourth-biggest cancer killer. I know first hand - I worked in a hospice and then it hit my family." *Angela Gerrard*

Find out more here: www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/get-involved

CHRISTMAS GIFTS & MORE . . .

NEW GIFTS FOR THE PERSHORE ABBEY BOOKSTALL: As well as the wide range of wonderful cards and gifts that the bookstall already offers our congregation and visitors, don't forget we now have a gorgeous selection of Pershore Abbey souvenir bears and jute shoppers to complete the collection. Bears will be available at **£6.00** each, with the shoppers available soon at just **£8.00**.

We are sure that our bags and bears are going to be very popular and desirable, so if you are a bookstall volunteer or welcomer, please do make sure that you are on hand for your session to help customers and to keep an eye on our stock!



PERSHORE ABBEY TRAIDCRAFT DATES

- 06 NOVEMBER
- 20 NOVEMBER
- 04 DECEMBER
- 18 DECEMBER

We look forward to seeing you!

We hope to have our very own Pershore Abbey Christmas Cards on sale soon too - so do visit the Bookstall next time you are near Pershore Abbey and see what's on offer!

And don't forget to visit the Pershore Abbey Traidcraft Stall for great Christmas gifts and to pre-order your choice of advent calendar
See page 4 for further details

If you would like to volunteer for the Traidcraft Stall please reach out to them on one of these Sundays

SAVE THE DATE!

PASA COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1030-1200 NOON: Join us for coffee, cakes and chat and share in our '**Give and Take**' stall as we celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the St Andrew's Centre.

Bring along **ONE** item—a **book, small gift** or **decoration** that you want to give and then in return take something that someone else has brought. No clothes or bric-a-brac please! Iris Champken will also be selling her lovely cards. Just drop in to **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and 1200. *Jane Knox, PASA (Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's)*



PIPE DREAMS
Empowering Pershore Abbey
to keep saying Yes

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 soon, but for now, please save the date **20 - 23 April 2023**. Do join us as we finally realise our **Pipe Dream**.

We are looking forward to welcoming a college choir to our Festival. If you can help with accommodation for 1 or 2 students for two nights, please let the Benefice Office know!

More exciting news on our fabulous Organ Festival coming in next month's edition!

IONA PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 2022

Six Christian Pilgrims gathered for prayer on Worcester Parkway's Northbound platform on Friday 23 September 2022. Their journey was to take them to the Island of Iona off the coast of the larger Scottish island of Mull in the Inner Hebrides. With 25 or so other visitors, they were due to stay with members of the Iona community at Iona Abbey for 6 nights. Whilst there, the pilgrims would participate in all the Abbey's daily activities including housekeeping tasks, morning and evening church services, study, singing, healthy walks and a trip to the even remoter and uninhabited island of Staffa to marvel at Fingal's Cave.

The island of Iona is 4 miles long and less than 1 mile wide with a permanent population of 170. It has a primary school with 17 pupils. At the age of 11 school children must leave Iona and travel on a Monday morning to secondary school in Oban on the mainland and return late on Friday evenings. Thousands of visitors throng the quiet country lanes of the island during the summer season to visit the Abbey & its museum.



Arriving on Iona

36 hours after setting off, we stepped ashore on the island. The weather was sunny, warm, and welcoming. The journey had been pleasant but long. It necessitated an overnight stay in a comfortable Oban hotel. As train trips go, the journey had been uneventful. Four different trains conveyed our pilgrims north. The final 3-hour leg from Glasgow to Oban runs alongside the Clyde before climbing into the highlands to look down on the Faslane Submarine base before skirting Lochs Lomond & Awe. The scenery is stunning at any time of year and our Pilgrims were dazzled by the autumnal colours as they travelled ever northwards.

Upon arrival at Iona Abbey our pilgrims were introduced to the remaining guests with whom friendships would be formed in the coming days. Some had travelled much further than our Worcestershire pilgrims. Two ministers were from New York, another was from Canada. An elderly German couple taught us much about patience and love. A full programme of talks and activities was on offer. Some guests had arrived with specific aims of their own in mind. One man (a priest) was writing a hymn and took himself off for long walks around the island seeking inspiration from the landscape that, centuries before, had attracted monks from Ireland to settle and build the Abbey. Others had brought skills with them that they wished to share – art workshops were planned for the creative.

As the days unfolded our pilgrims were exposed to the community's daily regime and to the realities of island life with everything an Atlantic coastal existence brings. The weather is a dominant factor. What to wear (waterproofs or t-shirts) is a constant topic. The (unheated) Abbey church provided our pilgrims with a reminder of what harder worshippers normally experience as nights draw in and extra thermal layers become a requirement.

