

# CHURCH NEWS

## Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

October 2024

Welcome to our **October Monthly Edition 2024**. The weekly bulletin in our regular service sheet will keep you up to date with what's happening week by week.

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND NATIONAL ONLINE SERVICE:** The Abbey is delighted to have been asked to produce a service for the Church of England's digital platforms. We will be recording the service at 1400 on 23 October in the Abbey and we need a congregation! Please do come along if you'd like to add your voice to the worship. The service itself will be shared with the world on 3 November for All Saints. For more information please contact me. *Claire*



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



THE FRIENDS OF  
**PERSHORE ABBEY**  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation



## 2024 FRIENDS MEMORIAL LECTURE

With Matthew Martin - Precentor and Director of Music  
at Gonville & Caius College Cambridge

**Thursday 17 October**  
**Pershore Abbey**

1830 Drinks & Canapes  
1915 Lecture Commences

'A new organ for Pershore Abbey - an innovation out  
of step with its time?'

Tickets Available on the Door: £12 (students free)

[www.fopa.org.uk](http://www.fopa.org.uk)

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## MINISTRY NEWS



**STEPHEN EDWARDS' INSTALLATION AS CATHEDRAL DEAN:** In June, the King approved the nomination of the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards, Interim Dean of Worcester, to be appointed as new Dean of Worcester. Stephen was installed as the 47th Dean of Worcestershire on Sunday 15 September.



**BISHOP JOHN'S FAREWELL SERVICE:** Bishop John Inge's goodbye service on 29 September was attended by clergy and parishioners from across the diocese. The process to find the next Bishop of Worcester has started, but an announcement on Bishop John's successor is not expected until next summer at the earliest.

**ABBEY HARVEST SERVICE:** Join us for our Harvest All Age Eucharist at 1030 on Sunday 6 October when we will be giving thanks for all we receive from God and for all who work in the farming community, both at home and abroad. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Pershore Foodbank. *See page 9 for details of the Harvest services taking place across the benefice in October.*

**THE ABBEY'S SHOEBOX SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER:** We will be holding our annual Shoebox on Sunday 3 November. All ages 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: Girl's and boy's toys, small soft teddies, tennis balls, soaps, flannels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, felt tip pens & pads. 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.*

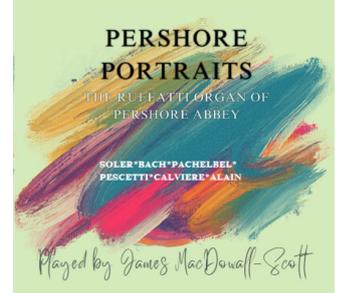


## MINISTRY NEWS



**ORGAN PROMENADE - A SERIES OF AFTEROON RECITALS IN THE ABBEY:** Join Abbey organist and our very own Director of Music, James MacDowall-Scott as he performs a series of afternoon recitals in the Abbey. Admission is free, with a retiring collection and will take place 1400-1500 on Sunday 6 and 13 October and Sunday 3 and 10 November.

**ORGAN MUSIC CD AVAILABLE AT THE ABBEY BOOKSTALL:** Abbey organist, James MacDowall-Scott, has produced a CD entitled 'Pershore Portraits'; a premier recording of the Ruffatti organ, and we are thrilled to be selling the CD at the Abbey bookstall. Priced at £10, with all profits from sales going towards the organ fund and the production of a second CD in 2025.



**ABBEY'S COFFEE MORNING:** This month's parish Coffee Morning will be taking place on Saturday 19 October, 1030-1200 and is being run by the Bellringers. Everyone is welcome, just drop in to St Andrew's Centre and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat! We look forward to seeing you there. *Jane Knox, PASA (Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's)*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** 'Weedy Pick' volunteers wanted for Saturday 2 November 1000 to remove some of the unusual number of weeds in the paths around the Abbey and St Andrew's. Meet at the Abbey West entrance and bring your gardening gloves and any tools that you think will be helpful. As per our litter picks the plan is for people to work together in pairs to make it both a social and productive time.

