

# CHURCH NEWS

## Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

*June 2025*

### **Welcome to the June 2025 Monthly Edition!**

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

**CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' Ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations. Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them. Pentecost is on Sunday 8 June this year. 'When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.' Acts 2, Chapter 2



### **IN THIS EDITION:**

CHORAL EVENSONG - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST

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## MINISTRY NEWS

**NOVENA OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 30 MAY-SATURDAY 7 JUNE:** During this nine day period of prayer we are holding Zoom services so we can join with others across the world, praying for the Holy Spirit to come. Starting at 1900, the services will last 10-15 minutes each day. If you'd like to join this time of prayer on any of the days please contact Claire on [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) for a Zoom link.



**HOUSE BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** From the start of June and running for 4 weeks, there will be the opportunity to join a house group and continue to look in more depth at St Luke's Gospel. The dates and venues are as follows:



Mondays 1000-1130 at 58 Three Springs Road, starting 9 June  
Mondays 1900-2030 at Wick Club, Wick, 9, 16, 30 June and 7 July  
Tuesdays 1400-1530 at 19 Acorn Grove, starting 3 June  
Wednesdays 1830-2000 at 41 Westcott Way, starting 11 June  
Thursdays 1030-1200 at 55 Bridge Street, starting 19 June

Sign up sheets are in the Abbey or contact me at [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) Claire

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AT THE ABBEY:** On 6 July we will be keeping Stewardship Sunday. This is an opportunity for the PCC to say a huge thank you to everyone who supports the Abbey with their time, talents and resources as their response to God's generosity to us. Without your contributions we would not be the church that we hope to be. At our services we will share with you the good news which is the Parish Giving Scheme. We will also be thinking about legacies and how we can support the church in our wills. Claire



A big thank you to all helpers, bakers and donors and all who helped in any way towards the Pershore Carnival Teas held in St Andrew's Centre on Monday 26 May. You are all a wonderful group of people and the PASA team thank you for your support in ensuring this is a successful event. *Jane Knox*



A big thank you to everyone who participated both before, during and after this year's carnival event without which we wouldn't be able to present such a wonderful team event. Special thanks to Hilary and Martin for the Abbey Pick 'n' Mix which put smiles on many little faces. *See you next year, Beth & Eloise.*

The Abbey Walking Float did it again as we were awarded first prize in the procession. Everyone worked so hard to get outfits and props together for the theme of Children's Television. We couldn't have done it without the brilliance of Beth and Eloise Seale, who once again made sure our contributions were the best they could be. Thank you Beth and Eloise! And thank you everyone who cheered us on along the route! *Claire*



## MINISTRY NEWS

**ABBEY PEREGRINES:** On Friday 23 May the peregrine chicks faced a big adventure! Each chick was gently collected from their nest and carried down into the Abbey where they were weighed, measured, sexed, and ringed. Mr and Mrs P anxiously circled above but once their chicks were returned all was calm again with dinner served - to three boys and one girl. *Judy Dale*



Photo: Mark Everett

**FUN AT THE ABBEY:** Everyone is welcome to come along on Sunday 22 June for Fun at the Abbey. The event will start with a special outdoor Morning Praise Service (by the wildflower meadow), followed by games for all ages at 1130. Lastly, everyone is encouraged to bring along a picnic for 1200. The event is organised by the Pershore Abbey Community and is a chance to meet other families and make new friends.

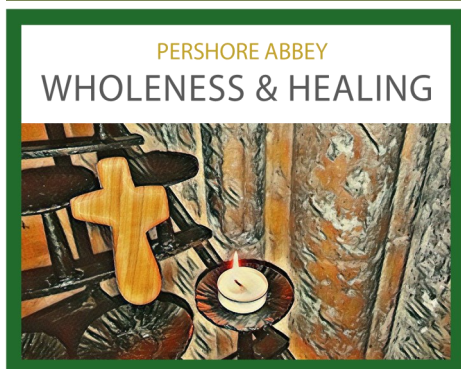
**NEW CHURCHWARDENS:** The role of a Churchwarden is an important one. Responsible for their parish church and its people, they take care of so much, from administration to dedicating time to those in the wider community who may be seeking guidance. John Kemp is continuing as Churchwarden of St Nicholas', Pinvin, whilst St Mary's, Wick, welcome a new Churchwarden and St James', Birlingham, are fortunate enough to welcome a second. Let's introduce them:

