

# CHURCH NEWS

## Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

March 2024

### Welcome to the March 2024 Monthly Edition!

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

**EASTER LILY SUNDAY AT THE ABBEY:** At services on 17 March it will be possible for people to make a donation towards the Easter lilies that will be used to decorate the Abbey from Easter Day. Mary Cope, a member of the Abbey Flower Guild, will be on hand to write down any names of loved ones that you may wish to be remembered as you give your donation. 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. *Claire*



**DAWN SERVICE AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER:** Join us at Pershore Abbey at 0600 on 31 March for this special service, followed by breakfast of boiled eggs and rolls at St Andrew's Centre. Photo: Terry Palmer and Claire at the Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter 2023.

**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*

### IN THIS EDITION

MOTHERING SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK - CHILDREN'S EASTER ACTIVITIES - CONCERTS

## LENT IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE



The Abbey - Pershore Baptist Church - Holy Redeemer Catholic Church - Community Church

### LENTEN LUNCHES

JOIN US FOR HEARTY SOUP AND A ROLL

**ALL WELCOME**



### PERSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

**1200 - 1330**

*(Last orders 13:00)*

**THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY - THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY**

**THURSDAY 7 MARCH - THURSDAY 14 MARCH**

Followed by the Lent Group 1400-1530  
on the above dates and Thursday 21 March

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### LENT & HOLY WEEK COMPLINE BY ZOOM



**Mondays in Lent from 19 February**

**Monday 25, Tuesday 26 &**

**Wednesday 27 March in Holy Week**

**1900**

**Online via Zoom**

An opportunity to share in the quiet and peace of Compline  
during Lent, with a reflection

This half-hour night service will take place via Zoom

Please contact [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the

**MOTHERING SUNDAY 10 MARCH:** All are welcome to join the 1030 All Age Eucharist service at Pershore Abbey or the 1030 Mothering Sunday Morning Praise service at St Mary's, Wick when we will be giving thanks for mothers past and present.

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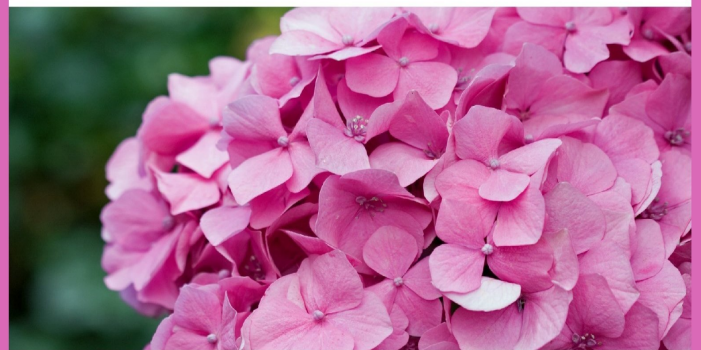
**MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE:** Posies for the Mothering Sunday service will be put together on **Friday 08 March** at Suzanne Clarke's home from 1300 onwards. Suzanne would be most grateful for any donations of daffodils and foliage or any



monetary donations to buy flowers. Please contact Suzanne on 01386 553293 if you can help in any way.  
*Thank you, Suzanne*

St Mary's, Wick

### MOTHERING SUNDAY



**Sunday 10 March**

**1030**

**ST MARY'S, WICK**

Everyone is welcome to join our Mothering Sunday service when we gather to give thanks for mothers past and present.

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## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC SERVICE 03 MARCH 1500 AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** The Town Council Civic Service is an opportunity for the town to gather to give thanks and pray for the work of the Mayor and Town Council. Please come and support Pershore Mayor, Cllr Richard Grantham, and all those who serve our town as Town Councillors. There will be no Evensong on this Sunday.

