

Welcome to the June 2026 Monthly Edition!

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

THE SEASON OF TRINITY: Following Pentecost, we now find ourselves at the beginning of the reflective season of Trinity, otherwise known as Ordinary Time. We are actively encouraged to focus on our growth as Christians, deepening our understanding of the Trinity and its significance on the Christian faith. As well as our regular services, there are other services and events taking place in the Benefice during this season, each providing the opportunity to reflect on our growth as a Christian. Whilst we embrace the season of Trinity, let us also be thankful for the people we are blessed to have in our lives and the nature that surrounds us. The services featured on page 6 and 11, and the many activities included in this bulletin are the perfect opportunity for this!



IN THIS EDITION:

AVON RIVER DAY - TERRY PALMER ORDINATION - SERVICE OF EVENING PRAISE

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MINISTRY NEWS



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. Sign up sheets are in the Abbey or contact vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk Claire

SAM ANDREWS: We are delighted that Sam has completed her training to be an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) Children's and Youth Worker. Sam has worked with others in the diocese as part of her training, building on all the good things she has been involved with in the benefice over the past few years. She will be formally authorised as an ALM at the 1030 Sung Eucharist at the Abbey on 21 June. Please pray for Sam and all those who share in our ministry with children and young people. Claire



WELCOME DIRECTORY CHAMPION VISITING PRISON: As part of the Abbey's commitment as a member of the Welcome Directory, which enables those leaving prison to see which churches might welcome them warmly, we have been invited to take part in a Resettlement Fair at HMP Hewell on 16 June. The Fair is for those who work with prison leavers and those prisoners about to leave. I will be accompanying Suzanne Clarke, one of our Welcome Directory Champions, to the Fair, where we will be sharing information about the Abbey and the warm welcome that awaits anyone who comes in through our doors. Claire

HAVE YOU SPOTTED THE CHANGES: Pershore Abbey has been working hard over the past few months to become a more Dementia and Neuro-diverse friendly environment. Part of this initiative has included the recognisable Forget-me-not symbols as well as yellow signage in places such as the Abbey's toilet. Within the next few weeks, the Quiet area in the South Transept will be installed with cushions, blankets, helpful literature and noise blocking headphones.



TERRY PALMER'S ORDINATION

Any ordination service is a wonderful occasion, but they are even more special when you know someone who is getting ordained. We only have to cast our minds back to when Revd Jayne Parker was ordained to know just how special ordination services can be. Terry has been open to God's call and been through a rigorous discernment and selection process, he has completed three years of studying and is now all set to be ordained as a deacon on 28 June by Bishop Hugh. I hope that as many people as possible will be able to support Terry at his ordination by attending his ordination service on 28 June at 1030 in Worcester Cathedral, and by continuing to pray for him and Jodie as the journey and adventure of faith continues. We shall miss Terry very much but we know that the people of Alvechurch and Beoley are really excited to receive their new assistant curate, and we know what a blessing Terry and Jodie will be for those communities.



Terry has been part of the Abbey and Benefice for many years, and has been involved in so much of what goes on here. In his time he has been an Abbey Bell ringer and led the intercessions at the Abbey and at St Nicholas, Pinvin. He has also been a vital volunteer at the Abbey's Classic Car Show, ensuring that the cars get onto the park safely.



There will be an opportunity to say goodbye to Terry on 14 June at the 1030 Sung Eucharist at the Abbey. Please do come and show your appreciation for all that Terry had shared with us over the years. Sadly Jodie is unable to be at the service but we will be wishing her well too. And be assured there will be exciting refreshments! *Claire*

Travel Arrangements - Terry Palmer's Ordination

Terry has now finished his training and will be ordained in Worcester Cathedral at 1030 on Sunday 28 June. We know many of you will want to support Terry in this tremendous step in his ministry. There will be a coach leaving the Abbey at 0915 and returning from the Cathedral at 1300 (arriving back at the Abbey at around 1335). The cost will be £10 per person and there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Abbey. Please pay the money into the Office before the trip as I prefer not to have cash on the day. *Peter Stansbie, Honorary Bus Monitor*