## ALL SOULS' SERVICE

This year's All Souls' service will take place at Pershore Abbey on 3 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 30 October to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto: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 livestreamed 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*



# Light Party @ Pershore Abbey



**Sunday 27th October 2024**

**3pm to 5pm**



for

**Games • Crafts • & Activities**

**Hot Dog & Hot Chocolate provided**

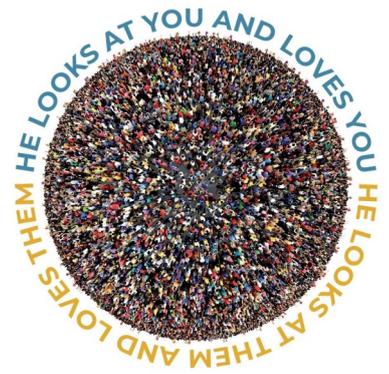
**Children aged 5 to 10 years**

To book your child's place contact:

**Sam Andrews 07879310312**

## PRISONS WEEK AND PRISONS SUNDAY

Prisons Week is an opportunity to think about how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as a community, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. Prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families can find themselves on the margins of our society. We should draw on the values of our faith; dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity, and believe everyone can make a fresh start, whatever they may have done.

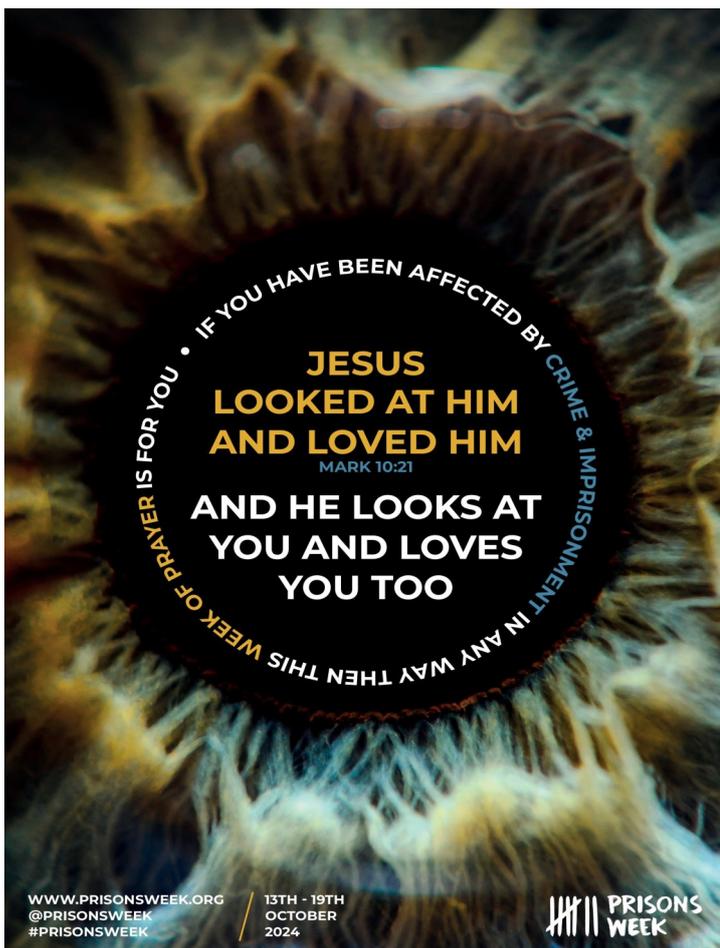


For nearly 50 years, Prisons Week has encouraged Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. Please pray each day during Prisons Week but also ask yourself if there is one thing that you as an individual, or as a church, can do to help any of the people for whom you are praying.

The theme for Prisons Week is “Jesus looked at him and loved him. And he looks at you and loves you too.”