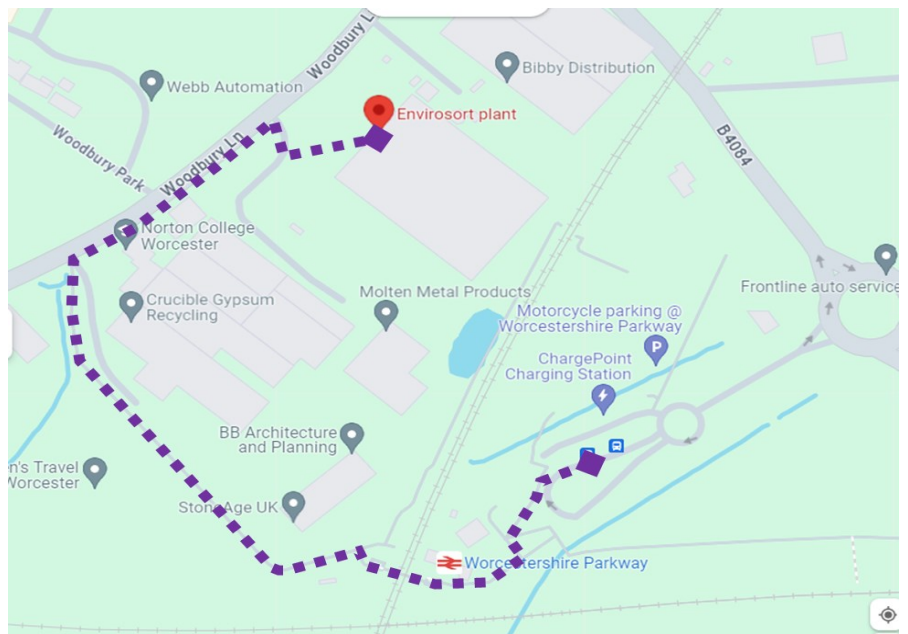
## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

The Foodbank continues to be incredibly busy providing vital support to members of our local community. You can help support them too with donations of; tinned goods (vegetables, meat, fish, soup, fruit), long life milk, and cleaning products. The Foodbank is open in St Andrew's Centre 1100-1300 on Tuesdays and 1300-1500 on Fridays. For further info please visit [www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk) or contact 01386 555347

## ABBEY ECO CHURCH

**ABBEY ECO CHURCH VISIT TO ENVIROSORT:** A visit is organised Monday 18 March 1400 at EnviroSort, Woodbury Lane Norton WR5 2DF, (Severn Waste Services) 15 Spaces. There is a safe platform to see the recycling process and time to ask questions. Wheel chair access. Book your space at [Ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:Ecochurch@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or in person with David Oldham. Find out how recycling happens and if you can recycle more than you thought.

Travel: a) Meet up to catch X50 bus at 1325 from Pershore Broad Street, which includes a walk from Worcestershire Parkway across bridge with steps over railway, see below, or b) 10 mins by car with free car parking. Choose the visitor's not staff entrance.



**NEXT ABBEY  
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

**TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024 1915**  
**ST ANDREW'S CENTRE MAIN ROOM**  
Please feel free to join us at one of our meetings

**NEXT ABBEY  
LITTER PICK DATE:**

**SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024 1000**  
Meet at the West End of the Abbey  
All Welcome - Equipment Provided

# Pershore Benefice Easter 2024

## HOLY WEEK



### Palm Sunday 24 March

**0800 Eucharist** (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

**1500 Hear my Prayer** A Choral Devotion for Holy Week. The Abbey Choir and The Five Alive Parish Choir will lead a programme of seasonal favourites including music by Mendelssohn and Stainer. (*Pershore Abbey*)

**1700 Iona Worship** (*Pershore Abbey*)

### Monday in Holy Week 25 March

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

### Tuesday In Holy Week 26 March

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

### Wednesday in Holy Week 27 March

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

### Maundy Thursday 28 March

**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 29 March

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

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

**1000-1200 Good Friday Witness** Drop in anytime at the corner of the High Street and Broad Street, to mark Good Friday by leaving a prayer in a sand tray.

