

# CHURCH NEWS

## Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

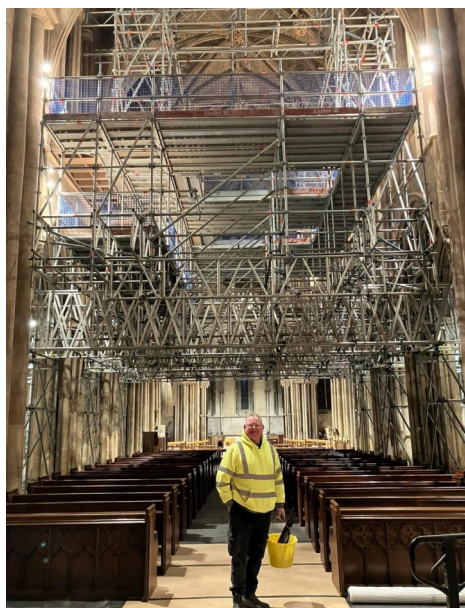
January /February 2023

### Welcome to our first Monthly Edition of 2023.

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

There is so much happening in the Benefice at the moment it's hard to believe that the year has only just begun! Read on to find out more . . .

### ORGAN INSTALLATION - EFFECTS OF THE SCAFFOLDING ON PERSHORE ABBEY



With the scaffolding now in place to allow for the installation of the new organ, a few things will be different for a while.

**LIVE STREAMING:** We are now very limited in what the cameras can see given the extent of the scaffolding. This means that we will broadcast only one shot for an entire service or still pictures with sound. Services will still be broadcast, and you will be able to hear them even if the pictures are limited. As they used to say, 'Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible'. In the meantime, we hope you can still enjoy our services while we get ready for the organ to be ready.

**FLOORING:** The floor of the Abbey has been covered in protective material for the installation of the scaffolding. We have decided that this temporary flooring will remain in place while work continues so that our main floor is safe. So please do be careful as some parts of the floor may be uneven.

**LIGHT LEVELS:** The light levels in the Abbey have been affected by the scaffolding, so it will be a little darker in the pews. Please bear with us through this period.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our website for all the latest organ news

[www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/pipe-dreams](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/pipe-dreams)

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**LIVE STREAMING SOS:** Given some recent illness, we could really do with some more help in operating our **Live Streaming**. Full training will be given, and it is really worthwhile knowing you are bringing our services to those who cannot join us in person. If you can help, please speak to the current operators, a Churchwarden, Claire or contact the Office. *Thank you*

## LENT IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE

**“A PLACE FOR US” - CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE (CTiP) LENT COURSE 2023: “A Place for Us”** is an original Lent course based on the recent film production of **West Side Story**. Through study and discussion of key scenes from the movie, related to Lent passages from scripture, Lavinia Byrne and Jane McBride help us to reflect on fear, love, betrayal, death, and reconciliation. The course will run for 5 sessions over two venues during Lent, further details available on page 3.



**PERSHORE ABBEY ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** Joining a service on Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. Traditionally a cross made out of ash is marked on a forehead, as a sign of our penitence and God’s forgiveness. Our services will take place on:

- ♦ **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 0830 AT ST ANDREW’S:** Matins and Eucharist with imposition of ashes. We will also be observing silence from 0800. Please wait in the porch area until 0830 if you just wish to attend the service.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1930 AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes

**LENT COMPLINE BY ZOOM MONDAYS AT 1900:** Join us via Zoom in this opportunity to share in the quiet and peace of Compline during Lent, with a reflection. Our Zoom sessions will take place on Mondays in Lent from 27 February and on Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 April in Holy Week. All of our half-hour services will begin at 1900. Please contact Claire at [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the Zoom link each week.

**PRAY ONE FOR ME:** Members of CTiP plan to meet in the Apse on Ash Wednesday before going out on to the streets of Pershore between 1100 and 1200 to gather prayers from the community to be read at the Ash Wednesday 1930 service. This is part of the Worcester Diocese “Pray One For Me” initiative that seeks to reach out to people and offer them the opportunity for their prayers to be heard.

