

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

October 2023

Welcome to our **October Monthly Edition 2023**. The weekly bulletin in our regular service sheet will keep you up to date with what's happening week by week.

We did it! The arrival and successful installation of Pershore Abbey's new organ has been officially celebrated. The Organ Festival took place 29 September - 1 October, with a programme of concerts and services including a Festival Choral Concert with Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of Music and Choir of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, and a 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. We were also delighted that Bishop John blessed our Ruffatti organ at a special Festival Eucharist.

Claire would like to thank everyone who supported the installation of the organ and made the Abbey's pipe dream a reality!



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NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are delighted to introduce Paule Treppe, Pershore Abbey's new **Interim Director of Music**. Paul studied organ with Donald Hunt and Nicholas Danby, and composition with Herbert Howells. He became a member of the National Youth Orchestra at 12 years of age and went up to Oxford in 1972 where he became Organ Scholar at New College.

His professional career began in 1976 when he was appointed Assistant Organist at Worcester Cathedral, where he gained experience working with the Cathedral Choirs, Choral Society and Three Choirs Festival Chorus.

An early high spot was a commission to write and conduct a setting of the Gerard Manley Hopkins poem "God's Grandeur" for the three Choirs' Festival Chorus and the City

of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in 1981. In the same year he was appointed Director of Music at St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick where he continued the long-standing tradition of music-making, undertaking tours and making recordings as well as broadcasting with the choir. He moved to St. Edmundsbury Cathedral in 1985. During an exciting period of change and development, Paul quickly built up the reputation of the St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir as well as implementing the (now somewhat surprising!) decision of the Cathedral authorities of the time to reinstate an exclusively all-male singing tradition.

In September 1990 he succeeded Arthur Wills as Organist and Director of Music at Ely Cathedral. During his time at Ely the Cathedral Choir of boys and men gave numerous concerts, made many recordings, and frequently toured internationally. He was closely involved with the foundation of new choirs at Ely, including the Girls' choir, a children's choir (The Ely Imps) and a voluntary adult choir (The Octagon Singers.)

Paul's appearances on CD include solo organ discs and many choral collections. As organ recitalist he has performed throughout the UK and in many European cathedrals and churches, as well as in Russia and The USA.

He has composed a large amount of music, most of it choral. Many of his pieces have been published (by Faber and Encore amongst others) and recorded. In October 2020 he won the Royal College of Organists composition competition for his Sacred Song, "Who alone is good" which has now been published and recorded.

Working with choirs of various sizes, Paul has conducted many choral and orchestral concerts with Leamington Bach Choir, Ipswich Bach Choir, Cambridgeshire Villages Colleges Choral Society, Ely Choral Society and the Aldeburgh Foundation's Britten-Pears Choir.

Paul retired from his principal post at Ely on Easter Day, 2019. He now lives in Worcester and spends much of his time performing, conducting, deputising for other musicians, examining, composing, and enjoying cricket.



HARVEST SERVICES

Harvest Services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and to give thanks for all who work in the farming community, both at home and abroad. The services taking place in October are:

- All Age Eucharist - Pershore Abbey - Sunday 08 October at 1030
- Harvest Festival - St Nicholas', Pinvin - Sunday 15 October at 1030

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

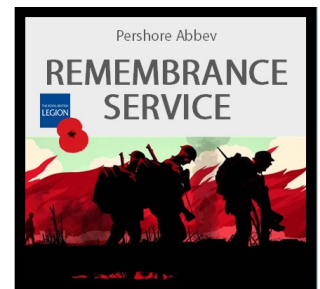
This year's All Souls' service will take place at Pershore Abbey 5 November at 1700. We are in the process of writing to those who have been bereaved in the last eighteen months and sharing with them that their loved one's name will be remembered at this quiet and reflective service. If your bereavement is from earlier and you would like your loved one to be remembered please let the office know, preferably by email by 2 November to office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. There will also be sheets at the back of our churches over the coming weeks if you prefer to leave names that way. This service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend in person. You are also very welcome to come into the Abbey to light your own candle for a loved one at any time. *Claire*



PERSHORE BENEFICE REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

We look forward to welcoming everyone to these special services when we gather to remember those who have died in war and conflict. The services will be taking place:

- St James's, Birlingham - Saturday 11 November at 1045
- Pershore Abbey - Sunday 12 November at 1045
- St Nicholas', Pinvin - Sunday 12 November at 1030
- St Mary's, Wick - Sunday 12 November at 1500



HOLLAND HOUSE

Come along to Holland House, Cropthorne, to take part in a midweek communion every Wednesday at 12 noon. You could stay on and book a light lunch and take a walk in the garden.