**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](mailto:acbhteam@gmail.com)

### Holy Saturday 30 March

**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

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YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community



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# HEAR MY PRAYER

A Choral Devotion for Holy Week



**PALM SUNDAY, 24 MARCH**

**15:00**

**Pershore Abbey**

Pershore Abbey Choir with The Five Alive Parish Choir will lead a programme of seasonal favourites including music by Mendelssohn and Stainer

Directed by Paul Trepte Organist: John Swindells  
The Five Alive Parish Choir Director of Music: Hilary Harris



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# EASTER DAY

**March 31 2024**



**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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# GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY



AGES  
5-10 YRS

**Friday 29 March**

**1000 - 1415**

**St Andrew's Centre**

Enjoy Easter themed activities and crafts including:

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

No Cost - Donations Welcome

**Booking Essential**

Spaces are limited so reserve your place from 11 March

Booking and information: Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293

PLEASE CONTACT THE BENEFICE OFFICE  
FOR MORE NEWS 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**  
VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

**WWW.BIRLINGHAM.ORG**

FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION  
FROM **PINVIN** PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
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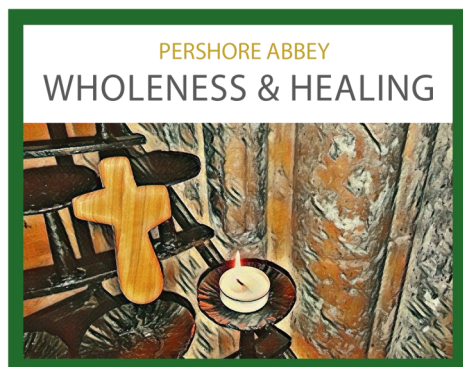
**WWW.PINVIN.ORG.UK**

## APCM AND LAY MINISTRY NEWS

**APCM MEETINGS IN THE BENEFICE:** In April and May we will be holding meetings to elect churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meetings for each parish. These are an opportunity to reflect on the past year and to thank all those who have been involved in the life of our churches. Everyone is welcome to attend them. The meetings are also when we elect and appoint officers for the current year - there is always room for volunteers who would like to serve as PCC members. If you think this could be you please speak to me or an existing churchwarden for more details. Thank you *Claire*.

**AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY:** We are so blessed with Authorised Lay Ministers in our benefice. Suzanne Clarke, Sandra Long and Penny Gordon offer much in their specialist areas of ministry. The diocese is looking to arrange some training sessions for those who would like to consider being an ALM in one of the following specialist areas - Children and Young People, Evangelism, Pastoral Worker and Worship Leader. If you feel that this is a ministry that you feel that God might be calling you to or you would simply like to know more about Authorised Lay Ministry, please get in touch with me before 30 April. *Claire*

## REGULAR SERVICES



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 10 MARCH & SUNDAY 14 APRIL**  
**1700 PERSHORE ABBEY**

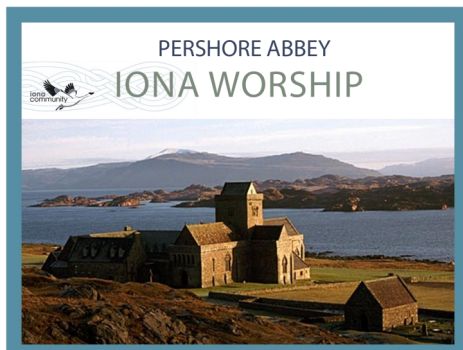
We also offer the opportunity to receive the ministry of healing prayers with two of the Wholeness & Healing team in the St John Chapel after communion has been received at every 3rd Sunday 1030 Eucharist



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 17 MARCH & SUNDAY 14 APRIL**  
**0930 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 24 MARCH & SUNDAY 28 APRIL**  
**1700 PERSHORE ABBEY**