### PALM CROSSES NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please leave your old palm crosses in the box at the back of Pershore Abbey as we need to recreate the ash in the traditional way for this year’s Ash Wednesday services on  
**22 FEBRUARY**



## CTiP LENT APPEAL LAUNCH & LENTEN LUNCHES

### LENTEN APPEAL LAUNCH

SHROVE TUESDAY

21 FEBRUARY

ST ANDREW’S CENTRE

in aid of

iSing  
**POP**

iSingPOP is a singing, performing, and resourcing project that helps children and families engage in Collective Worship in school, church, and at home.

<https://www.isingpop.org/>

Pancakes at **13:30** followed by presentation  
*Please do not arrive earlier than 13.20*

### LENTEN LUNCHES

JOIN US THIS MARCH FOR HEARTY SOUP AND A ROLL

ALL WELCOME



**ST ANDREW’S CENTRE**

**12:00 - 14:00**

*(Last orders 13:30)*

**THURSDAYS**

**2, 9, 16 & 23 MARCH**

## “ A PLACE FOR US” LENT GROUPS FROM WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

“A Place for Us” is an original Lent course based on the recent film production of **West Side Story** directed by Steven Spielberg and featuring the songs of Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein. Through study and discussion of key scenes from the movie, related to Lent passages from scripture, **Lavinia Byrne** and **Jane McBride** help us to reflect on fear, love, betrayal, death, and reconciliation.



The course will run for 5 sessions over two venues during Lent.

**St. Andrew's** sessions will take place on **Thursday afternoons** after Lenten Lunches on the following days from **1400-1530**:

- Thursday 2 March
- Thursday 9 March
- Thursday 16 March
- Thursday 23 March
- Thursday 30 March

**Baptist Church** sessions will take place on **Wednesday evenings** on the following days from **1900-2030**:

- Wednesday 1 March
- Wednesday 8 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Wednesday 22 March
- Wednesday 29 March

There may be an additional evening added to the programme for a viewing of West Side Story! Sign up sheets will be available at CTiP churches soon. There will be a voluntary **£6** contribution for course material.

## CTIP LENTEN LAUNCH APPEAL SHROVE TUESDAY

**21 FEBRUARY**

**ST ANDREW'S CENTRE**

This year we are supporting

iSing  
**POP**

Pancakes at **13:30**

followed by presentation

*Please do not arrive earlier than 13.20*

## LENTEN LUNCHES ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

**THURSDAY**

**2, 9, 16 & 23 MARCH**

**12:00 - 14:00**

*Last orders at 13:30*

**PRAY ONE FOR ME: ASH WEDNESDAY**

**22 FEBRUARY 1100-1200 MEET IN PERSHORE ABBEY APSE**

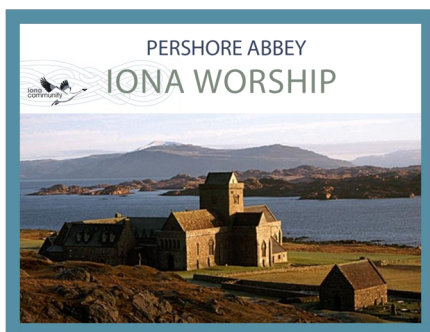
## MINISTRY NEWS

This year the CTIP Unity Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at **1500 on Sunday 22 January at Abbey Park Middle School**



**IONA WORSHIP AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** It wasn't until people started joining Pershore Abbey Iona Service from around the Midlands area, that it began to dawn on me how special and unusual the service was. In fact, I have been unable to find a whisper of another regular Iona service the length and breadth of England.

The Pershore Abbey Iona Service is usually on the fourth Sunday of the month at 1700 in the Abbey but is also on Zoom for those who are unable to attend. It is small and informal, so we are able to sit in a circle and sometimes have discussions or practical activities. We use worship materials produced by the Iona Community, have time and space for reflection, and sing thoughtful songs often set to folk tunes from around the world. The themes chosen vary, including social, personal and environmental themes. It's an opportunity to be in an inclusive, supportive group of people who are open to try something a little different. Further details from [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk). *Helen*



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 22 JANUARY & SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY  
1700 PERSHORE ABBEY**

We hope you will join us either in person or via Zoom.