*"Sheena my wife, Oliver (our middle son), Sienna (our retriever) and Bella my Macaw moved from Winchcombe to Wick in 2002. I found myself helping Penny, the previous Churchwarden, with services and so when she decided to study for Ordination asked whether I would like to take on the role. Because of my work commitments (I started British Bespoke Auctions 15 years ago and spend most of my days travelling the country searching for beautiful objects!) I am grateful for the help and continued support of other members of the PCC - being Churchwarden is not a one-person task! I am also a Volunteer Chaplain at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital. Faith is important to me; it changed my life for the better and I made a promise to share what had helped me with others."* Nicholas Granger, Churchwarden, St Mary's, Wick

*"I moved to Birlingham six years ago with my husband. We feel very lucky to have found such a friendly village in a beautiful setting to enjoy our retirement. St James' church is very much the focal point of the village and I am looking forward to working alongside Adrianne Woodward as a joint churchwarden. It will be a team effort and I look forward to getting to know more people in Birlingham and the Benefice."* Pat Chinneck, Churchwarden, St James', Birlingham



## REGULAR SERVICES



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 8 JUNE & SUNDAY 13 JULY**  
**1700 PERSHORE ABBEY**

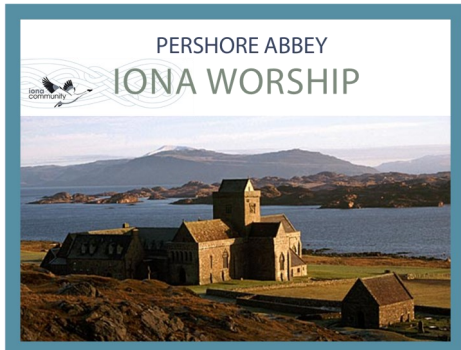
We also offer the opportunity to receive the ministry of healing prayers with two of the Wholeness & Healing team in the St John Chapel after communion has been received at every 3rd Sunday 1030 Eucharist



### NEXT SERVICES:

**SUNDAY 8 JUNE & SUNDAY 13 JULY**  
**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 22 JUNE & SUNDAY 27 JULY**  
**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

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Since the institution of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, settings of the Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis and responses have been set to music by many of the world's greatest composers. Here at Pershore Abbey, the Choir offer the service of Choral Evensong on the first Sunday of each month at 17.00. This beautiful, contemplative service follows the same pattern since 1549 and explores the glories of renaissance polyphony to contemporary works within the context of the liturgy. Please join us for an act of worship that suits all types of seeking souls, you can engage as much or as little as the Spirit moves you. All are welcome in Jesus' name.

*James MacDowall-Scott*



## PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH

**ABBEY ECO CHURCH WETLANDS WALK:** Established in 2008, the wetland comprises an area of 24 hectares beside the River Avon only a 5 minute walk from the town centre. Originally water meadows, a series of flooded scrapes have been created as a haven for wildlife. There are numerous footpaths in the area and a boardwalk runs through the middle of the wetland so that visitors can get up close to the wildlife. The wetland performs an important function as it takes surface water from the nearby housing estate and provides a natural means of improving the water quality before it enters the river. There will be a led walk around the wetlands at 1830 on Saturday 28 June. Numbers will be limited so if you are interested in attending, please contact Judy Dale on 01386 552744.



**CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE 2025:** Love your Burial Ground and Churches Count on Nature Week will be taking place Saturday 7 June - Sunday 15 June this year and will see church communities across the country take part in a week-long nature count to monitor and celebrate the biodiversity in churchyards. This initiative is run by Caring for God's Acre and A Rocha UK, together with the Church of England and the Church in Wales. You can find lots of helpful resources including information on downloading and the iNaturalist app to record your nature spotting at [LYBGW/CCoN 2025 resources](#) and there is also a link to a map showing where events have been registered if you are looking for a churchyard to visit. Church of England with Caring for God's Acre will also be running a lunchtime webinar series on aspects of land and nature. More information about the series can be found at [Churches Count on Nature 2025](#)

**NEXT ABBEY  
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2025 1915**  
**ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM**  
Please come and join us!



