

Welcome to the Easter / April 2023 Monthly Edition!

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

Easter, Spring and the promise of new life - what better time to bring you news of the Pershore Abbey Peregrine Falcons!

We are very excited to report that the Abbey's resident Peregrine Falcons seem very taken with their specially commissioned nesting platform, and are busy setting up home.

We very much hope that the nesting platform and their elevated position will give them the protection and security they need to successfully breed this year, and we look forward to updating you on their progress.

As a protected species, we are doing everything in our power to ensure that they remain safe and undisturbed by the daily life of the Abbey and its surrounding parkland.



Image: Mark Everett

The pair thankfully seem to be totally unperturbed by the Abbey bells, but we have had to make some modifications to our Tower Tours as they don't take too kindly to loud voices!

You can keep up to date with all our Peregrine Falcon news on our Facebook pages - do feel free to share your pictures and sightings too!

IN THIS EDITION . . .

- Holy Week
- Easter
- APCM
- Coronations & Carnivals

. . . & MORE

KEEPING WARM IN CHURCH THIS SPRING:

The clocks may have changed but the weather is still rather chilly, so please do remember to wrap up warm when attending a church service. Our heating bills continue to be a challenge in the current economic climate, so please help us by adding a coat to your Sunday best! *Thank you*

EASTER IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE

Pershore Abbey
**GOOD FRIDAY
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY**



Friday 7 April
1000 -1415
St Andrew's Centre

AGES
5-10 YRS

Enjoy Easter themed activities and crafts including:

- Baking
- Telling the Easter story
- Creating an Easter garden
- Making baskets
- & much more . . .

Booking Essential

Spaces are limited so reserve your place from 20 March
Booking and information: Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293

GOOD FRIDAY ACTIVITY DAY - ST ANDREW'S 7

APRIL 1000-1415: Calling all 5 –10 year olds - join in the fun baking, taking part in the Easter story, making baskets, creating our own Easter gardens and much more.

Booking is essential and reservations will be taken from **MONDAY 20 MARCH** as numbers will be limited. Phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293 to book. No cost - donations welcome!

CTIP GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS:

Please join Churches Together for this important act of witness. We shall be gathering on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross at **1015**. We will then walk to Chapman Court for a short service at **1030**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Sign up sheets will be at the back of the Abbey for those who would like to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday and those who would like to read at the service of Tenebrae. There will also be a rota for those who would like to keep the watch until midnight. Those who would like to be involved in the dramatised reading of the Passion on Good Friday can also sign up. Thank you in advance to all who will volunteer. *Claire*

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS – JOIN THE PERSHORE ABBEY DAWN CHORUS: We are seeking musicians to play for the Abbey Easter Morning Eucharist at 0600. There are three hymns to offer joyfully at this service and we'd love for you to join us if you are able. Please contact Jayne Parker for more details on jayne.parker@dsl.pipex.com

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN HOLY WEEK: Would you like to visit Holland House on Tuesday 04 April for an excellent lunch followed by a presentation of a 'Spiritual Journey Along a Canal'? This is a time for reflection on our journey illustrated by slides. Please contact enquiries@hollandhouse.org or telephone 01386 860330. For more information contact Revd Alma Organ.

PERSHORE ABBEY EASTER LILIES:

Thank you to everyone who donated as part of our first Easter Lily Sunday at Pershore Abbey on 26 March.

Donating Easter lilies in memory of a loved one is a beautiful tradition and reflects our hope and joy in the resurrection for us all.

If you would still like to donate, please contact the office. *Thank you.*



EASTER DAY DAWN SERVICE

We will be serving boiled eggs and rolls in St Andrew's after our Easter Day Dawn Service.
Don't forget your egg cup!

Pershore Benefice Easter 2023

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday 2 April

0800 BCP Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's Centre*)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession on **Abbey Park to Abbey**. Meet at St Andrew's Road/Abbey Road crossroads. Come and join us singing and drumming to the Abbey.