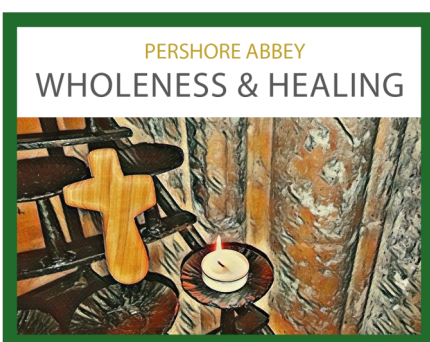
Contact [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the Zoom link



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY  
0945 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE**

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



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY  
1700 PERSHORE ABBEY**

You can also 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

## MINISTRY NEWS CONT.

### **INTRODUCING SAM ANDREWS—THE ABBEY’S NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER**

When the PCC met for an Away Day (we went all the way to St Andrew’s) last March, we reviewed our Mission Action Plan following Covid. A lively day ended with 3 interlinked priorities:

1. Reaching out to the community
2. Children and youth
3. Attracting 30-50-yearolds

The full PCC supported these and agreed that we should make a bid to the Diocesan Healthier Churches Fund for a part-time post to support us with our aims.

A small PCC ‘Mission Group’ was established comprised of Claire, Suzanne Clarke), Peter Stansbie and Martin Fowler, to work through the detail and oversee the post if we were successful. The bid was duly submitted and after some discussions and ‘tweaking’ we were successful in obtaining 5 years funding for a half-time post. The Diocese helped us with advertising the post and Simon Hill, Diocesan Youth Officer, joined us for interviews in December. Our own Sam Andrews was the best candidate and has accepted the job. She will start work with us in February so do look out for her as she starts this exciting role. Here is her take on things:



For those who don’t know me my name is Sam Andrews. I am married to Ben and have 2 sons, Calum (22) and James (18).

I am a Brownie Guider and have been for the past 30 years, I have also worked at a local primary school for almost 15 years and I am involved in working with children at the Abbey. This has been through various children’s activities e.g., the Good Friday Activity Day (which I attended as a child!), Junior Church and more recently the Edible Nativity.

I see this new job as a great opportunity to find new ways to share my faith and encourage children and their families to want to find out more about Jesus. I am very excited and look forward to embracing the challenges this role may bring, and I can’t wait to get started! *Sam*

## IN LOVING MEMORY

**MIKE PEGG FRCO:** It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mike Pegg. For many years he was a faithful servant of the Abbey, sharing his musical skills and talent as our Director of Music. Mike faithfully travelled in to Pershore every Sunday to be with us and was part of some significant musical events in the life of the Abbey, including a recording of BBC Songs of Praise. Mike retired at Easter in 2019. We give thanks to God for all that Mike did for us in the service of God’s Church. Please remember Laurel and all the family in your prayers. Details of Mike’s service will follow. *Claire*

## MINISTRY NEWS CONT.

**BENEFICE SERVICE 1030 29 JANUARY AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** We look forward to welcoming the congregations of all the churches that make up the Pershore Benefice to Pershore Abbey once again on **Sunday 29 January** for the 1030 Eucharist. We come together to celebrate Candlemas and commemorate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

**WHOLENESS & HEALING TEAM LOOKING FOR SUPPORT:** As well as our regular Sunday service, on every 3rd Sunday the Wholeness & Healing team give the ministry of healing prayer to those who would want this in the St John chapel after they have received communion. We are looking for people to assist/support the person saying the prayer. Should you feel able to assist please speak to Claire or Angela. *Thank you.*



**A WARM WELCOME SPACE FROM PERSHORE CHURCHES:** Everyone is welcome to come in from the cold and enjoy a hot drink and chat with friends this winter. **Pershore Baptist Church** will be open from **1000-1600** on **Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays, 1300-1600** on **Wednesdays** and **1000-1600** on **Fridays**. **Holy Redeemer** opens from **4 January** on **Wednesdays 1000-1300** and **Thursdays 1300-1600** and **Pershore Library** will also be offering a warm space during their regular opening times, **Monday -Saturday**.

**PERSHORE ABBEY APCM REPORTS DEADLINE 17 FEBRUARY 2023:** The Pershore Abbey APCM will be held on **Tuesday 2 May 2023**. If you have been asked to prepare a report for the year covering 2022, please can you send your report in to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) by **Friday February 17** at the latest in order for us to prepare, collate and distribute the APCM Booklet in time for the meeting.