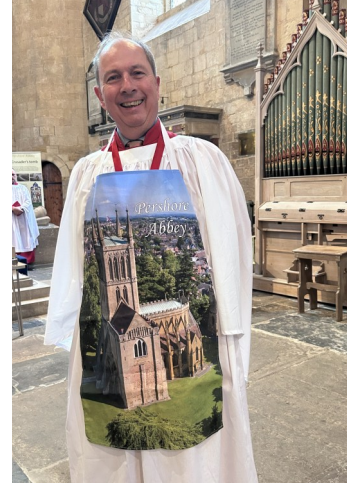
"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

ABBEY BOOKSTALL & WELCOMERS

A warm welcome is guaranteed when you meet one of our volunteers. As you may know Pershore is working toward becoming a dementia friendly town and many of us have recently had 'dementia awareness' training which has helped us reframe our greetings to those living with dementia visiting the Abbey and guide them appropriately. As summer approaches we expect to welcome more visitors and locals to our beautiful Abbey so if you'd like to be part of the team please get in touch.

We have new stock on the bookstall. As well as tea towels, we now have some limited stock aprons, modelled here so wonderfully by Michael Hodges, made by our very own Christine Doust. Maybe you could pick up a jute bag too? Ideal for picnics and summer outings! We continue to stock a wide range of beautiful cards for all occasions at very reasonable prices, with new designs being added regularly. At the moment we have a lovely selection of Hannah Dunnett designs, as well as eco friendly cards, cards from St Nicholas', Pinvin, and a few featuring our peregrine falcons.



As always, I'd love to hear from you with any ideas for the bookstall or if you'd like to know more about being a welcomer in our beautiful Abbey. Please contact me on [persoreabbeybookstall@gmail.com](mailto:pershoreabbeybookstall@gmail.com), call me on 07858 506218 or say hello in person. I look forward to hearing from you if you would like to know more. *Sally Whyte*

DEMENTIA CAFÉS

If you or someone you know has dementia and you are looking for a friendly and supportive environment in which to enjoy a chat and a cuppa, why not call into to one of the local Dementia Cafés? A little support can go a long way.



Pershore Dementia Café

Pershore Civic Centre, WR10 1PT

1030-1230

3rd Tuesday each month



Upton Dementia Café

77-79 Old Street, WR8 0HW

1030-1200

Every Tuesday

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER - PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Bishop Hugh recently met with the diocesan network of paid Children and Young People Ministers to listen to and encourage them, understand the joys and challenges of the job and discuss what support and resources they most need going forward. Can you spot our representative, Sam Andrews?



300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In June 1726, a gentleman, by the name of Samuel Rickards, created a trust, composing of himself and 9 other trustees, to manage Pershore Baptist Church as a place of Christian worship in perpetuity. This trust has succeeded in its mission for the last 300 years. To mark the 300th anniversary of this special occasion and raise funds for the next stage in the church's history, members of Pershore Baptist Church are planning a weekend of events on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June. From 1000 until 1600 on Saturday 13 June there will be a historical display, costumes and games and an opportunity to look around our building. There will be drinks and cakes available in the morning and cream teas in the afternoon. From 1900 to 2130, cheese and wine will be served as guests are entertained with a short historical play and a rock choir. At 1030 on the Sunday there will be a service of thanksgiving followed by a celebration barbeque. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend Saturday's evening event or Sunday's barbeque, please sign up via www.pershorebaptist.co.uk



OUTDOOR PRAISE



AVON RIVER DAY: As part of The Great Big Green Week, Pershore Abbey is joining up with churches along the River Avon to celebrate and pray for God's blessing over the river. Everyone is invited to head to The Old Bridge in Pershore at 1430 on Sunday 14 June for a simple service of blessing.



