

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

November 2023

Welcome to our **November Monthly Edition 2023**

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 Saturday 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 12 NOVEMBER: We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to this poignant service when we gather to remember all those who have died in war and conflict. Our Pershore Abbey Remembrance Service will not be ticketed. There will therefore be plenty of seats available both for visiting organisations, our regular congregation and the general public.

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN 1030 12 NOVEMBER: Join the village of Pinvin for their Remembrance Service at 1030. The service will be led by Angela Gerrard.

ST MARY'S, WICK 1500 12 NOVEMBER: Join Wick village as they gather round the war memorial in the churchyard. The Remembrance Service will be led by Claire Lording.

IN THIS MONTH'S EDITION:

SHOE BOX SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS SERVICES - EDIBLE NATIVITY

MINISTRY NEWS

ALL SOULS' SERVICE: Join us at 1700 on Sunday 05 November as we remember loved ones at this quiet and reflective service. This service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel (**#PershoreAbbeyCommunity**) for those unable to attend. You are also very welcome to come into the Abbey to light a candle for a loved one at any time. *Claire*



CHRISTIAN AID'S APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE:

Donations for humanitarian relief in Palestine/Israel can be made here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal>



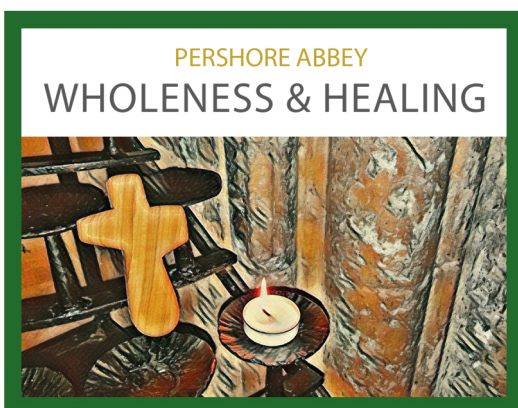
REGULAR SERVICES



NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 0930 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

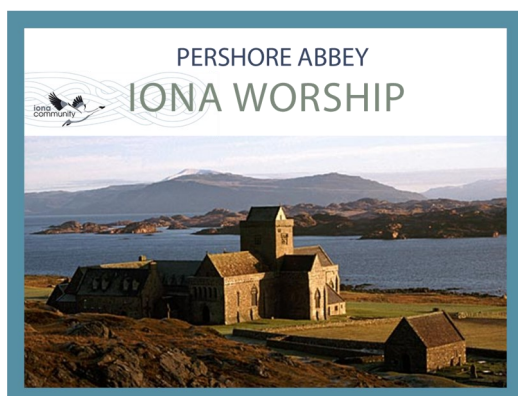
All Welcome



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

NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 12 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



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

NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO IONA WORSHIP
SERVICE IN DECEMBER**

PERSHORE ABBEY BOOKSTALL

We will soon be stocking some lovely Christmas cards, including some from our very popular *Fox Under the Moon* range and the charity *Embrace*. This year we also have some hand carved olive wood decorations, supporting work in the Middle East, and decorative Advent candles so come and have a look – all will be available after 12 November.



I hope by now to have met all the volunteers who do such a wonderful job and invited you all to our get together with Claire at 1030 on 21 November. If you're wondering what volunteering in the Abbey involves, you'd be very welcome to come along too. You meet

some lovely visitors and get to enjoy the Abbey in a different way. Your commitment could be as little as 2 hours a month!

To get in touch either email [persshoreabbeybookstall@gmail.com](mailto:pershoreabbeybookstall@gmail.com), call 07858506218 or say hello in person. I look forward to hearing from you. *Sally Whyte*

SAVE THE DATE!

PASA COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER: Pop in to St Andrew's Centre between 1030 and 1200 for coffee, cakes and chat. Two recently retired Fire Officers from the **Hereford & Worcester Fire Service** will be attending and manning a stall offering safety advice, leaflets, taking bookings for free home safety surveys, offering to fit free smoke alarms and a free replacement battery service.



WORLD AIDS DAY FRIDAY 01 DECEMBER: Over 105,000 people in UK are living with the discrimination and stigma of HIV. This can impact poverty, mental health and feelings of isolation. National AIDS Trust is committed to stopping new cases of HIV in the UK by 2030. Everyone in the UK can now access free HIV treatment and 97% of those on medication are doing well and can't pass on the virus.

