CHURCH NEWS PERSHORE BENEFICE **Monthly Edition**

September 2023

Welcome to the Church News Monthly Edition for September 2023

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

PERSHORE ABBEY

PIPE DREAMS ORGAN FESTIVAL FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023



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

ORGAN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Friday 29 September at 1900 Ticketed Event	Festival Choral Concert with Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of Music and Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge
Saturday 30 September at 1900 <i>Ticketed Event</i>	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
Sunday 1 October at 1030	Festival Eucharist with Bishop John
Sunday 1 October at 1700	Festival Evensong

TICKETED EVENTS BOOKING INFORMATION TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

BOX OFFICES: BLUE, Broad Street, Pershore OR The Benefice Office (Tues-Thurs, 1100–1200 noon)

Cost: £15 each

We are unable to accept card payments

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

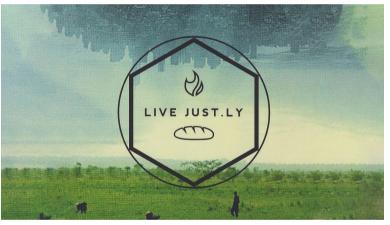


PERSHORE ABBEY & ST ANDREW'S (PASA) HARVEST SUPPER: The food, fun and fellowship of the PASA Harvest Supper returns to **St Andrew's** this year on **Saturday 7 October** (time TBC). Tickets for the Harvest Supper will be on sale in the Abbey after the 1030 Sunday Service. Ticket prices are £8 adults and £4 children. Requests please for Apple Crumbles - sign up sheet will be on the Abbey table. If you are able to donate a Raffle Prize, they can be brought to the Abbey or dropped off at the office during the office opening hours. *Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) Team*

STUDY GROUPS

<u>A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS WITH REVD PHILIP HUGHES</u>: Revd Hughes will be organising a series of meetings on the theme of "Trees of the New Testament which help us to see Jesus as our Saviour and Redeemer" this Autumn.

- Wednesday series of five meetings will be held at 8, Ashdale Avenue at 1030 on Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27, and Oct. 4.
- Friday series will be held at 27 Bridge Street at 1915 (after choir practice) on September 1, 8, 15 and 22, and will close on October 6 following a gap for the Organ Festival.



Previous participants or new ones are equally welcome. Sessions will begin with tea/ coffee, and will last approximately 1 hour. Parking on the odd side of Bridge St. where there is a single yellow line is free in the evening after 1800.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH AUTUMN STUDY GROUPS: Following the decision by



General Synod to allow the blessing of same sex relationships we thought it would be a good idea to run the Living in Love and Faith course again.

This course enables people to think about Christian teaching and learning on identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. This autumn LLF study groups will take place at St Andrew's at 1900 on the following Thursdays: 5, 12, 19 and 26 October. If you would like to know more about the course please contact me. Those who have participated before have found it a very worthwhile and thought provoking course. *Claire*

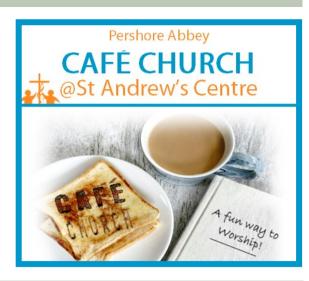
CAFÉ CHURCH

NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 0945 IN ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

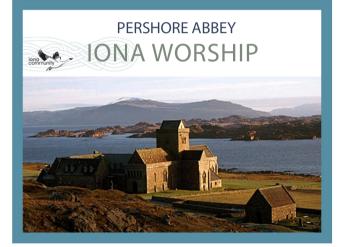
Come and join in with our family friendly and informal café-style worship as we return to St Andrew's after the summer break.

This month's theme will be Trust

All Welcome



IONA WORSHIP



OUR IONA SERVICE USUALLY TAKES PLACE ON EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY 1700 IN PERSHORE ABBEY

NEXT SERVICE: 24 SEPTEMBER AT 1700

All Welcome

Those unable to join us in person are welcome to join us via Zoom

WHOLENESS & HEALING

THIS SERVICE USUALLY TAKES PLACE ON EVERY SECOND SUNDAY 1700 IN PERSHORE ABBEY NEXT SERVICE: 11 SEPTEMBER

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

PERSHORE ABBEY WHOLENESS & HEALING



Facebook: <u>#pershoreabbeycom</u> YouTube: <u>Pershore Abbey Community</u> Website: <u>www.pershoreabbey.org.uk</u>

FRIENDS OF PERSHORE ABBEY CIO



As we look forward to welcoming the Friends of Pershore Abbey to the **Pershore Abbey Patronal Service** on **10 September**, If you would like to find out more about the work of the Friends of Pershore Abbey, visit their page on the Pershore Abbey website and take a look at their many projects and achievements.

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/friends-of-pershore-abbey/

You will also find further information on how to become a member and can download a copy of their Application Form from the site.



BENEFICE INFORMATION

FOR MORE NEWS FROM **PINVIN** TAKE A LOOK AT THE LATEST EDITION OF PINPOINT MAGAZINE AVAILABLE TO VIEW NOW FROM WWW.PINVIN.ORG.UK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH MORE NEWS FROM **BIRLINGHAM** PLEASE VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE AT **WWW.BIRLINGHAM.ORG** PLEASE CONTACT THE BENEFICE OFFICE FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM **WICK** AND WE WILL PUT YOU IN TOUCH! <u>BENEFICE OFFICE</u>

ECO CHURCH @ THE ABBEY

Last autumn the perimeter of the meadow was sown with wild flower seed with the help of school children from Holy Redeemer. Through the Spring and early Summer it became established and was a very enjoyable sight, even though only a small amount of the species actually flowered. The seed mix contained seeds of mainly perennial species together with some annuals We hope that some of the other species have germinated and will flower next and following years.