You are welcome any time to come and have coffee or lunch, but you must book on 01386 860330. There is also an interesting programme of events taking place for a day or for a weekend. For further information go on the website, address www.hollandhouse.org

Holland House and garden can be found at Main Street, Cropthorne WR10 3NB. For further information contact Rev. Alma Organ on 01386 554248.



TRADCRAFT AT THE ABBEY

Please note, there will not be a **Traidcraft** table during October however the table will return on the following days; 1 November, 19 November, 3 December and 17 December with Christmas items. *Sam Andrews*

PERSHORE FOODBANK

A special thank you from the Pershore Foodbank to all our donors at Harvest Time. We are all working hard to prepare our service for the Autumn and Winter to come. A year of unprecedented raises to the cost of living has hit the most vulnerable of our clients hardest and we still strive to ensure that no-one who is undergoing such a crisis that they cannot afford food is left to go hungry.



Steep increases in the cost of a weekly grocery shop mean that there is less produce coming into our supermarket collection baskets and this in turn means that we are having to use more of your generous financial donations to buy in stock. Our indefatigable warehouse volunteers deserve a special acknowledgement: sorting, labelling, shelving - it seems never-ending at times but they continue to turn up and do their bit without complaint.

We continue to need all types of non-perishable foodstuffs, especially those which add a little variety to the plain, economical fare that we are now buying in bulk. Canned soups, vegetables, meat or fish are very welcome as are biscuits and treats (the nicest of which may be put aside for our special Christmas Hampers). There is just one small plea though: when reaching for something exotic from the back of the larder, **do please check the "use by" date**. Harvest Festival can sometimes yield one or two interesting, museum items.

Thank you 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

Facebook: [#pershoreabbeycom](https://www.facebook.com/pershoreabbeycom) YouTube: [Persshore Abbey Community](https://www.youtube.com/PershoreAbbeyCommunity)

Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE!

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH STUDY GROUPS THURSDAY 12, 19 and 26 OCTOBER: This Autumn LLF study groups are taking place at St Andrew's. No need to book, just turn up. Those who have participated before have found it worthwhile and thought provoking.

THE ABBEY'S SHOEBOX SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER: We will be holding our annual Shoebox Sunday on 5 November. All children and young people are very welcome to come along at **1030** to **St Andrew's Centre** to help pack the boxes. We would be very grateful for donations of empty shoe boxes and the following items to help fill them: **soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, tennis balls, small soft teddies, felt tip pens & pads, and boy's toys.** Sweets and chocolates with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place items in the box at the back of the Abbey during service times. It costs a minimum of £3.00 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts in an envelope to Suzanne Clarke. *Thank you, Suzanne.*

PASA COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER: Join us for our monthly parish coffee morning on Saturday 21 October. Just drop in to **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon for coffee, cakes and a chat! We look forward to seeing you there.

Sara Speed, PASA (Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's)

PASA COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER: 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. The coffee morning will take place at **St Andrew's Centre** between **1030** and **1200** noon.

ARTIST TALK: Hilary Jack, the artist behind the Abbey's art installation *Deluge*, will be giving a talk in Pershore Abbey **Saturday 28 October** at 1500. Come along to meet the artist and discuss the issues relating to *Deluge*; the climate crisis, ancient stories of flooding and ones much closer to home.



8TH - 14TH
OCTOBER
2023

THE HEAVENS
DECLARE THE
GLORY OF
GOD, SO...

