

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

July/August 2026

Welcome to the July/August 2026 Monthly Edition!

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

SUMMER IN THE PERSHORE BENEFICE: We often treat the summer months as a time for rest and spiritual renewal. Whilst maintaining prayer and attending worship, we perhaps notice God in nature a little more - appreciating a beautiful sunset or watching a garden flourish, our ordinary routines, with added sparkle! During the summer why not enjoy simple practices such as an outside service or shared prayer – they are such worthwhile and restorative activities. Our Benefice's diary is filled with opportunities to partake in community life, strengthen our souls, and of course, have fun! Whether you are looking forward to the next Iona Worship (*page 15*), or Wick's Pet Service (*page 7*), or taking your child to Little Seeds (*page 3*), enjoy being part of the Pershore Benefice.

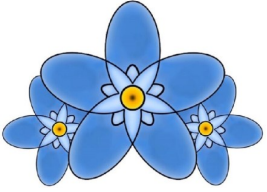


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DEMENTIA RESOURCES: At the back of the Abbey there is a collection of leaflets, booklets and useful contacts for those seeking information about dementia. It is the Abbey's way of reaching out to those who may be concerned for a loved one or those looking to learn more about the condition. Please help yourself to any of the resources.

ABBEY WALKING CHURCH: Enjoy a very gentle walk, stopping every now and then to think about God and explore what faith might mean. Abbey Walking Church offers an opportunity to meet new people, enjoy a short walk with others, and lightly chat about faith and life. The next Abbey Walking Church will be taking place at 1400 on Saturday 18 July. Meet at the West end of the Abbey. All welcome, including four legged companions. Refreshments will be available afterwards at St Andrew's Centre.

TEDDY PRAISE SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 1415: Join us at the Bandstand in Abbey Park for our annual Teddy Praise service. This is a short service for all the family, and their teddy bears! Children and adults alike are encouraged to bring along their favourite teddy! It is a fun service, which will be taking place as part of the Plum Festival weekend. *For more information about the festival, please see page 12 and 13.*



COME AND SING: Come and Sing is a relaxed dementia friendly event for folk to come along and sing some of their favourite hymns, and enjoy tea and cake afterwards. Whether you have dementia, know or care for someone with dementia, or you simply enjoy a good sing song, come along and help us fill the Abbey with joy. Come and Sing will be taking place at Pershore Abbey at 1400 on Wednesday 8 July. See you there!



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SUMMER ACTIVITY MORNING AT PERSHORE ABBEY: Children up to 11 years old, with an accompanying adult, are invited to attend, 0930-1200 on Tuesday 04 August. The session is free - though there will be a collection box for anyone wishing to make a donation - and will be full to bursting with games, crafts and even a trail. Call 07879 310312 for more details. *Sam Andrews, Pershore Abbey Children and Families Worker*

SUMMER'S LITTLE SEEDS AT ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: We are delighted to announce that Summer's Little Seeds will be returning to St Andrew's Centre Friday 31 July, 7, 14 and 21 August. Each session will run 0930-1130 and all pre-school aged children and siblings up to 6 years, with accompanying adult, are welcome to attend. Summer's Little Seeds is not only an opportunity for children to meet other children, they will also hear a story, listen to a message and prayer, sing a song, craft, and take part in a free-play activity - snacks will be available too. The sessions are a fun and gentle way to talk about God with our young people. Sessions are free to attend, though there will be a collection box for anyone who would like to make a donation. Call 07879 310312 for more details. *Sam Andrews, Pershore Abbey Children and Families Worker*



RECOGNISE

RECOGNISE is a national week of recognition for all of the people involved in ministry with children, young people, and their families (CYPF). RECOGNISE runs from 6 to 12 July with Sunday 12 July being a day for churches nationwide to celebrate and thank those involved in this vital ministry. Let's not just recognise the efforts of those serving in the CYPF Ministry, let's celebrate them! There are so many individuals giving tirelessly to nurture the faith of the emerging generations. We will be participating in this event at our 0930 Café Church at St Andrew's Centre and the Abbey's 1030 Sung Eucharist on Sunday 12 July. We will be part of the wave of appreciation. To find out more visit churchofengland.org.uk/RECOGNISE

[#Recognise](https://twitter.com/Recognise)



A PRAYER OF THANKS

Lord Jesus, thank you for all those who serve children and young people in your Church. Thank you for the many acts of loving service and hours spent tirelessly serving in small and unseen ways to nurture faith in the emerging generations. Bless the work of our children and youth ministers.