If you have not received an email requesting your report and believe that you should have been asked to submit a report, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your help in enabling the office to complete this task. Our deadline is a little earlier this year as the office will also be preparing for Easter and our Organ Festival, so your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## ECO CHURCH

**NEXT ABBEY  
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023 1915**  
**ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM**  
Please feel free to join us at one of our meetings

**NEXT ABBEY  
LITTER PICK DATE:**

**SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023 1000**  
Meet at the West End of the Abbey  
All Welcome - Equipment Provided

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

### ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM ACHIEVES BRONZE ECO CHURCH AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that St James', Birlingham were awarded their Bronze Eco Church Award just before Christmas.

This is a fabulous achievement and our congratulations go to all those in Birlingham who have worked so hard to attain this status. No mean feat for a village church!

**BIRLINGHAM BULB SERVICE SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 1500:** And we stay with the environment and Birlingham as we invite you all to attend St James' for the annual Bulb Sunday service which will take place on February 5 at 1500.



### BULB SUNDAY SERVICE



It will be a celebration in song and word to welcome the reappearance of the beautiful snowdrops in the Churchyard and a thanksgiving to our Creator God. There will be contributions from Upton Parish Choir and a variety of talented villagers and, of course, an opportunity to sample the famous Birlingham Bulb Teas after the service.

*Adrienne Woodward, Churchwarden, Birlingham*

**BIRLINGHAM BULB TEAS:** Snowdrop Teas will be held in Birlingham Village Hall on Saturdays and Sundays throughout February from 1100-1600.

All of the Pershore Benefice churches, churchyards and villages are wonderful to visit at this time of year as winter snowdrops and early spring bulbs push their way through with the promise of warmer days to come! Why not visit one of them today?

**SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS OF OUR SERVICES IN PINVIN, WICK AND BIRLINGHAM THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.**

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  
BIRLINGHAM PLEASE  
VISIT THE VILLAGE  
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**

## PERSHORE ABBEY AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (PASA)

**THANK YOU:** PASA would like to thank all who were in anyway involved in the post-Christmas afternoon tea held in St. Andrew's hall on Wednesday 28 December. Everyone who attended and helped really enjoyed the afternoon. Please put a note in your diary for **Thursday 28 December 2023** when PASA will again be inviting those who would like some good company and afternoon tea post-Christmas!

There were 14 guests and 10 visitors to the Abbey who came in during the afternoon to help "eat up"! 6 hosts helped on the afternoon along with those in the background who provided delicious cakes, scones, jam (homemade), sausage rolls and sandwiches. A veritable feast was had by all and it was a lovely way to spend a dark, wet winter's afternoon in the warmth and fellowship of St. Andrew's.

**FISH & CHIP SUPPER & QUIZ 11 FEBRUARY 1845 ST ANDREW'S:** The next PASA event is the Quiz night with a fish and chip supper on **Saturday 11 February** at 1845. Tickets are **£10** to include fish and chips, a soft drink, tea or coffee, (or bring your own!) a bonus raffle ticket and of course the Quiz. A raffle will be held on the evening so if you have any prizes you would like to donate please can you give them to the Abbey Office or a PASA member. Tickets available from Julie Newman.

**PERSHORE ABBEY COFFEE MORNING DATES:** Our next coffee mornings will be held on the following dates in St Andrew's from **1030 - 1200** noon. **January 21, February 18, March 18.** All welcome.

**HELP NEEDED FOR LENTEN LUNCHESES:** PASA are running the first Lent Lunch on **Thursday 2 March** in St. Andrew's. Any offers of making a pan of soup (all ingredients used will have to be listed please) will be gratefully received. Please ring Jane Knox on 556981 if you can help, thank you.

## VACANCIES



[www.faithatwork.org.uk](http://www.faithatwork.org.uk)

### ROLE ADVERTISEMENT

Registered Charity: 1176881

### Treasurer & Trustee (Volunteer)

For the Ecumenical Charity, Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW)

The trustees wish to appoint a trustee and treasurer, to advise and lead the financial oversight and management of the charity. The treasurer will work closely with the charity's staff, including the Admin and Comms Officer who undertakes all day-to-day bookkeeping duties, and report quarterly to the Board of Trustees.