**NEXT ABBEY  
WEEDY PICK DATE:**

**SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2025 1000-1100**  
Meet at the West End of the Abbey  
All Welcome - Please bring gloves and any tools that you think would be helpful

**NEXT ABBEY  
LITTER PICK DATE:**

Join the Abbey Litter Pickers (ALPs)  
**SATURDAY 5 JULY 2025 1000-1100**  
Meet at the West End of the Abbey - Equipment Provided - 1100 Refreshments at St Andrew's and an opportunity to watch a short film - All Welcome

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

**BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT PINVIN:** St Nicholas', Pinvin, are looking forward to hosting a Benefice Sung Eucharist at 1030 on Sunday 29 June. Opening the doors and welcoming all, as they always do, those from the other churches in the Benefice are also encouraged to attend this special service. As well as warm hearts, the congregation at St Nicholas' will be offering refreshments and good conversation after the service, allowing you time to explore the church, including its medieval wall paintings (pictured). *John Kemp, Churchwarden*



**OUTDOOR ECO SERVICE AT BIRLINGHAM:** St James', Birlingham would like to extend an invitation to attend their Outdoor Eco Service at 1030 on Sunday 8 June. It will be held at Court House woodland garden, Birlingham, by kind permission of Rupert and Maryanne Day and will be led by Revd. Jayne Parker. There is parking on site and refreshments available following the service. Please contact me on 01386 750936 if directions are needed. *Adrianne Woodward, Churchwarden*



**PET SERVICE AT WICK:** St Mary's annual Pet Service will be taking place at 1030 on Sunday 8 June. Please bring your furry or feathered friends for a blessing and a sausage roll! All welcome! *Nicholas Granger, Churchwarden*

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

**CALLING ALL WILLING VOLUNTEERS:** Pershore Foodbank provide an invaluable service in our community supporting those who need help and support at a time of crisis. The foodbank needs more volunteers to deliver this vital service. If you could help or for more information, please email [volunteering@pershore.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@pershore.foodbank.org.uk) Thank you.

*Joanna, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

The Pershore Foodbank is open in  
St Andrew's Centre on  
Tuesdays 1100-1300 and Fridays 1300-1500

For further information visit  
[www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk)  
or call 01386 555347

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



# PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

## JUNE 2025

Details of 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: **Pershore Abbey Community**

PERSHORE ABBEY	ST MARY'S, WICK
<p><b>SUNDAY 1 JUNE</b>  <b>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION</b>            0800 BCP Eucharist            1030 Sung Eucharist <i>with Livestream</i>            1700 Choral Evensong</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 8 JUNE</b>  <b>PENTECOST</b>            0800 Eucharist            0930 Café Church (<i>St Andrew's</i>)            1030 All Age Eucharist <i>with Livestream</i>            1700 Wholeness &amp; Healing</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 15 JUNE</b>  <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>            0800 Eucharist            1030 Sung Eucharist <i>with Livestream</i></p> <p><b>SUNDAY 22 JUNE</b>  <b>TRINITY 1</b>            0800 Eucharist            1030 Outdoor Morning Praise in the Park            1700 Iona Worship</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 29 JUNE</b>  <b>ST PETER AND ST PAUL</b>            0800 Eucharist            1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist at            St Nicholas', Pinvin</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY 8 JUNE</b>            1030 Pet Service</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 22 JUNE</b>            1030 Parish Communion</p> <p><b>SUNDAY 29 JUNE</b>            1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist at            St Nicholas', Pinvin</p>
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## DAVID BRIGGS ORGAN RECITAL

Known for his unbridled virtuosity and passion for making organ music vibrant and accessible to a wide and diverse audience, David Briggs is one of the most sought after concert organists of his generation. Quoted by The New York Times as being 'one of the world's greatest contemporary organists', we are delighted to be hosting a special organ recital at Pershore Abbey at 1930 on Friday 20 June. Tickets are available from the Abbey Office, the Abbey Bookstall, and will be available to purchase on the door. Tickets are £20, including a glass of wine/soft drink.



## PERSHORE ABBEY FORTHCOMING CONCERTS & EVENTS



### WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT

**14 JUNE 1430 AT PERSHORE ABBEY**

Featuring soloist Chris Goodman.

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

### THE ELGAR CHORALE OF WORCESTER CONCERT - JS BACH MASS IN B MINOR

**21 JUNE 1900 AT PERSHORE ABBEY**

Featuring soprano Katie Tretheway.

[www.eventbrite.com/elgarchorale](http://www.eventbrite.com/elgarchorale)

### CHELTENHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF FOAG

**28 JUNE 1930 AT PERSHORE ABBEY**

Including soloist Isaac Williams.

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

### PERSHORE MIDSUMMER BRASS

**05 JULY 1000 AT PERSHORE ABBEY**

A festival of brass band music held at various venues in Pershore.

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



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