Strengthen their hands. So that through their work young people may be invited into abundant life with you. We pray also for our whole church community; make us willing to be communities that abundantly welcome children and young people.

Like St Benedict who spoke of listening to the youngest person in the room, help us to listen carefully to the voice of the young person. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings life in all its fullness.

Amen.

ORDINATION OF PENNY GORDON

It was wonderful news indeed when we all heard that Penny had been recommended for ordination, after two years training on the Auxiliary Pathway. Penny and her husband, Mike, have been very much involved in the life of St Mary's Church, Wick, for many years and have contributed so much sharing in all that goes on at St Mary's. Penny has been on an incredible journey of listening and discerning where God is calling her. This faithfulness enabled Penny to say yes to becoming Churchwarden. It then enabled her to train to become an Authorised Lay Minister Worship Leader. We have all enjoyed the services that Penny has led!

Penny then felt a real call to ordained ministry and was able to go on the Diocesan Auxiliary Pathway. This discernment process is aimed at people who are immersed in their community and are already exercising some form of ministry in their local parish and context. For the past couple of years Penny, and

others, have explored a variety of topics around faith, Church and ministry. She has also completed placements at St Richard's Hospice and the benefice of Inkberrow with Cookhill and Kington with Dormston. Penny then had to attend a selection panel. It was that panel who recommended that Penny should be ordained and Bishop Hugh agreed!

We are delighted to share that Penny will be ordained deacon by Bishop Martin at St Mary's Church, Wick at 1030 on Sunday 27 September. A first for Wick! Everyone is very welcome to come to this service as we celebrate Penny's next step in ministry. This service will be the only 1030 service in the benefice on 27 September. It is hoped the 0800 service at the Abbey will be livestreamed.

As Penny prepares for this important day in her journey as a disciple of Christ, please continue to pray for her and Mike.

Claire

I am hugely excited and humbled to be ordained deacon on 27 September. My journey has been supported by so many people, but especially my darling husband Michael. Claire Lording has been an inspiration and encouragement all the way through, starting with the soul igniting Confirmation course which set me on this pathway. I give thanks to God for calling me to serve in his church every day. And I hope as many as possible will attend my ordination at my home church at St Mary's in Wick which will be so wonderfully blessed. *Penny Gordon*



"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service."

1 Timothy 1:12

THE IONA SERVICE AND WILD GEESE

On the island of Iona is the Iona Community's wonderful shop stocking all sorts of books, music and gifts to take home with you. But did you know that the Iona Community and its publishing house, Wild Goose Publications, produce a wide range of resources that you can access from home?



Daily Worship - Iona Community: Short, online, daily services which you can access free of charge and play at a time that suits you.



Books Archives - Wild Goose Publications: Books including novels, poetry, meditations, plays and challenging discussions are available and can be posted or sent digitally as an e-book.



Music & Song Downloads Archives - Wild Goose Publications: Music, both recorded and written, is also available from Wild Goose Publications.



The Iona Community's thought provoking worship resources are used in Pershore Abbey's Iona services held at 1700 on the fourth Sunday of the month (except August and December!). The themes of our services reflect the Iona Community's focus on personal journeys, faith, peace, environmental issues and social justice.

For more information, visit www.iona.org.uk If you'd like to get in touch with Wild Goose Publications, you can email admin@ionabooks.com or write to Wild Goose Publications, The Iona Community, Suite 9 Fairfield, 1048 Govan Road, Glasgow, G51 4XS. Any profits go to supporting the work of the Iona Community.

Helen Oldham

P.S. In case you're pondering why a wild goose is the symbol of the Iona Community's publishing house; a wild goose represented the Holy Spirit to Celtic Christians.

