

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

September 2021

Welcome to our trial copy of the **Church News Monthly Edition** where you can find out more about our special services, events, courses and what's going on across the Benefice in the coming month. The weekly bulletin in our regular service sheet will keep you up to date with what's happening week by week, but hopefully this new approach will help to ease the information overload of the Covid era! All comments and suggestions gratefully received at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk

CAFÉ CHURCH BEGINS THIS MONTH!

Café Church is a 'fresh expression' of Church involving worship, music, activities, and a talk. Perhaps if you know people who may be interested who don't currently attend church, you could mention it to them or bring them along?

CALLING YOUNG DISCIPLES: This is a project that works with churches across Worcester Diocese, helping them to strengthen their engagement with children, young people and their families, so that they have the opportunity to respond to God's call to be Jesus' disciples and to grow in love for him. As part of this project Pershore Abbey have been allocated a Mission Enabler, to work with us intensively for 12 months.

Hear more from our Mission Enabler, Sian, on the following page . . .

Café Church (Monthly)

We want to explore faith in a relaxed informal setting on

Sunday 12th September

At St Andrew's Centre

Arrive from 9.30am

Start Time 9.45am, where we will have

- Breakfast with tea / Coffee
- Informal Worship
- All ages
- Toys / Activities for the kids to do
- Worship Songs
- Meet new people
- No pressure

ALL WELCOME!



 **Kingdom People**
love • compassion • justice • freedom
calling young disciples

NEWS FROM YOUR MISSION ENABLER – SIAN

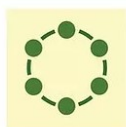
Hello, I am Sian. I am the Mission Enabler that has been placed with you. I am a wife to James and mum to 4 little ones. William who is 8, Annabel who is 6, Rose who is 5 and George who is 3. I joined the Calling Young Disciples team in November 2019 having been inspired by the project by having a Mission Enabler work with my home church in the 12 months before this. Before joining the team I was a Children's and Families Worker at St Michaels Norton (our home church) whilst also running the toddler group at St James' Wollaston. My role is to help you strength your engagement with children, young people and their families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the CYD team for the work that they have done so far in getting Café Church ready to launch and thank them for the warm welcome I have received, I am really excited to see how God is going to move through the next 12 months and hope that you are all ready to be part of it.

If you would like to ask any questions about the work we are doing or would like to talk anything through please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting you all soon, *Blessings Sian*

You can contact Sian on : smorgan@cofe-worcester.org.uk or via 07943051056



STEWARDSHIP AT PERSHORE ABBEY

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Our special Stewardship Sunday services will be held at **08:00** and **10:30** on **26 September** at Pershore Abbey, followed by a Stewardship Tea on the following **Sunday 3 October at 15:00** in **St Andrew's Centre**.

These special services will launch our joining the national Parish Giving Scheme, which is recognised as being a really good way of enabling congregations and supporters to pledge their regular giving to the work and ministry of a church. We are delighted that Chris Boden, the Diocesan Stewardship and Resource Officer, will be joining us for both our Stewardship Sunday services to explain more about the scheme.

At our stewardship tea we will have the chance to explain about the Abbey's

needs, its plans for the future as we learn to live with Covid, and how your support in time and talents can make a real difference to the ministry which Pershore Abbey can offer our community.

These stewardship services and events will also give us the opportunity to say 'Thank You' for the support so generously given by so many people in the past.

We hope to personally invite everyone who has given their time and talents to the Stewardship Tea, as numbers are restricted to keep the event as safe as possible, but do let us know if we have somehow missed you!

Our services are open to all and we very much look forward to warmly welcoming you on 26 September and beyond.

Claire

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

ABBEY BOOKSTALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY COVER: If you have a few spare hours to give on a Saturday why not consider joining the Bookstall and Welcomer team? It's a great day to be in the Abbey as we get plenty of visitors - we need to ensure they all receive a wonderful Abbey welcome! If you are interested, please contact Anita Boston via bookstall@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

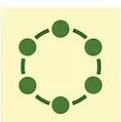
HELPERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING COFFEES: As we begin to return to a more normal routine, we are beginning to plan for the resumption of coffees following the 10.30 Sunday morning services. Over the past 18 months, many changes have taken place and a number of our former volunteers can no longer help with this work. *Would you be able to join the rota to serve hot drinks?* With enough helpers, the duty occurs once every 6 weeks. We also need *volunteers for loading the dishwasher* in St Andrew's once refreshments have been served. This would be a separate rota. Coffee time provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and is always much appreciated. If you are interested and would like more details, kindly contact Sara Speed [via office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) (temporary organiser while Julie Newman is out of action!).

ARE YOU A "TECHIE"? Can you drive a PC, use a Smart phone or operate a TV remote? Then you have the skills needed to help the small team who look after the sound system at Pershore Abbey and be in at the beginning of Live Streaming. Could you give us a couple of Sundays a month - even better if you are around during the week? Contact Claire, Steve or the Churchwardens, Bill and Suzanne, if you can help. *Robin Hancox*

ABBEY LINK NEEDS YOU! The Abbey Link Magazine needs more deliverers, especially on the new estates. This usually takes less than half an hour once every three months. The magazines would be delivered to you, for posting through letterboxes in a street near you. If you can help please contact Roger Piper. *Roger Piper*

ABBEY SIDESPEOPLE URGENTLY NEEDED!: Our fantastic team of sidespeople have been working incredibly hard to ensure that everyone receives a warm and safe welcome when they come to any of our Abbey services. However, the team is quite small at the moment and everyone does need a Sunday or two when they are not on duty so they can simply come to church or keep other commitments on a Sunday. We desperately need more people who feel able to be a sidesperson as we continue to live with Covid guidance. Training and support will be provided to anyone who thinks they can help. So, if you would like to be part of a vital team and share the Abbey welcome please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you. *Claire* vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk

SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP: Kate Hurst of Camomile &



**VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY TO
SHARE YOUR GIFTS, TALENTS AND TIME**

PARISHGIVINGScheme



Hold the date! Alpha comes to Pershore.