This year, Prisons Week is taking place from the 13 to the 19 October, with a special service being held at the Abbey on Sunday 13 October on Prisons Sunday, where The Venerable James Ridge, Chaplain General (Head of Faith Services) of HM Probation and Prison Service, will preach.



## PRISONSWEEK A WEEK OF PRAYER

### THE PRISONSWEEK PRAYER

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.

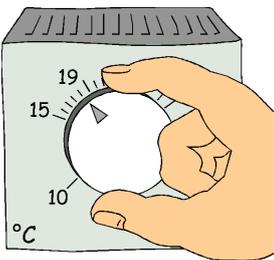
Amen.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

We are very grateful for your continuing support so that our volunteers can carry on looking after the most vulnerable people in our community. I am pleased to report that we helped a number of families with additional supplies during the school summer holidays, Pershore Medical Practice hosted a display to spread the word about our services and the Mayor's coffee morning at the Town Hall raised some welcome extra funds. We are now busy processing the Harvest Festival Donations and preparing for Christmas.



With a recent change in the weather, everyone's attention is drawn to rising heating bills and the necessity of keeping warm during the winter. At the Foodbank we will be offering additional support such as emergency supplies for the larder and warm



bedding vouchers to older people and people with disabilities. It is amongst the senior population that we most need your support because over 65's are less likely than any other group to seek help from a Foodbank. Please encourage anybody who you think might benefit from our resources to visit us, even if it is just the one time. They will be welcomed and treated with respect and confidentiality.

We are always looking out for donations of tinned food, tea, coffee, pasta and sauces. Toiletries (except dental) and cleaning products are also welcome. The shops are already full of Christmas goodies and despite how early October is to buy them, they help us to gather our resources in advance rather than leave it to the last minute.

*Sincerest thank you from Nicola Ainsworth and the team.*



**THE PERSHORE FOODBANK IS OPEN IN THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE ON  
TUESDAYS 1100 - 1300 AND FRIDAYS 1300 - 1500**

For further info please see our website [www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk)  
or contact us on 01386 555347

The Foodbank aim to have a Citizens Advice representative available at Friday sessions

### HARVEST DONATIONS

Items kindly donated at the Harvest Services taking place at Pershore Abbey, St Mary's, Wick and St Nicholas', Pinvin will all be donated to Pershore Foodbank

**ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

## PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH

**CARBON FOOTPRINT - WHAT IS IT AND HOW TO CALCULATE IT?** The term carbon footprint refers to the carbon emissions you cause every year. The average global carbon footprint today is approximately 5 ton carbon dioxide equivalents per year. In order to limit global warming to max 2 degree Celsius, we need to reduce our carbon footprint to below 2 ton carbon dioxide equivalents per year. To reduce your carbon footprint you first need to understand how large it is and what is causing it. ClimateHero's 5 minute online quiz will calculate your carbon footprint. After completing the test, you can check and track your reductions as well as offset your emissions. [TAKE THE QUIZ](#)



**FOOD WASTE - HOW IT EFFECTS THE ENVIRONMENT:** Every day we waste 20 million slices of bread. This creates greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to over 140,000 cars every year! Throwing food in the bin can affect climate change. The process of getting food on our plates takes a lot of time and resources such as water, energy, and transportation. Transportation of food and rotting food can produce greenhouse gases which are damaging to the environment. The UK has been working for a while to reduce food waste. Household food waste has reduced from 8.1 million tonnes to 6.6 million tonnes. Can you help reduce food waste?

Here are a few tips:

**Plan and Prep:** Plan your meals and check your fridge before shopping so you don't buy more than you need

**Love Your Leftovers:** Date leftovers and freeze them or take them to work for lunch

**Keep Track:** Post a list of perishables to be used on the fridge where you can see it

**Make it Work:** Get creative and use what is left in the fridge - stir-fry's and soups are good options

**Compost:** If possible, compost rather than add to landfill

*For more food waste facts, take a look at the Eco Church notice board in the Abbey.*



**ECO CHURCH**  
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*'Caring for God's Earth Together'*

**NEXT ABBEY  
LITTER PICK DATE:**

Join the Abbey Litter Pickers (ALPs)  
**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEXT DATE**  
Meet at the West End of the Abbey  
All Welcome - Equipment Provided

**NEXT ABBEY  
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1915**  
**ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM**  
Please come and join us!

## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY - RAISING AWARENESS

#BLAW



We are supporting  
Baby Loss Awareness Week

Together, we:



Remember our babies



Raise awareness of the support available



Drive change to improve care and support, and save more babies' lives



OCTOBER 24 2024



**WORLD  
POLIO  
DAY**

*"Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication." Bill Gates*



[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## LIGHTING UP THE ABBEY



On Friday 18 October, we will be lighting up the Abbey in pink in support of the **Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven Charity** for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Currently 800 women and 7 men a year are diagnosed with breast cancer in Worcestershire. Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven is the local breast cancer charity for the county and exist to provide practical and emotional support to the women and men of Worcestershire with their breast care needs, working closely with the NHS specialist breast care team to provide the best possible care in the best possible environment. More information visit: [www.worcsbreastunithaven.com](http://www.worcsbreastunithaven.com)



On Friday 25 October, we will be lighting up the Abbey in purple for **Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS) Awareness Day**. PoTS can be a life altering and debilitating health condition. Simply standing up can be a challenge for affected people as they are unable to adjust to gravity. More information: [www.potsuk.org](http://www.potsuk.org)

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

**ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN:** Our **Harvest Holy Communion Service** takes place on Sunday 6 October, after which our harvest gifts will be given to Pershore Foodbank, where they are gratefully received. Anyone wishing to make donations of goods (food, toiletries etc) for the benefit of the Foodbank may leave these in church on Saturday 5 October, as the church will be open during the day. We are pleased to continue supporting the Foodbank, and we look forward to our Spring season 'Thank You' service, when we again donate our gifts to them. *John Kemp, Churchwarden*



**ST MARY'S, WICK:** Everyone is welcome to attend our **Harvest Festival Service** on Sunday 13 October at 1130. After the service we are having a Harvest Lunch at Wick Care Farm. All available tickets for the lunch have now been sold but please do come along to the service. *Penny Gordon, Churchwarden*

**ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM:** You are invited to St James' **Autumn Walk Around Birlingham** on Sunday 27 October. Please bring a dog or a friend, or both! Meet at the War Memorial outside of the church at 1500. After the walk there will be refreshments and a pet blessing in the church. *Adrienne Woodward, Churchwarden*



### MUSICAL EVENING

Friday 18 October 19:00  
St James' Church, Birlingham

Featuring Sesto, a newly formed classical choir, several flute and clarinet pieces, plus contributions by villagers of all ages with a variety of instruments and musical styles

**TICKETS £5**

Includes a glass of wine or a soft drink, and nibbles. Payable on the door by cash or card. Proceeds to St James' Church.

**ALL WELCOME**

PLEASE CONTACT THE  
BENEFICE OFFICE FOR  
MORE NEWS FROM  
**WICK** AND WE WILL PUT  
YOU IN TOUCH!

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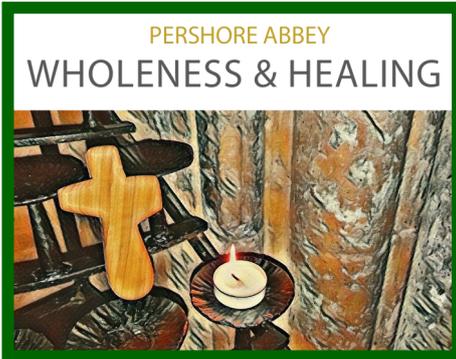
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**BIRLINGHAM** PLEASE  
VISIT THE VILLAGE  
WEBSITE AT

**WWW.BIRLINGHAM.ORG**

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INFORMATION FROM  
**PINVIN** PLEASE TAKE A  
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WEBSITE BY VISITING