ST JAMES' BIRLINGHAM



PATRONAL SERVICE: We will be holding our annual Patronal service at 1030 on Sunday 19 July. The service is being led by Revd Jayne Parker and will be a Holy Communion service. All are welcome to attend St James', Birlingham and enjoy refreshments together after the service. *Adrienne Woodward, Churchwarden*

WALKING SERVICE: Everyone is invited to a walk around Birlingham village led by Canon Claire and her dog Ella at 1500 on Sunday 23 August. This is a relaxed and social walk. Please meet at the village green, opposite St James' church, and do bring a dog or a friend - or both! The route can easily be adjusted if required. There will be both human and dog refreshments afterwards in the church, where there will also be a dog blessing. *Adrienne Woodward, Churchwarden*

LET'S GET CRAFTY: Members of the Art & Craft group in Birlingham have been busy knitting and crocheting poppies in readiness for a display at St James' in the village for Remembrance Day. We have made a great start but now need help from the wider community. If you feel that this is something you could help us with then please contact me by email on patchinneck02@gmail.com. We have the wool and patterns to follow if needed. *Pat Chinneck, Churchwarden*



ST NICHOLAS, PINVIN

OPEN FOR VISITORS: Did you know it is now possible to visit St Nicholas', Pinvin, during the week? It is no longer a closed church. The PCC felt it was important that the church was open for those interested in visiting the church to appreciate its history, as well as those seeking quiet contemplation. The church is open 1000-1600, Monday-Friday. When you are next passing, why not pop in? *Glen Hurst, Churchwarden*

St Nicholas' is a fascinating church with parts dating back from 11th century. Originally a chapelry of Pershore Abbey, it houses a series of impressive wall paintings from the 14th, 15th and 17th centuries and a collection of rare floor tiles. Packs of greetings cards featuring these and other areas of the church are available to purchase at the Pershore Abbey Bookstall. They are being sold to raise funds for St Nicholas', so please support us if you can.



ST MARY'S, WICK

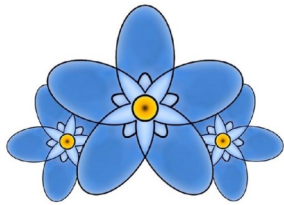
PET SERVICE: Everyone is warmly invited to our annual Pet Service at St Mary's, Wick on Sunday 12 July. This special, and usually entertaining, service starts at 1030 and offers an opportunity for some of God's finest creations to be celebrated! Come along and bring your furry and feathered friends for a blessing and a sausage roll! For more details email nicholasgranger.stmarys@gmail.com *Nicholas Granger, Churchwarden*



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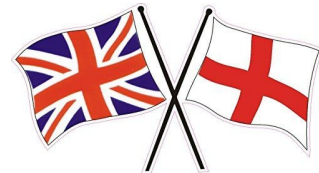


ORDINATION: The last four weeks have been remarkable and I don't mean record breaking temperatures. We have said so many goodbyes we felt saddened by what I'm calling farewell fatigue. God knows well the heavy hearted and can transform loss in to love and hope. Ordination day brought renewal in beautiful words, music, singing and prayer during the service. I felt the spirit lifting every soul and every heart that day. In every hug and on well-wishers faces whose smiles beamed a thousand times brighter than the sun on any record-breaking hot day. Kind thanks for the generosity of gifts and cards received. *With love and thanks to our church family in Pershore, from Revd Terry, Jodie and Dolly.*



TEA PARTY INVITATION: Willow Bank House, Throckmorton, is hosting a 'Veterans Tea Party' community gathering at 1430 on Thursday 27 August, and you are invited! The afternoon will feature a live singing performance from the amazing 'Belle'. The event is an opportunity to: Join our residents and staff for an afternoon of music and connection, connect and network with like-minded individuals dedicated to supporting those in our community living with dementia, and gain insight into the specialised care and environment we provide.