FWW operates a Safer Recruitment policy for all posts, including volunteers. Expressions of interest are invited from any qualified person. Deadline: Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> (12:00 noon). An informal interview will take place on or about March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To submit an expression of interest, or for more information, role description and person specification, please email [enquiries@faithatwork.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@faithatwork.org.uk) or phone 07946 655450.



## PIPE DREAMS - PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

**ABBEY OPEN AS NORMAL FOR THE REMAINDER OF JANUARY 2023:** The Abbey will be open as normal over the next few weeks as we prepare for the next phase of the installation.

### **ABBEY OPEN WITH RESTRICTED ACCESS TO SOME AREAS IN FEBRUARY 2023:**

Work will take place in the Abbey from **0700 to 1900 Monday - Saturday**. During this time we expect the Abbey to remain open, but access to areas where work is taking place may be restricted. The start date is currently flexible.

**ABBEY CLOSED 27 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH 2023:** The work to remove the scaffolding is due to take place between **27 February** and **3 March**. The start date is currently flexible. This work will take place between **0700** and **1200 midnight** over this period. The Abbey will be **CLOSED**.

We will, of course, be communicating closely and clearly with all of our volunteers, congregation and visitors over this period to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum.

**Daily Offices** will now be observed in the Apse as normal, but will move to the Choir Vestry when work is taking place.

**Sunday Services** will continue to be observed as normal in the Abbey throughout the installation period.

If you have any questions at all, please do contact us via [\*\*office@pershoreabbey.org.uk\*\*](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) and we will be more than happy to advise.

As with all works, it may be necessary to adjust this schedule. We will use the weekly bulletin and the Monthly Edition, together with clear signage in and around the Abbey, to keep you informed.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we make our  
Pipe Dream a reality

## PIPE DREAMS - ORGAN FESTIVAL

### **PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN FESTIVAL - CALL FOR STUDENT HOSTS**

As you know, we are very excited to be welcoming student from Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, to be part of our Organ Festival, along with their Precentor and Director of Studies in Music, Matthew Martin, who is our organ consultant.

We are still looking for hosts to look after our students and provide a bed on **20** and **21 April**. Students will ideally be hosted in pairs.

Hosts will need to provide a breakfast on Friday and Saturday morning together with an evening meal on Thursday, if possible. A meal will be provided in St Andrew's for all our students on Friday evening, prior to the concert.

If you can offer a spare room and share some Pershore hospitality and fellowship with our students, please contact Claire as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

## ST ANDREW'S UPDATE



Last Spring the Trustees were delighted to receive a grant of nearly £10,000 from the Lottery. Some of the improvements you may have noticed - there has been more LED lighting (helping to keep our energy costs down), electrical sockets (less trailing leads) and behind the scenes improvements to the kitchen. We should have a new washer soon - how many thousand cups and plates has the old one done?

Over the years we have had the audio visual screens and sound system, the original dishwasher, the hot water boiler, to name but a few. Many thanks to those supporting the work of the National Lottery.

## ABBEY LINK

**ABBEY LINK IDEAS REQUESTED!** The Spring edition of Abbey Link is now in production and I'm inviting everyone to make suggestions for articles. What would you like to see in the magazine? Have you a question to be answered or a subject to be explored? If you have, you can reach me at [editor@perhoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:editor@perhoreabbey.org.uk) or speak to me in person on Sunday. You could even consider writing something yourself, but just suggestions would be great! I can't promise to publish everything, but no idea is wasted. Thank you!  
*Christopher Kimberley*

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

Pershore Foodbank helped a record number of people during the month of December with numbers nearly doubling on previous years' attendance. In addition to our regular food parcels we also delivered close to a hundred Christmas hampers and meat vouchers to bring a little seasonal cheer into the lives of struggling families.

We work closely with our partner charities such as The Wellbeing Hub, Riverside Centre and Community Cupboard but are also very grateful for all the additional loving care provided to our clients by individual members of our churches and schools. We hear of such acts of kindness on a regular basis and I'd like to take this opportunity to offer our sincerest thanks.

**DONATION REQUESTS:**      **Tinned goods:** Vegetables, Meat, Fish, Soup, Fruit  
   **Long life milk**  
   **Cleaning products**



**THE PERSHORE FOODBANK IS OPEN IN THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE ON  
TUESDAYS 1100 - 1300 AND FRIDAYS 1300 - 1500**

For further info please see our website [www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk) or contact us on  
01386 555347

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

# PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023

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 changes.

