



**PERSHORE BENEFICE**  
**The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with**  
**St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick**  
**Sunday, 02 July 2023**  
**Trinity 4 / Jayne Parker Ordination**

## **SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY**

There will be no 1030 Services in the Benefice on Sunday 2nd July  
due to Jayne Parker's Ordination Service being held at Worcester Cathedral

### **THE COLLECT**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 6.12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 10.40-42**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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.*



# PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

02 JULY 2023

**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.*

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY WAR AND WHO CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT OR DISASTER, ESPECIALLY IN SUDAN**

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.

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.



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## 02 JULY 2023

### MINISTRY NEWS

**VICKY DENNIS:** We were all saddened to hear the news that Vicky had died. For many years Vicky had been a great supporter and volunteer at the Abbey and in the wider community. She was wonderfully independent and enthusiastic and her presence was sorely missed when ill health prevented her from getting out ana about as much as she would have liked. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at 1500 on 4 July at Pershore Abbey, to which everyone is warmly invited. *Claire*

**GAIL ANDREWS:** It is with great sadness that I am letting you know that Gail has tendered her resignation as Ministry Team Secretary. For over seven years Gail has been a much loved and valued member of the team. Gail has contributed so much to the life of the benefice, and I know that we will all have a long list of things that she has done for us, that we are incredibly grateful for. We are all going to miss her many gifts, her smile and enthusiasm very much and wish her well for the future. Gail's last day will be Friday 14 July. Donations for Gail's leaving gift can be put in an envelope marked "Gail's Gift" and left at the office. Alternatively you can make a contribution via BACS: Account Name: Pershore Parochial Church, Barclay Bank Plc, Sort Code: 20-98-61, Account No: 00695416. Please reference any BACS donation with "**Gail's Gift**". *Claire*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:** The Christian Aid team are delighted to advise that they raised a massive £2,250.90 from all of the events that were organised and would like to say a very big thank you to those who contributed.



**DEANERY SERVICE OF CELEBRATION 12 JULY 1930, AT ST PETER'S, BENGWORTH:** A service to celebrate the many and various types of ministry taking place across the Pershore & Evesham Deanery. You are asked to bring a small symbol representing the type of ministry you undertake in your parish - you can be as creative as you wish to be in choosing your item! We look forward to this celebratory worship together with Archdeacon Robert Jones before his retirement this Autumn. Parking is available courtesy of Lidl in the **BROADWAY** Road section of their car park, not Bengeworth Road as previously advised!

### VACANCY - PART TIME OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

We need a capable self-starter to work in our busy office serving the Abbey, Birlingham, Pinvin and Wick churches for 16 hours a week over three days, of which Friday must be one. A mix of Office and home working is available. Excellent interpersonal and IT skills are needed.

Closing date for applications is **3 July 2023**. For a full job description and application form please contact our office on 01386 552071 (please leave your name & contact details) or email [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

## PIPE DREAMS FESTIVAL TICKET INFORMATION

A number of tickets for the Festival events taking place on 29 and 30 September have already been made available to those who pledged towards the Pipe Dreams scheme and our other project partners through direct mailings. If you have supported the project and have not received information on priority bookings, please let the office know as soon as possible, and by **Wednesday 28 June** at the latest.

We are very pleased to announce that the remainder of the tickets for the following events will go on sale on **Monday 11 July**:

- **Friday 29 September at 1900 - Festival Choral Concert**  
*with Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of Music and Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge*
- **Saturday 30 September at 1900 - Festival Organ Recital**  
*with Robert Quinney, Organist and Tutor in Music, New College, Oxford, Associate Professor, Faculty of Music, University of Oxford and former Sub-Organist, Westminster Abbey*



Tickets cost **£15** each and are limited to **4 per sale** for each event. They will be available from **BLUE** (Broad Street, Pershore) or directly from the Benefice Office during normal opening hours (Tues - Weds 1100-1200). Payment for tickets purchased through the office must be made in cash or by cheque. Tickets can not be ordered in advance of 11 July and will not be available to buy before this date.

There are **NO TICKETS** required for the Festival Eucharist or Festival Evensong on **1 October** and we do hope that as many people as possible will join us as we all come together for the final day of the Festival in celebration of our Pipe Dreams journey.

## LET US PRAY FOR JAYNE PARKER



I lift up my eyes to the hills  
from where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121: 1-2

Your prayers are asked for all those to be ordained this Petertide, among them

**Jayne Parker**

To be ordained Deacon by

**John, Bishop of Worcester,  
With Martin, Bishop of Dudley**

in Worcester Cathedral, Sunday 2 July 2023

Please also pray for Paul, Eve, Zoë, Canon Claire Lording, the ministry team and the people of Pershore, Pinvin, Wick and Birlingham, amongst whom she will serve her curacy

## OTHER NEWS

**TRAIDCRAFT/FAIRTRADE STALL - NEW LEADER REQUIRED:** As Traidcraft is no longer a shop we can buy from, we are changing our Abbey stall to a stall selling Fairtrade products. The Abbey is now looking for a new person to manage this Fairtrade Stall, oversee the ordering of new products and run/oversee the Rota for the volunteers. Dora is stepping down after many years, and would be happy to help train the new person. Products will be sourced from ethical sites that sell Fairtrade products that the Abbey congregation have purchased in the past, and new products to bring a new look to the stall. Please have a deep think about your own Fairtrade purchasing, your ethical beliefs, and whether you are able to take this new role on. If you would like more information please email the office on [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON THE FAIRTRADE STALL?:** We know our congregation customers have always bought the basics - tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits and honey. We have also had good sales of chocolate, cocoa and seasonal items.