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## REGULAR SERVICES



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER & SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER  
1700 PERSHORE ABBEY**

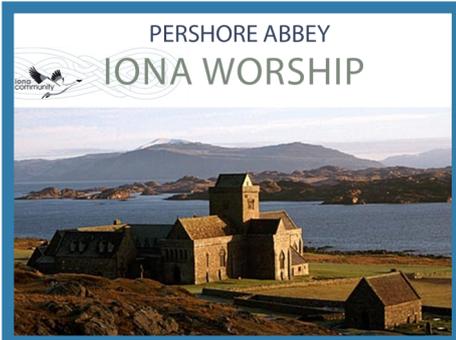
We also offer the opportunity to receive the ministry of healing prayers with two of the Wholeness & Healing team in the St John Chapel after communion has been received at every 3rd Sunday 1030 Eucharist



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER & SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER  
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 SERVICE:

**SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER & SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER  
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 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

The following services will be taking place across the Benefice to remember and honour the lives of those who have fallen in conflict:

St Nicholas', Pinvin	1030	Sunday 10 November
Pershore Abbey	1040	Sunday 10 November
St Mary's, Wick	1500	Sunday 10 November
St James', Birlingham	1045	Monday 11 November



**PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES  
OCTOBER 2024**

Details of our planned **Sunday** worship services within the Pershore Benefice are given below, though please do check our social media pages and website in case of changes. We look forward to welcoming you in person, and 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 6 OCTOBER**

**Trinity 19**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Harvest All Age Eucharist *with*

*Livestream*

1700 Evensong

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER**

**Trinity 20 / Prisons Sunday**

0800 Eucharist

0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

**SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER**

**Trinity 21**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

**SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER**

**Bible Sunday**

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with Livestream*

1700 Iona Worship

**ST MARY'S, WICK**

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER**

1130 Harvest Festival

**SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER**

1030 Parish Communion

**ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN**

**SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER**

1030 Harvest Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER**

1030 Sunday Praise

**ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM**

**SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER**

1500 Autumn Walk Around Birlingham

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 10 FOR OTHER REGULAR SERVICES  
AND OUR REMEMBRANCE SERVICES**

## ST ANDREW'S CONCERTS & EVENTS

**SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 1500**

**MUSYCK ANON'S COFFEE CONCERT**

Enjoy a coffee and a concert.

Free Admission.

**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 1030**

**ABBEY'S COFFEE MORNING**

Run by the Bellringers. Everyone welcome.

**SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 1400**

**PIANOSCAPES CONCERT**

An hour of improvisations and compositions.

Tickets £10

'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*

15<sup>th</sup> October

19<sup>th</sup> November

17<sup>th</sup> December

St Andrew's Centre, Pershore  
Sundays @ 2.30pm

Arrive from 2.00 for excellent homemade cake!

Tickets £10 – email [chrislong2008@live.co.uk](mailto:chrislong2008@live.co.uk)

[www.chrislongmusic.co.uk](http://www.chrislongmusic.co.uk)

## PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS & EVENTS

**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 1600**

**PHILOMUSICA OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
AND WORCESTERSHIRE CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1430**

**WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 1500**

**WORCESTERSHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1930**

**PERSHORE CHORAL CONCERT**

**PHILOMUSICA**  
SOLOISTS & CHORUS

with The Regency Percussion Ensemble  
Joshua Crunden & James Quinn (pianos)  
Conducted by Linda Parsons

**CARMINA BURANA**

Carl Orff

**FEEL THE SPIRIT**

John Rutter

**PERSHORE ABBEY**

**19 OCTOBER at 4.00PM**

Tickets £20

[philomusica.org.uk/tickets](http://philomusica.org.uk/tickets) (or on the door)

Accompanied children under 16 free



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Website: [www.pershoreabbey.org.uk](http://www.pershoreabbey.org.uk)