We hope you will join us either in person or via Zoom. Contact [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for the Zoom link

# PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

## MARCH 2024

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: [Persnore Abbey Community](#)

### PERSHORE ABBEY

#### **SUNDAY 3 MARCH**

##### **LENT 3**

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1500 Town Council Civic Service

#### **SUNDAY 10 MARCH**

##### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

0800 Eucharist

1030 All Age Eucharist *with Livestream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

#### **SUNDAY 17 MARCH**

##### **LENT 5**

0800 Eucharist

0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Morning Praise *with Livestream*

#### **SUNDAY 24 MARCH**

##### **PALM SUNDAY**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1500 Hear my Prayer

1700 Iona Worship

#### **SUNDAY 31 MARCH**

##### **EASTER DAY**

0600 Dawn Eucharist

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

### ST MARY'S, WICK

#### **SUNDAY 10 MARCH**

1030 Mothering Sunday Morning Praise

#### **SUNDAY 24 MARCH**

1030 Parish Communion

#### **SUNDAY 31 MARCH**

0900 Parish Communion

### ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

#### **SUNDAY 3 MARCH**

1030 Holy Communion

#### **SUNDAY 17 MARCH**

1030 Sunday Praise

### ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

#### **SUNDAY 31 MARCH**

1030 Holy Communion

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 4 & 5 FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**



# PERSHORE ABBEY FORTHCOMING CONCERTS & EVENTS

## Worcester Philharmonic ORCHESTRA

Cor Anglais - Louise Braithwaite  
Conductor - Dexter Drown  
Leader - Graham Longfils

**Saturday 9th March 2024**

**2:30pm**

**Pershore Abbey**

**WR10 1BL**

Delius

Two Pieces for Small Orchestra

Watkins

Out of the Stillness for Cor Anglais

Debussy

Rhapsody for Cor Anglais

Dvořák New World Symphony



Tickets £15 (under 16s free) available from:  
Tourist Offices in Worcester, Pershore\* and Malvern  
Ticket Secretary 01905 353013  
Online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (Booking fees apply online)  
\*Cash only. Registered Charity Number 512073




## ROCK CHOIR *in* Concert


**SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024**  
**Pershore Abbey**


**Doors open @ 6:30pm / Performance @ 7pm**

**Proceeds to Brain Tumour Research**

**Tickets £15 (plus booking fee)**

Tickets available from  
[www.pershorerotary.club/concert](http://www.pershorerotary.club/concert)  
& Blue, 19 Broad Street, Pershore

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**SATURDAY 02 MARCH 1400**  
**WORCESTER FEDERATION OF WI'S**  
**MUSICAL CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 09 MARCH 1430**  
**WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC**  
**ORCHESTRA**

**SATURDAY 16 MARCH 1900**  
**ROCK CHOIR CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 23 MARCH 1930**  
**WORCESTER ELGAR CHORALE**

**TUESDAY 26 MARCH 1900**  
**WORCESTER CITY BRASS**

## The Elgar Chorale of Worcester

Director of Music - Piers Maxim

Presents

### 'Wondrous Machine'

A Choral Celebration of the new organ

Organist - Paul Trepte

With Soloists:

Tenor - John Upperton, Violin - Shulah Oliver

Harp - Natasha Gale

A Programme of East European Music

for Choir and Organ by Kodály,

Rachmaninov, Janáček and Dvořák

Includes *Goin' Home* from Dvořák's  
9th Symphony, *'From the New World'*

**Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 7:30 pm**  
**Pershore Abbey,**  
**Church Walk,**  
**Pershore WR10 1BL**

Tickets: £18, Concessions (over 60) £16, Students and under 18s free  
available from

BLUE, 19 Broad Street, Pershore. 01386 553847

Pershore Visitor Centre, Town Hall, 34 High Street, Pershore. 01386 561561  
or from our website [www.elgarchorale.com](http://www.elgarchorale.com)

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