We look forward to welcoming you to Willow Bank House. Paul Chamber, Dementia and Wellbeing Lead, Willow Bank House



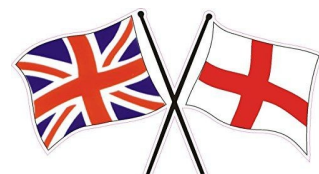
Have you ever wondered why the Abbey flags are flying on certain days? For the curious minded, over the coming weeks, here are the flags that will be flying and why:

Friday 17 July

Queen Camilla's Birthday
Union Flag

Saturday 29 - Monday 31 August

Pershore Plum Festival
Union Flag



LOOKING AHEAD



CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Confirmation in the Church of England is a really special moment in the life of a follower of Jesus. At a Confirmation Service those who want to be confirmed have taken the decision that the promises that might have been made for them at their baptism when they were a baby or young child, or the faith that they feel they now have as a young person or adult, needs to be affirmed publicly for themselves. It is a moment of commitment to follow Jesus, knowing that we are surrounded by the love and prayers of the local Christian community. We get ready for this

moment by offering some preparation sessions so those being confirmed can explore more deeply what faith and following Jesus means to them.

We shall be holding a Benefice Confirmation Service at 1030 on Sunday 1 November 2026 at the Abbey. We are delighted that Bishop Michael will be leading this service. If you would like to explore being confirmed as part of your journey of faith please let me know by 6 September. *Claire*

THE SAINT AND THE SULTAN: You are invited to the showing of *The Third Order of St Francis* at St Andrew's Centre between 1000-1200 on Saturday 12 September.

The Third Order of St Francis is celebrating the life and witness of St Francis of Assisi in 2026 to mark 800 years since his death. Born in Assisi in the late 1100s, Francis turned from wealth and ambition to follow Christ in poverty and joy. He lived among the poor, cared for the sick, sought peace through interfaith dialogue in times of conflict, and taught that every creature is a brother or sister. His friendship with Clare of Assisi and his tender love for the natural world still speak powerfully today.

The anniversary invites us to walk again in his footsteps: to live simply, act justly, rebuild what is broken, and recognise Christ's presence in every person and every part of creation. We are celebrating not only the memory of a saint, but a living movement of peace, reconciliation, and joyful love that our world still needs today. Part of our celebration includes organising the viewing of a recent film about St Francis and his life-changing meeting with the Sultan of Egypt.

For more information, visit: www.tssf.org.uk If you would like to attend, please RSVP via email to: erileymiller@gmail.com

Come join us and watch the film, have refreshments and take part in the discussion afterwards. We hope to see you on 12 September! *Emily Miller*



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

Pershore Foodbank continues our work under the auspices of Churches Together in Pershore to provide emergency food parcels to families and individuals in crisis in Pershore and the surrounding villages. We do this by making up appropriately sized parcels of non-perishable staples such as pasta, beans, canned fruit and long life milk. It's nothing special but our aim is to provide several days' worth of ingredients for nutritious and filling meals while we work with the clients to find other ways out of their crisis. To supplement this type of produce, we offer £10 vouchers for the local greengrocer, Fruit Salad, and add toiletries, cleaning products and pet food when we can.

'When we can' is a significant expression at the moment as we find ourselves in a challenging position in relation to external funding. The ongoing re-organisation of South Worcestershire councils has left us with considerable uncertainty. What was the Household Support Fund is to be replaced by something called the Crisis Resilience Fund and, while most of our finances come from your generous donations, it would be helpful to know if we can expect anything from our local government.

At the moment we are having to purchase approximately half of our stock as foodstuff donations collected at St Andrew's and our other local collection points do not meet our needs. This is something that all Foodbanks are experiencing these days. Groceries are increasingly expensive, household bills constantly growing and the days of being able to collect a few extra cans of beans or

packets of biscuits and pop them into a collection bin are fast retreating. We are, of course, very grateful for the donations that come from our community but we are having to work hard to ensure that we make every economy and plan our future services with care.

Our stalwart team of volunteers has been joined by several new recruits over the last few months and I am proud to be able to tell you that we enjoy our work. A pleasant working environment translates into a pleasant welcome for those people who come to us at some of the most difficult times of their life. We have yet to solve our warehousing/storage issues and will continue to look out for ideas, suggestions and support over the coming months.

I hope this update has been helpful. Thank you very much for all your interest and support.