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 22 JANUARY**

##### **Epiphany 3**

0800 Eucharist (BCP)

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1500 CTiP Unity Service  
(Abbey Park Middle School)

1700 Iona Worship

#### **SUNDAY 29 JANUARY**

##### **Candlemas**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

#### **SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

##### **3rd before Lent**

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 Evensong

#### **SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

##### **2nd before Lent**

0800 Eucharist

0945 Café Church (St Andrew's)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

#### **SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

##### **Next before Lent**

0800 Eucharist (BCP)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

#### **SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

##### **Lent 1**

0800 Eucharist (BCP)

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1700 Iona Worship

### ST MARY'S, WICK

#### **SUNDAY 22 JANUARY**

1030 Parish Communion

#### **SUNDAY 29 JANUARY**

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist Pershore Abbey

#### **SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

1030 Morning Praise

#### **SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

0900 Parish Communion

### ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

#### **SUNDAY 29 JANUARY**

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist Pershore Abbey

#### **SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

1030 Holy Communion

#### **SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

1030 Sunday Praise

### ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

#### **SUNDAY 29 JANUARY**

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist Pershore Abbey

#### **SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

1500 Bulb Sunday Service

#### **SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

1030 Holy Communion

**PLEASE SEE PAGES 2 & 3 FOR OUR ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT SERVICE INFORMATION**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PERSHORE ABBEY COFFEE MORNINGS 1030-1200 NOON ST ANDREW'S:** Saturday, 21 January, Saturday 18 February, Saturday 18 March

**ABBEY VOLUNTEER COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 28 JANUARY IN ST ANDREW'S:** All of our wonderful Abbey volunteers should now have received an invitation to attend our Volunteer Coffee Morning, which takes place on Saturday 28 January from 1000 – 1200 noon. If you are a volunteer and have not yet had an invitation, please get in touch with the office at [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk).

**FISH & CHIP SUPPER & QUIZ 11 FEBRUARY 1845 ST ANDREW'S:** Tickets £10 from Julie Newman

**PIANOSCAPES WITH CHRIS LONG 1430 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:** Join Chris for a Sunday afternoon of piano pleasure at 1430 on 29 January and 26 February in the St Andrew's Centre. Tickets: [chrislong2008@live.co.uk](mailto:chrislong2008@live.co.uk). Information: [www.chrislongmusic.co.uk](http://www.chrislongmusic.co.uk)

## PERSHORE ABBEY FORTHCOMING CONCERTS & EVENTS

**Worcester  
Philharmonic  
ORCHESTRA**

**Clarinet Soloist  
William Hammond**

Conductor Joe Davies  
Leader Graham Longfils



**Saturday 11th March 2023**  
**2.30pm**  
**Pershore Abbey**  
**WR10 1BL**

**SPRING  
CONCERT**

Schubert Overture Fierrabras  
Weber Clarinet Concerto No. 2  
Beethoven Symphony No. 5



Tickets £15 (under 16's free) available from:  
Tourist Offices in Worcester, Pershore and Malvern  
Ticket Secretary 01905 353013  
Perschore Town Hall  
Online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
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PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE  
IF POSSIBLE

## PIPE DREAMS ORGAN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

**PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN FESTIVAL**  
**THURSDAY 20 APRIL - SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ORGAN FESTIVAL AS WE COME TOGETHER TO  
CELEBRATE OUR PIPE DREAM BECOMING A REALITY

Full details of our Organ Festival will be announced in the soon,  
but we are very excited to share our planned programme of events  
with you as we move into the final stage of the project.

### PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

Wednesday 19 April 1600 **BBC Radio Three Broadcast from Pershore Abbey Evensong**  
*with Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge*

### ORGAN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 20 April **School Outreach Event**  
Friday 21 April at 1900 **Festival Choral Concert**  
*with Gonville & Caius College Choir, Cambridge*  
Saturday 22 April at 1900 **Festival Organ Recital**  
with Robert Quinney, Director of New College Choir,  
Oxford and former Sub-Organist at  
Westminster Abbey  
Sunday 23 April at 1030 **Festival Eucharist with Bishop John**  
Sunday 23 April at 1700 **Festival Evensong**

### MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

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