1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*) *with LIVESTREAM*

1030 Morning Praise (*St James', Birlingham*)

1700 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

Monday in Holy Week 3 April

1900 Compline (*Zoom*) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Tuesday In Holy Week 4 April

1900 Compline (*Zoom*) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Wednesday in Holy Week 5 April

1900 Compline (*Zoom*) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Maundy Thursday 6 April

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars

and the Office of Tenebrae (*Pershore Abbey*) *with LIVESTREAM TO BE CONFIRMED*

This service will be approximately one and three-quarter hours and will be followed by the Watch until Midnight. You are welcome to leave after the Office of Tenebrae.

Good Friday 7 April

1000-1415 Children's Activities (5-10 years) (*St Andrew's Centre*)

No fee - donations welcome. Booking essential via Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293.

1015 Walk of Witness to Chapman Court followed by a short service at 1030.

Meet on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross .

1400 Service of the Last Hour (*Pershore Abbey*) *with LIVESTREAM*

1445 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly please contact the Bredon Group for details of this service on acbhteam@gmail.com

Holy Saturday 8 April

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil (*Pershore Abbey*)

This service will last approximately one hour.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Daily Offices will also continue to be observed as usual

JOIN US IN CHURCH OR ONLINE THIS EASTER

Facebook: [@pershoreabbeycom](https://www.facebook.com/pershoreabbeycom)

YouTube: [Persore Abbey Community](https://www.youtube.com/PershoreAbbeyCommunity)

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EASTER DAY

April 9 2023



0600 Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter (*Pershore Abbey*)
followed by breakfast of boiled eggs and rolls at St Andrew's
Centre. (Please bring an egg cup with you!)

0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

0900 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*) *with LIVESTREAM*

1030 Holy Communion (*St James', Birlingham*)

1030 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas', Pinvin*)

ALL WELCOME

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**PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN AND WEBSITE FOR ANY
CHANGES TO OUR EASTER SERVICES**

MINISTRY NEWS

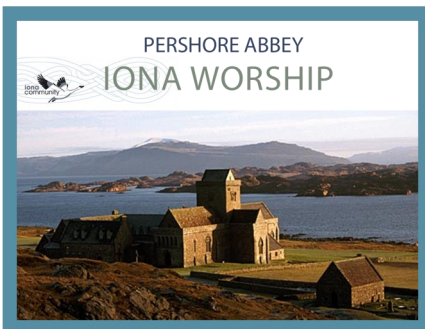
BENEFICE SERVICE SUNDAY 30 APRIL PERSHORE ABBEY 1030: Once again the whole Benefice will join together to worship as one in this fifth Sunday service held at Pershore Abbey. Do come and join us.

ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE SUNDAY 30 APRIL PERSHORE ABBEY 1500: Members of the Avonvale District will be joining us in Pershore Abbey on 30 April for their annual St George's Day service. The service will follow the traditional parade through Pershore. We hope that you will come and support our local scouting movement and show your appreciation of the work achieved by these wonderful young people and their dedicated leaders.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE THURSDAY 18 MAY PERSHORE ABBEY 1900: We begin our Thy Kingdom Come 2023 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. All welcome.



REGULAR SERVICES



NEXT SERVICES:

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

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

Contact iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link

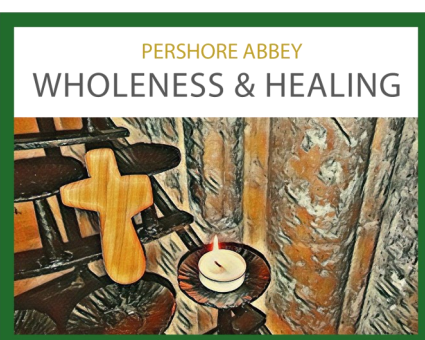


NEXT SERVICES:

SUNDAY 2 APRIL

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 14 MAY (No Service in April)

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

PERSHORE ABBEY APCM AND ST ANDREW'S PARISH CENTRE TRUST AGM

TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023 AT 1900 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

The Pershore Abbey APCM and the St Andrew's AGM for 2023 will take place on **Tuesday 2 May at 1900** in the **St Andrew's Centre**.