As the summer progressed the area had to be mown ahead of the Plum Fayre. This autumn we plan to sow again with the school children a circle inside last autumn's sowing. We will be liaising with Wvchavon District Council, who are being very helpful. Many will have noticed that they are sowing wild flower

seed into areas around the park perimeter. We anticipate some preparation and the seed sowing to take place late September or early October. Seed sown at this time of the year into bare soil has the chance to germinate before the colder weather. This gives it a start in the spring and can cope with the established vegetation which has been there for many years.

We look forward to building on this years work and having a even better display next year! Of course this is about nature and biodiversity. Encouraging it. There was certainly some insect activity over the area this year. Its an area in a beautiful location left to be less managed, as nature should be. So fingers crossed there will be a nice sight next year for us to stop a while and enjoy what God has provided!

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NEXT ECO CHURCH MEETING TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 1915

Our next meeting will take place in Pershore Abbey. Please feel free to join us. Watch out for news of our Eco Film show!

NEXT ECO CHURCH LITTER PICK SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

MEET AT THE WEST END OF THE ABBEY AT 1000

Come along and help us make a difference to our church and our world—all we ask from you is an hour of your time. Litter picking equipment and bags provided.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

The Pershore Foodbank has continued to support families and individuals in crisis over the summer months. Whilst the pressure from certain bills such as heating may have eased, the cost of a weekly grocery shop creeps inexorably upwards. Unforeseen health or employment crises can have a devastating effect when people find that they have no reserves left to draw upon and our Foodbank strives to provide a non-judgemental source of emergency relief. As



always, our mission is to provide not just food parcels but to help steer people towards longer term solutions to their financial woes. We are proud to support a drop-in service for access to Citizen's Advice and this partnership goes from strength to strength. We have also forged productive relationships with other voluntary organisations in Pershore such as The Wellbeing Hub and the Community Cupboard.

Your generous financial donations have enabled us to keep on top of demand by buying in foodstuffs to make up any shortfall in the donations collected from supermarkets but, unfortunately, the proportion of goods that we have to go out

and buy has continued to increase. In order to prepare for the Winter months to come, we will be having a big push for the Harvest Festival and are asking for your wholehearted support. Please help us to update our "monthly request list" by ensuring that your contact information is up to date {you can reach us on info@pershore.foodbank.org.uk}. If you would like to discuss any particular collection drive or have a member of the team come and give a talk or answer questions, do please get in touch via the above email or by dropping a note into the Abbey office or leaving a message on 01386 555347.

We continue to welcome donations of non-perishable foodstuffs such as: Canned meat, fish, fruit & vegetables (do please check that everything is in date) Pasta, rice, cereal, biscuits, chocolate, coffee & tea.

Sauces and condiments, long-life milk & fruit juice.

Also, cleaning products and toiletries (except toothpaste of which we are well supplied)

Our food parcels are designed with the help of Trussell Trust nutritionists to keep families fed in an emergency, and not for long-term use. A lot of what we supply is easy to prepare and high in calories because this is what people in crisis need most; sometimes we see that the addition of a few treats -something as simple as a multi-pack of chocolate biscuit bars for packed lunches – will bring on a much- needed smile.

Thank you very much indeed for your continued support.



For further info please see our website www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk or contact us on

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 BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES SEPTEMBER 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 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: <u>Pershore Abbey Community</u>

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Trinity 13 0800 BCP Eucharist 1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream* 1700 Evensong

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Holy Cross 0800 Eucharist 0945 Café Church (St Andrew's) 1030 Patronal Sung Eucharist with LiveStream followed by Friends of Pershore Abbey CIO AGM 1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Trinity 15 0800 Eucharist 1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Trinity 16/Climate Sunday 0800 Eucharist 1030 Morning Praise with LiveStream 1700 Iona Worship ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1030 Harvest Festival

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1030 Harvest Festival

ADVANCE NOTICE

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 0800 Eucharist at the Abbey with Livestream

1030 Benefice Eucharist will be held at St James', Birlingham

There will be no 1030 services held at the Abbey, St Mary's, Wick or St Nicholas', Pinvin on this date.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER RIDE+STRIDE Help raise funds to support Grant applications from churches and chapels across the country. More information and details on participating churches at <u>https://ridestride.org/</u>

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER PIANOSCAPES CONCERT: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE AT 1430 Join Chris Long for an afternoon concert session in the St Andrew's Centre. Email <u>chrislong2008@live.co.uk</u> for tickets.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Pershore Abbey Babies & Toddlers group will restart in St Andrew's on **Friday 15 September**. Contact Sara Speed on 01386 710776 for details or with offers to volunteer to help with refreshments.

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS & EVENTS AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1900

PERSHORE ROTARY CONCERT WITH JOHNS' BOYS MALE CHORUS

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1900

CHANDOS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

RUSSIAN CLASSICS

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1930

Free entry with donations to St Richard's Hospice

"IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE"

MASTERWORKS CHORALE CHARITY CONCERT

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 1900

ORGAN FESTIVAL CHORAL CONCERT WITH MATTHEW MARTIN AND CHOIR OF GONVILLE & CAIUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1900

ORGAN FESTIVAL ORGAN RECITAL WITH ROBERT QUINNEY SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1430

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1930

PERSHORE CHORAL

FRIDAY 08 DECEMBER 1930

WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY 09 DECEMBER 1930

WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 1930

PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR

SATURAY 16 DECEMBER 1930

PERSHORE CHORAL

SATURDAY 06 JANUARY 1430

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

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