**LOOK
UP** PSALM
19:1

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#PRISONSWEEK

PRISONSWEEK
A WEEK OF PRAYER

IDEAS FOR ABBEY LINK: It's that time yet again! Abbey Link Winter edition is now in preparation and needs ideas. It is our opportunity to connect with the whole community in the Pershore benefice. I would be most grateful for ideas on topics to cover or nagging questions you would like answers to that are local to folk in Birlingham, Pershore, Pinvin and Wick. If you would like to see it in the magazine, please get in touch by emailing editor@pershoreabbey.org or even pen something yourself! *With thanks, Christopher Kimberley*

VOLUNTEERS: We are still **urgently** looking for volunteers to help distribute the Abbey Link Magazine in the following areas:

- High Street; Church Street to Head Street (Town Hall side)
- Skylark Drive
- High Street; Cherry Orchard to Bridge Street (Tesco side)
- Kingfisher Fields
- Old Music Hall & Lower Priest Lane Flats (school side)
- Goldfinch Rise
- Mayfield Road (both sides)
- St Agatha's Close, Close and Mews

Delivery takes place only 4 times a year. If anyone feels they could lend a hand please contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071 or Roger Piper on 01386 553110.

JOIN OUR CHOIR

Come and join our friendly and dedicated choir, which leads the singing at our Sunday services.



To find out more, please contact:
David Long, Judy Dale or Paul Trepte via the Abbey Office

11 Broad Street, Pershore
01386 552071
office@pershoreabbey.org.uk



www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

Pumpkin Heroes & Light Party

@ Pershore Abbey



World Vision
Hope and a future for all children



Scripture Union



Sunday 29th October 2023

3pm to 5pm



for

Games • Crafts • & Activities

Hot Dog & Hot Chocolate provided

Children aged 4 to 10 years

To book your child's place contact:
Sam Andrews 07879310312

PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

OCTOBER 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 8 OCTOBER

Trinity 18 / Harvest

0800 Eucharist

0945 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Harvest All Age Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

Trinity 19

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with LiveStream*

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

Trinity 20

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with LiveStream*

1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

Bible Sunday

0800 Eucharist *with LiveStream*

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist
at St James', Birlingham

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

1030 Benefice Eucharist
at St James' Birlingham

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

1030 Harvest Festival

*Please bring non-perishable items for
Persore Foodbank*

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

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at St James' Birlingham

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

Bible Sunday

1030 Benefice Eucharist

REGULAR SERVICES

Café Church

The fresh way to
Worship in Pershore

Monthly on the Second Sunday
in the St Andrew's Centre

WORSHIP • MUSIC • REFRESHMENTS



**THIS SERVICE USUALLY TAKES PLACE ON EVERY
SECOND SUNDAY 0945 IN ST ANDREW'S**

NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

Come and join in with our family friendly and informal café-style worship as we meet for worship, music and refreshments.

PERSHORE ABBEY WHOLENESS & HEALING



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

NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

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 IONA WORSHIP



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

NEXT SERVICE: SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 1700

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

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS & EVENTS AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1430

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1930

PERSHORE CHORAL

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 1930

**WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 1930

**WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 1930

PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR

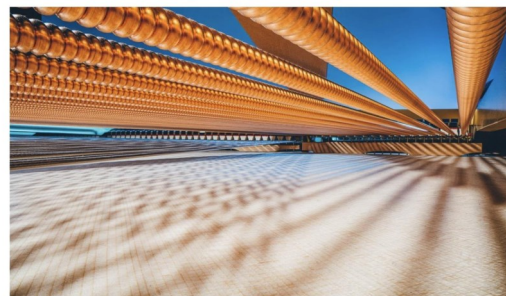
SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 1930

PERSHORE CHORAL

'An important contribution to the musical life of the area' [Robert Fripp]

pianoscapes

eclectic music for adventurous listeners...



Pianist **CHRIS LONG** presents
an hour of improvisations and compositions -
no.60, 61 & 62 in this monthly series

15th October
19th November
17th December

**St Andrew's Centre, Pershore
Sundays @ 2.30pm**

Arrive from 2.00 for excellent homemade cake!
Tickets £10 – email chrislong2008@live.co.uk
www.chrislongmusic.co.uk

For full details and booking information, please visit our website

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