Red ribbons are available at the back of the Abbey. Please consider supporting National AIDS Trust and wearing a ribbon on the days around 01 December.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 03 DECEMBER: Come along to Pershore Abbey at 1500 for this enjoyable festive service. The service will include favourite advent carols and will feature the Abbey Choir singing beautiful advent anthems in the impressive setting of Pershore Abbey. This will be the Abbey's first Christmas with its new organ so we are looking forward to listening to it perform!



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 . . .

SHOEBOX SUNDAY 1030 5 NOVEMBER ST ANDREW'S

CENTRE: We will be supporting Teams4U again this year. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please them in the box at the back of the church during service times; soaps, flannels, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, felt tip pens & pads, and girl's and boy's toys. It costs a minimum of **£3** to send each shoe box. If you prefer to donate to this, please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne*



EDIBLE NATIVITY SUNDAY 3 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 limited to 20, so please book your place by emailing office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or telephone **01386 552071**. **YOU MUST BOOK BY 27 NOVEMBER TO SECURE A PLACE!**

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 **4 December, 11 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*

PERSHORE ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION MORNING: **Saturday 02 December** from **1000** in **Pershore Abbey**. Come along and help dress the Abbey Christmas Tree. **We look forward to welcoming you.** Refreshments will be served.



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, **03 December 2023** 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 **03 December** 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*

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

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



Sunday 3 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Edible Nativity - Booking Essential (*St Andrew's Centre*)
Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call 01386 552071 by 27 November
- 1030 Patronal Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 1500 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 10 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's Centre*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1700 Wholeness & Healing Service—Light in Our Darkness (*St Andrew's Centre*)



Sunday 17 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1030 Carol Service (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)
- 1700 Christmas Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1800 Carol Service and Christmas Trees (*St Mary's, Wick*)
- 1800 Carol and Christingle Service (*St James, Birlingham*)



Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 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 Monday 25 December

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



New Year's Eve Sunday 31 December

- 0800 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

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

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.

C OF E 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.



A free phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers

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.

A promotional graphic for Pershore Abbey CAFÉ CHURCH. At the top, it says 'Perschore Abbey' in orange, followed by 'CAFÉ CHURCH' in large blue letters and '@St Andrew's Centre' in orange. Below this is a photograph of a white plate with a slice of toast that has 'CAFÉ CHURCH' written on it, a white cup of coffee, and a notebook with the handwritten text 'A fun way to worship!'. The bottom section of the graphic contains the text: 'Monthly on Second Sundays', 'Our next services: 19 November and 10 December', 'Join us for 9:30am', 'Songs • Talk • Tea • Toast', 'All ages welcome', and contact information for Sam Andrews: 'If you want to find out more contact: Sam Andrews: candfw.pershoreabbey@gmail.com'. At the very bottom, it lists social media links: 'Facebook: @pershoreabbeycom', 'YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community', and 'Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk'.

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

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PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 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: [Pershore Abbey Community](#)

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

All Saints' Day

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 All Souls' Service *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday

0800 Eucharist

1040 Remembrance Service *with LiveStream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

2nd Before Advent

0800 Eucharist

0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Christ the King

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

Advent Sunday

0800 Eucharist (BCP)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1500 Advent Carol Service

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

1500 Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

1030 Morning Praise

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

1030 Patronal Holy Communion

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

1050 Armistice Service

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

PLEASE CONTACT THE
BENEFACTICE OFFICE FOR
MORE NEWS AND
INFORMATION FROM
WICK AND WE WILL PUT
YOU IN TOUCH!
BENEFACTICE 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 CONCERTS & EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1430

Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 1900

Worcester Male Voice Choir

Christmas Concert

Worcester Male Voice Choir
proudly presents



A concert of seasonal choral favourites

With special guests
Shelley Fairplay (harp)
Keith Hearnshaw (organ)

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

8th - 9th December 2023 at 7:00pm
Pershore Abbey
All tickets £15



<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/worcestermalevoicechoir>
Information Line: 07731 829947



**PERSHORE
CHORAL**

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023 7.30PM
PERSHORE ABBEY

AN EVENING OF FRENCH CHORAL
AND ORGAN MUSIC

FEATURING THE ABBEY'S NEW PIPE ORGAN.

FAURE - REQUIEM AND
CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE.
VIERNE - MESSE SOLENNELLE
AND TANTUM ERGO.

CONDUCTOR
CARLETON ETHERINGTON
CHARLES MATTHEWS
ORGAN
CHARLES MURRAY
BARITONE
ROSE JOHNSON
SOPRANO

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Pershore Choral invites you to visit its website: www.pershorechoral.co.uk

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 1900

Worcester Male Voice Choir

Christmas Concert

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 1930

Pershore Town Choir

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral

For full details and booking information, please visit our website

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events