Please contact Sara Speed (tel: 01386 710776) or email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk for further details of the meeting.

Elections of the Churchwardens, up to **4** additional PCC members and **3** representatives to the Deanery Synod will take place at this meeting.

Anyone wishing to be nominated for any of these roles should contact Sara Speed, as above, for further information.

The APCM booklet will be available on our website in due course and a link will be sent by email to those on the Abbey circulation list.

Should you require a printed copy, please contact Sara Speed by **Thursday 27 April** at the latest.

If you would like an email copy sent direct to your email address, please contact the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

The APCM Booklet, links to the official accounts and all notices regarding these meetings will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

PERSHORE ABBEY ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is due to be revised before the APCM.

Anyone who wishes to be added should apply now.

The Roll will of course be open again after the meeting .

Please contact the office on **01386 552071** (answerphone only), email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or speak to Bill Newman if you would like to be added.

Alternatively you can download the form here and return it to the Benefice office:

[ELECTORAL ROLL APPLICATION 2023](#)

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 17 APRIL

VILLAGE CHURCHES APCM DATES:

Birlingham 19 April 1830

Pinvin 25 April 1930

Wick 24 April 1900

To join the Electoral Roll of either Birlingham, Pinvin or Wick please contact your churchwarden or the Benefice Office

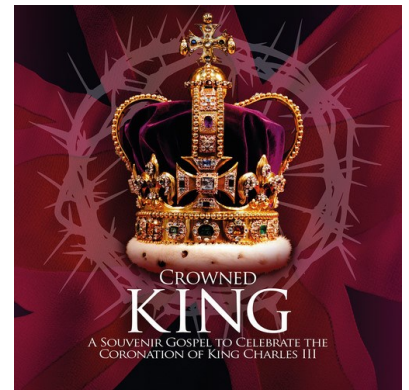
CORONATION NEWS

CORONATION PRAYERS: The Church of England is calling for a period of prayer leading up to the Coronation of King Charles III and has released a book of Daily Prayers.

A limited number of these special coronation prayer booklets are now available from the Abbey Office. The cost of the books will be **£2.00** (this includes the cost of postage and admin fees). If you would like a booklet, please contact the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

CROWNED KING - A SOUVENIR GOSPEL FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III:

We will have copies of this beautiful Souvenir Gospel available from the Abbey Bookstall in April. It opens with full colour, illustrated pages explaining the symbolism and Christian meaning in the Coronation and through references to Jesus the King of Kings invites people to find out more by reading the Gospel of Matthew. Donations towards the cost of these beautiful books will be gratefully received.



BEAUTIFUL BUNTING FOR PERSHORE'S 'CORONATION' STREET: Pershore Town Council are asking as many of you as possible to get creative to help them fill two full strings of bunting that will be strung up on Broad Street ready for the Coronation celebrations. Find out more at <https://www.pershore-tc.gov.uk/2023/03/pershore-community-coronation-bunting/>

CORONATION EVENSONG SUNDAY MAY 7

1600 PERSHORE ABBEY: There will be a special Evensong service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III at **Pershore Abbey on May 7 at 1600.**

We will be serving tea and cake after the service, kindly organised by the Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's Social Committee (PASA).

There will also be a commemorative service sheet for the Evensong service which you will be welcome to take home with you as a souvenir.

MORE CORONATION NEWS TO FOLLOW IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN AND MAY MONTHLY EDITION!