Nicola Ainsworth



**PERSHORE FOODBANK IS OPEN:
ST ANDREW'S CENTRE
TUESDAYS 1100 - 1300
FRIDAYS 1300 - 1500**

For further info please see our website
www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk
or contact us on 01386 555347

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

PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH

JOIN THE WEEDY PICK GANG! At the Abbey we love all of nature but sometimes we have to do a little bit of weeding to make our paths and buildings look their best so a few times a year we arrange a Weedy Pick. If you have an hour to spare to help us control the weeds on the main Abbey path, around St Andrew's and around the Abbey, please join us. Just bring some gloves, appropriate tools and your enthusiasm! Beginners and experts always welcome! See below for details of our next Weedy Pick.

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT 2026: This nationwide science survey, aimed at assessing the health of the environment, will take place from 17 July to 9 August this year. Participants are encouraged to count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright weather, preferably sunny, to get the most accurate results. The survey is open to anyone, from parks and gardens to fields and forests, and aims to gather data from various locations across the UK. By participating, individuals can contribute to the conservation efforts of Butterfly Conservation and help monitor the health of our natural environment. If you are able, please get involved. Visit www.butterfly-conservation.org for more information. The website even has an app and excellent butterfly charts for you to determine which butterfly you have seen.



**NEXT ABBEY
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 1915
ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM
Please come and join us!

**NEXT ABBEY
WEEDY PICK DATE:**

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2026 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 4 JULY 2026 1000-1100
MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026 1730-1830
Meet at the West End of the Abbey
All Welcome - Equipment Provided

PERSHORE PLUM FESTIVAL 2026



Pershore Abbey will once again be sharing in the town's event highlight of the year - the Pershore Plum Festival. As well as our special Teddy Praise service on Sunday 30 August (*see page 2 for more details*) the Abbey will be hosting a family friendly extravaganza on **Bank Holiday Monday 31 August**. Come along and enjoy the fun! Here are the activities that will be taking place:

TEDDY BEAR ZIP WIRE: Watch out teddies! This fun festival favourite will be taking place outside the Abbey at 1230 and 1430. At £2 a go, you can watch your teddy fly through the skies on a zip wire. Last bookings will be taken 15 minutes before each flight.



TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE DROP: Head inside the Abbey for this super-fun activity, taking place at 1130, 1330 and 1530. £2 a go. Last bookings will be taken 15 minutes before each flight.

ABBEY TOWER TOURS: Tours will be taking place on Sunday from 1300 and Bank Holiday Monday from 1130. Booking is strongly recommended as the opportunity to walk the 200 steps up to the top of the tower to see the sights usually proves to be very popular. Please head to the Abbey Tower Tours desk which will be situated in the Abbey on both days. £5 adults. £2.50 children (7-16yrs).

CLASSIC CAR SHOW: This phenomenally successful car show will include everyone's favorite vehicles from Rolls-Royces to Triumph Staggs, and MGs to Austin Healeys. The impressive display of over 600 cars is free to view and will be in Abbey Park. If you would like to enter a car into the show, please either download an entry form by visiting our website (www.pershoreabbey.org.uk) or click here: [Entry Form](#) Alternatively, contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk The deadline for application forms is Friday 31 July 2026



PERSHORE PLUM FESTIVAL 2026

ART EXHIBITION: Pershore Arts and Pershore U3A will be exhibiting a collection of their work in the aisles in the Abbey. All members of both groups are local artists and their exhibition will include photography, painting and 3D art.

PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR: Show your support for one of our most popular local choirs and head to the Abbey at 1245 to enjoy a performance by Pershore Town Choir.

BELLS: Listen out for the Abbey bells being rung 0930-1000 and St Andrew's bells being rung 1030-1200.

DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS: No day out to the Plum Festival would be complete without a cup of tea and a piece of cake! Head to St Andrew's Centre where Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) will be offering a selection of delicious refreshments.



To find out what else is going on in Pershore over the Bank Holiday Weekend, please visit: www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk

It is only possible for the Abbey to offer all these activities thanks to the many kind volunteers that offer their time. If you are able and happy to help, please look at our weekly bulletins in August where there will be requests for help.