SERVICE OF EVENING PRAISE: This special annual service will be taking place at Wick Confetti Fields at 1900 on Tuesday 16 June. Everyone is welcome. Entrance via Yock Lane only. Please follow Confetti Fields Service signs. A large marquee and some seating will be available. Please bring chairs if possible.

PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH

'GIVE AND TAKE' ECO CHURCH COFFEE MORNING:

Head to St Andrew's Centre 1030-1200 on Saturday 13 June for the Abbey's Parish Coffee Morning, this month organised by and in support of Abbey Eco Church. Plants, produce and books are all welcome for the 'Give and Take' stall.

EVENT - WILDFLOWER MEADOW MAINTENANCE AND IDENTIFICATION:

Come along 1400-1600 on Sunday 21 June and see what has grown well, what not so well and what has not. Each year for the last four years wildflower seed has been spread in the autumn by local school children into this prepared area adjacent to the Abbey. It has been quite a learning curve. Come and learn a little, identify a few plants and, if you wish, help with a little maintenance to reduce troublesome grasses. *Kevin O'Neill*

SUMMER WALK IN MEMORY OF BOB: Everyone is invited to attend a very special summer walk at 1800 on Saturday 27 June in memory of Bob Gillmor. Bob was a much loved member of the Abbey family and the wider community and was a keen supporter of wildlife. Please meet at the Wetlands Car Park at 1800.

DID YOU KNOW? In 2026 Pershore Abbey celebrate 26 years of A Rocha UK and 10 years of Eco Church. Pershore Abbey, and the village churches, are proud of the work they carry out to support our environment and we hope you are too. Let's keep up the good work!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Eco Church Meeting

Wednesday 24 June 2026
1915

St Andrew's Centre
Upper Room
Come along and join us!

Litter Pick

Saturday 4 July 2026
1000-1100

Join the Abbey Little Pickers (ALPs). Meet at the West End of the Abbey. Equipment provided. Refreshments at 1100 at St Andrew's and an opportunity to watch a short film about coffee cups!

Weedy Pick

Saturday 15 August 2026
1000-1100

Join us as we help keep the paths around the Abbey and St Andrew's Centre tidy and presentable. Meet at the West End of the Abbey. Bring gloves and any tools that you think would be helpful.



VISIT TO SALZWEDEL

Just four of us, Michael Hodges, David Oldham, Fran and I were privileged to represent you in the annual exchange with the congregation of Salzwedel. I'd never heard of Salzwedel before we joined the Abbey. It's a medieval town, now beautifully restored, lying on the north German plain a few miles east of the former 'Iron Curtain'.

We travelled on Wednesday 13 May. We were formally welcomed at the Ascension Day Service the following morning. Thereafter we entered a programme of tours and trips in the company of our hosts. We were shown the town and some of its churches, notably the Katherinekirche, the main church of the

benefice. We had an excursion to a missionary centre and a Convent surviving since pre-Reformation times, and on the Saturday an outing by train to Berlin, where we visited the GDR museum (the history of East Germany from 1945 to 1989), and the monumental Kaiser Wilhelm Cathedral of 1902 where we took part in a short service, after which the organ played our own Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary. On return from Berlin we went to a concert in the Katherinekirche, a superb trio of soprano, trumpet and organ. We returned there the following morning for the Sunday service where we gave our thanks and said our farewells.



VISIT TO SALZWEDEL

The impressions which I think will remain with us longest will be our encounters with the folk of Salzwedel for their generosity, kindness and bonhomie. We were well fed, coffee and cake featured of course, but the roast venison at Frau Schulz's house was tops for me. Communication was rarely a problem, for most had as much English as necessary and some were fluent. They bore all our costs including train fare to Berlin and all entry fees.

Fran and I stayed in the lovely home of the young family we hosted last year, Martin and Lisa and the three children Bruno, Lotte and Willi. The grandparents living in the extension were younger than us, so it was a multi-generational gathering when we sat down together for supper. But it was easy and we have become good friends. Grandad and I lingered a little for a whisky nightcap.