IONA PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 2022



The Cloister

The underlying theme of the week “Time and Space” drew our pilgrims again and again to focus on bible study, worship, and the company of fellow pilgrims. As we got to know one another we were again reminded of the Christian unity we can all enjoy. The Iona Community is ecumenical - being open to all believing Christians irrespective of their affiliations. We discovered that bridge building is much more fun than erecting barriers and that there are unspoken levels of belief that simply transcend definition. “Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words” is an encouragement attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

What a powerful reminder of such a simple truth!

And who can argue with the statement that God’s love conquers all? The love of God tears down the power of sin in our lives, heals bitterness, and causes us to want the best for other believers.

Having been warned of approaching storms, our pilgrims returned a day early to Worcestershire - making the return trip in fourteen hours.

They ended, as they began, with prayer on the station platform. *Michael Hodges*



VOCATIONS MARKETPLACE EVENT - TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022: A virtual Zoom event from the Diocese of Worcester for those wanting to explore God’s call on their lives and particularly those beginning to think about some form of ministry in the church. The event will focus on:

- Ordained Ministry (stipendiary and self-supporting)
- Licensed Lay Ministry / Reader
- Authorized Lay Ministry (esp. Pastoral and Worship streams)
- Youth & Children’s work (inc. ALM Youth & Children’s stream)
- Not sure / Those who are not sure exactly what God is calling them to.

During the evening participants will consider some general principles around vocation and ministry and there is the offer of breakout sessions on each of the above bullet points, with the people responsible for selection and training for these. Everyone attending will have the opportunity to join two of these breakout sessions, so they don’t need to have a specific ministry in mind, but it would be good to think in advance about which two workshop sessions might be of most benefit to you if you wish to attend.

Places must be booked in advance, and this can be done simply by emailing training@cofe-worcester.org.uk before **Friday 11 November 2022**.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

WICK VILLAGE SHOEBOX SESSION MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 1030-1200 WICK CLUB: As a result of COVID restrictions we have not been able to get together over the last two years to pack and send off shoeboxes to needy children. However we are pleased to say that this year we are starting again!

How to get involved in the Shoebox Appeal in Wick?

You can either pack your own box wrapped in Christmas paper and bring it to the packing session, or collect some of the items needed and join in a community packing session in **Wick Club** on **Monday 14 November** from **1000** to **1200**. All are welcome, we will have ready wrapped shoeboxes available for packing.

We need all the usual items, toiletries, toys, notebooks, pens & pencils, toys, sweets (use by date from June), gloves, hats, scarves, etc., more ideas for things to include are available on the Teams4U website www.Teams4U.com and on the information leaflets which are available in Wick church, together with some wrapped boxes.



Pershore and Evesham have moved to a new venue!

Dementia Cafe

Free admission

Wick Club
Main St, Wick,
Pershore
WR10 3NZ



Starting Tuesday 20th September
Then every *third Tuesday* of the month 10:30 am - 12:30 pm



For people with dementia, their families and carers

**For more information
please contact us**

Call our Referral Hub
0800 008 6077

or email
referralhub@ageukhw.org.uk

PLEASE CONTACT THE
BENEFICE OFFICE FOR
MORE NEWS AND
INFORMATION FROM
WICK AND WE WILL PUT
YOU IN TOUCH!
BENEFICE OFFICE

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

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

ECO CHURCH

PERSHORE ABBEY BIODIVERSITY AREA - AN UPDATE

On **Thursday 13 October** the Eco Church Land Group was joined by the nearby Holy Redeemer Primary School Eco Club in re-establishing the Biodiversity area on the Abbey grounds. The perimeter of the area and some internal circles were scarified last week by Wychavon District Council Contractors to expose the soil ahead of the sowing. The aim was to expose around 50% soil. Autumn is a good time for seed sowing. There is some residual warmth in the soil, it will remain damp through the autumn & winter and enable germination of the seed ahead of proper growth next spring.

A seed mix that included 26 different wildflowers was sown, including Ox Eye Daisy, Knapweed, Poppy, Ragged Robin, Scabious, Yarrow. Additionally some locally gathered Yellow Rattle seed was sown, donated by the Vale Landscape Heritage Trust, in a few areas. Yellow Rattle is a parasite of grass and will reduce its vigour if it can get a hold. We do not expect the area to be a blaze of colour next summer but are hopeful of some success. It would be really good to attract bees and other pollinating insects. Nature will do its work, we have tried to give the sowing the best chance of success so fingers crossed!

It was really good to be joined by the children. They were really enthusiastic and very much got 'stuck in'. It is great to involve the local community in an Abbey project like this and we look forward to inviting them again to participate in future activities. They went away with plans to create there own wildflower area on their school grounds!