Advanced Notice: Help in the form of cake makers, donations and volunteers will be needed for Bank Holiday Monday to enable us to offer the amazing and legendary refreshments served in St Andrew's Centre between 10am - 4pm. Please speak to either Sara Speed on 01386 710776 or Hilary Fowler on 01386 552243 towards the end of July when lists and rotas will be at the back of the Abbey at the Sunday 1030 services. Thank you. *Pershore Abbey and St Andrew's (PASA) Team.*



PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES JULY & AUGUST 2026

Here are the details of our planned **Sunday** worship services within the Pershore Benefice, 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 5 JULY - TRINITY 5 / STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*
1700 Evensong

SUNDAY 12 JULY - TRINITY 6 / RECOGNISE

0800 Eucharist
0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)
1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*
1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 19 JULY - TRINITY 7

0800 Eucharist
1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 26 JULY - TRINITY 8

0800 Eucharist
1030 Morning Praise *with Livestream*
1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST - TRINITY 9

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST - TRINITY 10

0800 Eucharist
0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)
1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*
1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST - TRINITY 11

0800 Eucharist
1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST - TRINITY 12

0800 Eucharist
1030 Morning Praise *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST - TRINITY 13

0800 Eucharist
1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*
1415 Teddy Praise (*Bandstand*)

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 12 JULY

1030 Pet Service
(*see page 7 for more details*)

SUNDAY 26 JULY

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist at
Perschore Abbey

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 5 JULY

1030 Holy Communion and Baptism

SUNDAY 19 JULY

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist at
Pershore Abbey

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 19 JULY

1030 Patronal Holy Communion
(see page 6 for more details)

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

1500 Dog Walking Service
(see page 6 for more details)

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist at
Pershore Abbey

MONTHLY SERVICES

Have you ever attended one of our monthly services? They provide worship in an alternative format to our regular services, offering reflection, healing, or simply a greater opportunity to meet people.



CAFÉ CHURCH

SUNDAY 12 JULY & 09 AUGUST

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 12 JULY & 09 AUGUST

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 26 JULY & 27 SEPTEMBER

1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

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

SUMMER RECITALS AT PERSHORE ABBEY

The events calendar at Pershore Abbey is fortunate to be peppered with a variety of recitals throughout the year, and this summer is no exception. With no less than four recitals taking place, we invite you to come and experience some musical wonder.

Each recital is free, with a retiring collection.



James MacDowall-Scott (*Organ*)

Saturday 11 July - 1900-2100

James serves as Director of Music at Pershore Abbey and has given solo recitals at many of the UK's most prestigious venues, including Westminster Abbey, King's College, Cambridge and Gloucester Cathedral. At this recital he will be playing a varied programme to showcase the magnificent Ruffatti organ.

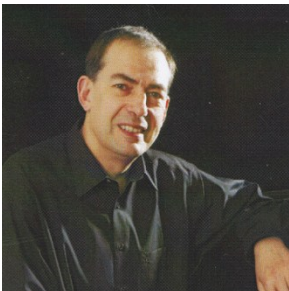


Marion Wilmann (*Mezzo Soprano*)

and James MacDowall-Scott (*Organ & Piano*)

Sunday 12 July - 1400-1500

Award winning Mezzo Soprano Marion Wilmann studied piano and vocal studies at Trinity College, London, with postgraduate studies taking her to Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Well known for her operatic performances, Marion and James will be showcasing some of the most beautiful works from the Baroque era.



Michael Jones (*Piano*)

Sunday 26 July - 1400-1500

This is the second recital on our Steinway model A. Michael Jones was educated at the Birmingham Conservatoire and graduated in 1974. Michael's repertoire is vast and is underpinned by highly detailed research and musicality - this will be a gorgeous recital that will bathe the Abbey in the sonorities of our wonderful piano.



Paul Carr (*International Concert Organist*)

Sunday 9 August - 1400-1500

Since graduating from the Birmingham Conservatoire, Paul Carr has forged a fine career as a recitalist and accompanist. He curated the Sunday series of organ recitals at Holy Trinity, Wordesley for over 25 years with great success. Paul's playing is exhilarating and his programme will be a treat for the ears!