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CORONATION EVENSONG



Photo: Hugo Burnand

Sunday 7 May
1600
Pershore Abbey
with livestream



Come and add your voices to a joyful Evensong in celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

Tea and cakes will be served afterwards

Facebook: @pershoreabbeycom YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community
Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

SALZWEDEL VISITORS 16 - 21 MAY 2023

Nine visitors from our twin parish of Salzwedel in Germany will be arriving on the **16** and leaving on the **21 May 2023**. You may, of course, see and speak to them at the various church services that week in the Abbey but there are also opportunities to spend more time with our guests if you wish. They would love this!

A small group of hosts has planned a full programme of events and visits that we are hoping as many members of the Abbey and Benefice community as possible will wish to share in.

For example:

- On **Tuesday 16 May** in the evening we are planning to have a small pizza evening in the Wick Club to welcome the first three arrivals. Would you like to join us?
- On **Friday 19 May** in the afternoon, we are planning a High Tea at 1600 in St Andrews with all nine guests. Can you come with a cake or a round or two of sandwiches to share?
- Are you able to join us on **Saturday 20 May** in the morning for a leisurely guided walking tour of Malvern Town centre?
- Later that evening we are planning a skittles evening. Would you like to join us at the Pershore Sports Club in Defford Road for a game of skittles and a fish and chip supper?

There will be sign up sheets for these opportunities in the days leading up to the visit.

In addition, our guests would welcome the opportunity to be invited into the homes of members of the Abbey and Benefice community – possibly for a cup of tea or coffee or just a chat (we'll supply the translators if required!!) If you think that you would like a visit from our guests please contact Michael Hodges or Claire via the Abbey Office and we will do our best to make the arrangements.

Michael Hodges

St Catherine's Church, Salzwedel



ECO CHURCH

**NEXT ABBEY
LITTER PICK DATE:**

SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023 1000-1100

Meet at the West End of the Abbey
All Welcome - Equipment Provided

**NEXT ABBEY
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2023 1915

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM

Please come and join us!

There will be a further Eco Church meeting held on Tuesday 5 September at 1915 in Pershore Abbey, so please save the date!

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES WILL ALL BE CELEBRATING EASTER WITH SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY

They are also preparing for the Coronation with events planned across the Benefice, so watch this space for more news.

SEE [PAGE 11](#) FOR DETAILS OF OUR SERVICES IN PINVIN, WICK AND BIRLINGHAM IN APRIL 2023

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

Details of our village churches APCM dates can be found on [Page 6](#)

SAVE THE DATE

ORDINATION OF JAYNE PARKER - SUNDAY 2 JULY 1030 AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL:

We hope that as many of you as possible will join with the congregation at Worcester Cathedral on **2 July** to support and celebrate with Jayne as she is ordained deacon.

On 2 July the **ONLY** service in the morning at the Abbey will be the **0800 BCP Eucharist**, which will also be live streamed. **There will no 1030 Sung Eucharist.** This will enable as many people as possible to attend Jayne's ordination at the Cathedral at 1030, which will also be live streamed by the Cathedral. Our Abbey Evensong will take place at 1700 as usual. More details on travel arrangements and timings will be available as we get closer to the date, but in the meantime, please put Jayne's ordination in your diary.

MOTHERS' UNION CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS - 11 JUNE 1030 AT PERSHORE ABBEY:

We are looking forward to welcoming Judith Grubb, who is the Worcester Diocese Mothers' Union President, to our 1030 service at the Abbey on 11 June to present certificates to some of our MU members.

PERSHORE CARNIVAL 29 MAY 2023: It is fast approaching that time of year, when we, as members of Pershore Abbey, can join the community of Pershore by participating in Pershore Carnival. This year it will be held on **Spring Bank Holiday - Monday May 29.**

There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved so watch this space for more information in the coming weeks and in the May Monthly Edition

PIPE DREAMS - PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN UPDATE

We have now entered the final stage of our Organ Installation and the 'voicing' of our magnificent new Pipe Organ has begun.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE ABBEY WILL BE OPEN BUT **TOTAL SILENCE** MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES. THIS MAY BE REVIEWED AS THE PERIOD PROGRESSES.