As we will be buying Fairtrade products from new sources, we need to know if these basics will still be on your Abbey shopping list, and what other products you are likely to need and to buy. It's all about you as our Fairtrade customers and friends.

There is a form at the back of the Abbey for you to fill in and there will also be forms available on our stall for you to take away, so please do fill them in so we know what items you wish us to stock. *Thank you, Dora.*

**TEDDY BEARS WANTED FOR PLUM FAYRE:** Once again the Abbey is collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 28 August. Donations would be very much appreciated, please place in the "Teddy Box" at the back of the Abbey or phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293. *Thank you.*

**ABBEY LINK IDEAS REQUESTED:** I'm now starting work on the Autumn edition of Abbey Link and inviting everyone to make suggestions for articles. What would you like to see in the magazine? Do you have role in the church that you might like to talk about? (Nothing is trivial. Everyone contributes to the whole!) Or is there any subject you'd like to know more about? 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*

**ABBEY LINK VOLUNTEERS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FUTURE ISSUES:** Thank you to everyone who helped deliver the latest edition of Abbey Link. Delivery takes place only four times a year, and if anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper.

**SUMMER ACTIVITY MORNING IN PERSHORE ABBEY ON TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 0930-1200:** A drop in event for children up to 11years old with their accompanying adult including games, dressing up, a trail and crafts. I would appreciate some volunteers to help with this for either part of or all of the morning, whatever you are able to do. Please see Sam Andrews to sign up. Many thanks. *Sam*

## ECO CHURCH

**PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH COFFEE MORNING:** There will be an Abbey Eco Church Coffee morning in St Andrew's on 15 July including a give and take stall. Bring along any books, plants or produce that you want to give and then in return take something that someone else has brought. No clothes or bric-a-brac please!



**BAT WALK AROUND PERSHORE ABBEY 14 JULY:** We will walk around the Abbey environs at dusk with Evesham Bat Care on Friday 14 July, meeting at 2115 at the St Andrew's Gardens. With Evesham Bat Care's knowledge and equipment, we will be able to hear and see bats as they become active. This is a free event but donations on the day will be welcomed towards the work of Evesham Bat Care. We hope you will join us for this fascinating opportunity to experience Pershore Abbey's bats.

**NEXT ABBEY LITTER PICK DATE SATURDAY 22 JULY 1000-1100:** We will meet at the West End of the Abbey. All are welcome to join us, and all equipment will be provided.

**ECO CHURCH MEETING TUESDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 1915:** Our next meeting will take place in Pershore Abbey, so save the date. And watch out for news on our Eco Film show!

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**WATERMUSIC IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN AID AND CHARITY:** 16 July sees the return of the Watermusic Event in the riverside garden of 55 Bridge Street from 1600-1900. The evening will feature music, including a Ukelele band, refreshments and a raffle. Tickets are available from Blue at £7 or on the door at £9.

**JESUS REVOLUTION - NUMBER 8 FRIDAY 14 JULY & SATURDAY 15 JULY 1930:** Set in the 70s this drama tells the story of the movement Time magazine dubbed, a 'Jesus Revolution'. Tickets available from Number 8 at £9/£8.50.

**KEEPING US ALL SAFE IN THE ABBEY AND ST ANDREW'S:** Our buildings are well equipped to deal with any risk from fire - you will have seen carefully placed fire extinguishers and alarm call points, and we have smoke alarms and emergency lighting too. They are all regularly maintained but some also need to be checked at intervals between time. We urgently need a volunteer who could make these interim checks. Might this be You? Please contact: Judy Dale, Chair of Fabric .



### **INTRODUCING PERSHORE ABBEY'S NEW EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR -**

**STEVIE QUICK:** We are delighted to report that we have been successful in appointing a new Events Coordinator to replace Roger Batty. Stevie will start with us on 1 July. Here are a few words from Stevie - Hello! I live in Worcester (but please don't hold it against me!) and am very happy to be joining the Abbey family. I've got experience in running venues (theatres) and theatre companies and I've also

taught, lectured and spent seven years in prison...as a teacher! I can also be found with a camera in my hand, writing poetry, or painting. As Events Co-Ordinator my brief is to make sure that everything runs smoothly when we host an event: Fortunately, there's a bunch of you already here to show me the works! I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and working with you. Please say hello. I promise to say hello back. *Stevie*

## ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

### **Sunday 02 July - Trinity 4**

#### **LIMITED SUNDAY SERVICES DUE TO JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION SERVICE**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)

10:30 Jayne Parker Ordination (*Worcester Cathedral*)

13:00 Jayne Parker's post ordination Lunch (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Service of Holy Baptism (*St James', Birlingham*)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

#### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO TAKE PLACE IN CHOIR VESTRY**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 03 July**

09:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Funeral Service for the late  
Lis Milsom (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:30 Bell Ringing private practice  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

19:30 Bell Ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Tuesday 04 July**

09:30 SAEC Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

11:30 Pinvin First School Service  
(*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

13:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Pershore Choral Practice for  
Thanksgiving Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Service of Thanksgiving for the late  
Vicky Dennis (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

### **Wednesday 05 July**

11:00 Guided Visit—Bewdley Baptist Church  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 U3A Singers (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

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

### **Thursday 06 July**

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

11:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Churchwardens' Admission Service Prep  
(*St Andrew's*)

19:30 Churchwardens' Admission Service  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 07 July**

09:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Surprise Major (*St Andrew's*)

### **Saturday 08 July**

13:00 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Birmingham Festival Choral Society  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Sunday 09 July - Trinity 5**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:45 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

10:30 Pet Service (*St Mary's, Wick*)

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