GOOD NEWS! Pershore Town Council have awarded us a grant for **£104.50** to cover the remainder of the cost for the wildflower seed! Many thanks to the Town Council for their support of this project, along with Pershore Rotary and Wychavon District Council.

COST CUTTING SUCCESS! A recent reading of the Abbey and St Andrew's Gas and Electric meters revealed good news! Compared with previous years, our consumption is well down - which is a great result for our Zero carbon targets and also for our costs. Take a look at our ECO boards for more information.

It's a big thank you to you all - for bearing with the reduced heating, keeping those doors shut and the lights switched off. It's a thank you too to the Friends of Pershore Abbey for funding those boiler controls and new lighting, for Wychavon for funding the boiler controls in St Andrew's and to the lottery players for the St Andrew's lighting.

**NEXT ABBEY
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

18 JAN 2023 1915
ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM
Please feel free to join us at one of our meetings

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

The Foodbank received a record-breaking number of donations over the Harvest Festival period. This has been heartening, not just for our vulnerable and increasingly anxious clients, but also for our hard-pressed volunteers. I'm delighted to be able to tell you that this year those stalwart individuals will be at last having their first proper Christmas "bash" since before the pandemic.

We have been getting together with some of our partners in the community: the Wellbeing Hub, Volunteer Centre, Riverside Centre, Community Cupboard, Abbey Park School (please excuse me if I have overlooked anyone) in order to share information and ideas. Hopefully, this joined-up approach will help us all to target those individuals most in need of support and ensure that no-one in Pershore and the surrounding area falls through the net.

Both the "Warm in Bed" scheme for winter-weight bedding and the "Fruit Salad" vouchers for fresh fruit and vegetables are working out well and have been extremely positively received. These locally-administered ideas are funded by Pershore Foodbank from your very generous donations but would not be possible without the kind support of the management and staff at the Pershore Factory Shop and Fruit Salad greengrocers.

This year we will be repeating our special Christmas Hampers, which are delivered to everyone who has accessed the Foodbank during the previous weeks. I just wanted to reassure you that there is no need for anyone to be concerned over the nutritional value of all those delicious seasonal treats because we still give out our regular parcels of basic foodstuffs in accordance with the Trussell Trust guidelines.

Nicola Ainsworth

For further info please see our website

www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk or contact us on

01386 555347



Artwork: Betty Haines



**THE PERSHORE FOODBANK IS OPEN IN THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE 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: Our Pastoral Team continue to work hard to reach out to everyone in our congregation and community. If either you, or anyone you know, would benefit from their support please contact Claire on **vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk**, speak to Angela Gerrard or contact the office.

Facebook: **#pershoreabbeycom** YouTube: **Pershore Abbey Community**

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 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, but 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 6 NOVEMBER

3rd Before Advent

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 All Souls' Service *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday

0800 Eucharist

1040 Remembrance Service *with LiveStream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Christ the King / Safeguarding Sunday

0800 Eucharist

0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Advent Sunday / Christmas Tree Sunday

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1400 Advent Iona Drop In Event
(*St Andrews's 1400-1645*)

1500 Advent Carol Service *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

Advent 2

0800 Eucharist (BCP)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

1500 Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

1030 Morning Praise

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

1030 Sunday Praise Patronal Service

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

1030 Outdoor Tree Service

Jubilee Wood, Sturdy shoes advised

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

1030 Morning Praise

POSITIONS VACANT

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR URGENTLY REQUIRED: Please see advert below for further details or call 01386 552071 or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

A NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER FOR THE ABBEY: Following the news that we have secured funding for a new children and families worker for the Abbey to help us in developing our mission to children, young people, and families, we are pleased to announce that the role is now open for applications.

Our role is now live on the Worcester Diocese website. You can read more about the job and download a full description and person specification at:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-and-families-worker.php>

You can also complete an online application form following this link.

The closing date for applications is **30 November 2022**.

Please do share news of this role and help us to further our commitment to young people and their families.

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS & EVENTS NOVEMBER 2022

SATURDAY 05 NOVEMBER 1430

Philomusica

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1430

Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra
50th Anniversary Concert

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral Autumn Concert

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1930

Vocal High with Sisters of Sound

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1930

Baroque Singers of the
Elgar School of Music

SATURDAY 03 DECEMBER 1400

Worcester Federation of WI's &
Rock Choir Christmas Kick-Off



Pershore Benefice

THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE
with

St Nicholas' Pinvin, St Mary's Wick, St James' Birlingham

POSITION AVAILABLE

Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Centre

Events Coordinator

We need an active and energetic person to help us with all our events held at both Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Centre. Many of our events are on Saturdays with some on other weekday evenings.

An allowance of £3,000pa is available.

Details and an application form are available in the Office or Phone: 01386 552071

Email: office.pershoreabbey@gmail.com

Closing date for Applications

14 November 2022

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