Keith and Fran Biggin



PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS AND RECITALS



MATTHEW COLERIDGE CONCERT SATURDAY 6 JUNE 1900

An evening of sublime choral music.
www.matthewcoleridge.com

ORGAN RECITAL

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 1400

Featuring Piers Maxim, Malvern Priory
www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 1430

Featuring clarinetist George Blakesley
www.ticketsource.co.uk

CHELTENHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF FOAG

SATURDAY 20 JUNE 1930

Gallery of the Imagination!
www.foag.org

PERSHORE MIDSUMMER BRASS SATRDAY 4 JULY 1000

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

www.pershoremidsummerbrass.org

FLAG DAYS

Have you ever wondered why the Abbey flags are flying on certain days? For the curious minded, over the coming weeks, here are the flags that will be flying and why:

Saturday 6 June

D Day - Union Flag

Saturday 13 June

King's Official Birthday - Union Flag

Saturday 20 June

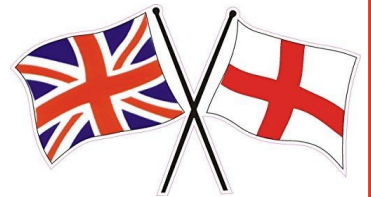
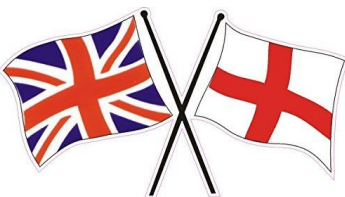
Pershore Carnival - Union Flag

Sunday 21 June

Prince of Wales' Birthday - Union Flag

Sunday 28 June

Armed Forces Day - Union Flag



MONTHLY SERVICES



CAFÉ CHURCH

SUNDAY 14 JUNE & SUNDAY 12 JULY

0930 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

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

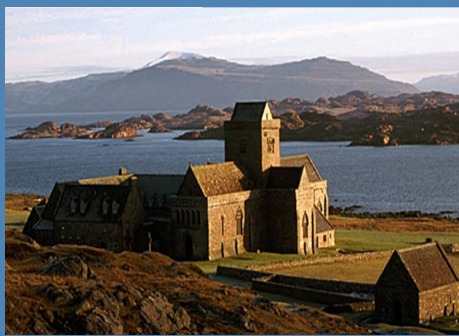


WHOLENESS & HEALING

SUNDAY 14 JUNE & SUNDAY 12 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.



IONA WORSHIP

SUNDAY 28 JUNE & SUNDAY 26 JULY

1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

We hope you will join us either in person or via Zoom. Contact iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk the Zoom link.

PERSHORE CARNIVAL

Pershore Carnival will be taking place on Saturday 20 June this year. Our dedicated Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) team will be providing refreshments from 1030 at St Andrew's Centre - and yes, there will be delicious cakes! Any offers of help, extra cakes, or the loan of outdoor furniture are always welcome. Please contact either Jane Knox on 01386 556981 or Sara Speed on 01386 710776. If you are planning to attend this family friendly fun-filled, extravaganza, have a wonderful time!



PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

JUNE 2026

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

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

TRINITY 1

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1700 Evensong

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

TRINITY 2

0800 Eucharist

0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1430 Avon River Day Service

(*The Old Bridge, Pershore*)

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

TRINITY 3

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 28 JUNE

TRINITY 4

0800 Eucharist *with Livestream*

1030 Terry Palmer's Ordination

(*Worcester Cathedral*)

1700 Iona Worship

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 28 JUNE

1030 Terry Palmer's Ordination

(*Worcester Cathedral*)

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 28 JUNE

1030 Terry Palmer's Ordination

(*Worcester Cathedral*)

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

1500 Hymns, Pimms and Poems

SUNDAY 28 JUNE

1030 Terry Palmer's Ordination

(*Worcester Cathedral*)

There will not be a 1030 service in the Pershore Benefice on Sunday 28 June. Instead, everyone is invited to attend the special occasion of Terry Palmer's Ordination at Worcester Cathedral. See page 3 for more details.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 11 FOR OTHER REGULAR SERVICES