It is vital that our expert team are able to work in an environment of absolute silence to bring our organ to life and give it the 'voice' that will resound through Pershore Abbey for generations to come.

Here you can see our wonderful organ tuners, Fabrizio and Eugenio, getting ready for another long day of voicing!

We are so grateful for your patience, understanding and support during the installation process so far, and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for keeping up that support as we move towards the end of the installation project.



Our **Daily Offices** and **Sunday Services** will continue to be observed throughout the period but do please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for updates.

You can keep up with all of the latest Pipe Dream news and see more pictures on our Facebook pages and Pipe Dreams web page on the Pershore Abbey website.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK



Banksy awaits donations!

With your support, Pershore Foodbank has been very busy looking after families with young children, seniors and single people who have found themselves on hard times due to job loss, sickness or the Cost of Living Crisis. People who have had a difficult task to keep themselves warm have not always had enough funds left to feed themselves properly and this is where we have been working to offer additional support.

In addition to the regular donations of tinned food: (fish, meat, vegetables, fruit, beans) & non-perishable staples such as pasta, cereal, tea, coffee, condiments, it would be lovely to be able to supply a little seasonal cheer with some chocolate treats. **YES**, the biscuit mountain has now been exhausted and **YES**, we would love to have some Easter eggs to distribute to our clients!

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



For further info please visit www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk or call 01386 555347

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

PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 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 2 APRIL **PALM SUNDAY**

0800 BCP Eucharist

0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession (*Abbey Park*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 Evensong

SUNDAY 9 APRIL **EASTER DAY**

0600 Dawn Eucharist

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 16 APRIL **EASTER 2**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 23 APRIL **EASTER 3**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 30 APRIL **EASTER 4**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Benefice Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1500 St George's Day Service

We aim to Livestream all of our 1030 Sunday services, but please bear with us if we are unable to do so.

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

0900 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

1030 Benefice Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

1030 Benefice Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 2 APRIL

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

1030 Benefice Eucharist
at Pershore Abbey

PLEASE SEE PAGES 2,3 & 4 FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EASTER ACTIVITIES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT PERSHORE ABBEY PARISH COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 15 April 1030-1200 noon in St Andrew's. All welcome.

PIANOSCAPES WITH CHRIS LONG 1430 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: Join Chris for a Sunday afternoon of piano pleasure at 1430 23 April in the St Andrew's Centre.

Tickets: chrislong2008@live.co.uk. Information: www.chrislongmusic.co.uk

BENEFICE OFFICE HOURS EASTER 2023

The Benefice Office will be closed on

FRIDAY 7 APRIL & MONDAY 10 APRIL

The office will be open to the public as normal

TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200

Please email you enquiry to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on 01386 552071. We will get back to you as soon as we can outside of these hours.

PERSHORE ABBEY FORTHCOMING CONCERTS & EVENTS

PERSHORE ABBEY ORGAN FESTIVAL
THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 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 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.

ORGAN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 28 September	School Outreach Event
Friday 29 September at 1900	Festival Choral Concert with Gonville & Caius College Choir, Cambridge
Saturday 30 September at 1900	Festival Organ Recital with Robert Quinney, Director of New College Choir, Oxford and former Sub-Organist at Westminster Abbey
Sunday 1 October at 1030	Festival Eucharist with Bishop John
Sunday 1 October at 1700	Festival Evensong

TICKET INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

PLEASE VISIT THE PIPE DREAMS PAGE ON THE PERSHORE ABBEY WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

OUR CONCERT PROGRAMME WILL
RESUME IN MAY ONCE THE ORGAN
INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED

WE HAVE A WONDERFUL
SELECTION OF ORCHESTRAS,
CHOIRS AND OTHER PERFORMERS
AND A NEW CONCERT PROGRAMME
FOR SPRING & SUMMER 2023 WILL
BE AVAILABLE SOON

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING ALL OF OUR
PERFORMERS, OLD AND NEW BACK
TO PERSHORE ABBEY SOON

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