We are going to be running an in- person Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Centre from September - November, please see below for the course timetable.

This is an opportunity to engage with and learn more about our Christian faith in a safe and friendly environment and also a chance for us to bring friends, neighbours, and family members along to explore what Christianity is about without any pressure. The course uses video presentations, small group discussion and we are hoping to offer light refreshments. It's a great way to reconnect with each other and deepen our faith after the pandemic.

We do need to know numbers in order-to-order materials and spaces are limited. Please contact Rev Steve curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk or leave a message on the office answer machine with your name, number and how many people will be coming on 01383 552071.

More details will be released in due course, but in the meantime, please contact Rev Steve if you have any questions.

Alpha dates – Autumn 2021		
Date	Timing	Session title
9 th September	6.30- 8.30pm	Is there more to life than this?
16 th September	6.30pm- 9pm	Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die?
23 rd September	6.30- 8.30pm	How can I have faith?
30 th September	6.30- 8.30pm	How and why should I pray?
7 th October	6.30pm – 9pm	How and why should I read the Bible? How does God guide us?
9 th October	9.30am- 4pm	Retreat Day- The Holy Spirit
4 th November	6.30pm -8.30pm	How can I resist evil?
11 th November	6.30pm -8.30pm	Does God heal today?
18 th November	6.30pm -8.30pm	What about the Church?
25 th November	6.30- 8.30pm	How and why should I share my faith?

THERE ARE NOW SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE BACK OF THE ABBEY.

PLEASE DO SIGN UP TO TAKE PART IN THIS VALUABLE COURSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

ECO CHURCH

Cornflowers Ltd, will demonstrate how to make a pedestal arrangement without using Oasis. Kate will then support you in creating your own arrangement. Please bring your own scissors, plus any extra flowers you would like to use. The workshop takes place on Saturday 9 October from 1400—1630 at Droitwich Methodist Church. A concessionary fee of £20, to include a suitable vessel, chicken wire, foliage and some locally grown flowers. Please note, this is only available to church flower arrangers. Booking is essential. Please

contact Kate by email kate@camomilecornflowers.co.uk or via telephone on 01886 812184. Alternatively, you can visit <https://www.camomilecornflowers.co.uk> for more information.

WILDFLOWER & GARDEN SEEDS/PLANTS - If you have grown wildflowers in your garden, now is a good time for gathering some to keep for next year or share with someone. If there is enough interest, we could have a seed and plant share. Please let me know what you think by emailing office@pershoreabbey.co.uk *Helen Oldham*

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 18-26 SEPTEMBER:

Coffee Morning: Do join us for coffee in the St Andrew's Centre on 11 September from 10:00 - 12:00 as we prepare to celebrate the Great Big Green Week, a national week of events celebrating action on climate change.

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK** 



CLIMATE SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER **PERSHORE ABBEY 1030**

We will be holding our Climate Sunday service on 19 September as part of our commitment to the Great Big Green Week and our Eco Church Mission

ALL WELCOME

More details to follow in the weekly bulletin, or visit the **Great Big Green Week** website to find out how you can get involved.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

PIANOSCAPES: 1430 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

BABIES & TODDLER'S RESTARTS: Our popular Babies and Toddler's sessions start again this September—no need to book, just come along!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK COFFEE MORNING - ST ANDREW'S 1000-1200: The theme for our Big Green Week Coffee Morning is **Countdown to COP26**, complete with quiz! Help choose 50 ideas for the 50 days to the International Climate Change Conference in Glasgow from 11 September. Come and join us, share your ideas and enjoy some free climate friendly cake as we kick-start our Great Big Green Week celebrations!

RIDE + STRIDE 2021 - 0900 - 1700: Pershore Abbey will be open for the annual Ride + Stride event once more this year - the perfect green event! If you are taking part in this event why not pop in for a coffee at St Andrew's and celebrate supporting the environment at our Big Green Coffee Morning?

For more information please see: www.rideandstrideuk.org

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE TRUST COFFEE MORNING - ST ANDREW'S 10:00-12:00: See the weekly bulletin for more details on the return of our monthly coffee mornings

NEW TO ST ANDREW'S THIS AUTUMN

PERSHORE CRAFT &CHAT

STARTS 22 SEPTEMBER AT 13:15

A new weekly session to try your hand at
Arts and Crafts

Resources included, no expertise needed.

£4.00 a session

Group numbers limited.

For info or to book email:

pershorecraftandchat@gmail.com

or phone Rachel on

07891866179

GONG BATH

STARTS 18 OCTOBER AT 1930

Every 3rd Monday

For more details:

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PERSHORE BENEFICE SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2021

Details of the current planned public worship services within the Pershore Benefice are given below, but please do check our social media pages and website for full service details in case of any changes. Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDING A PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICE

It is important that you only attend a public worship service if you feel that it is appropriate and safe for you to do so within the current guidelines.

We understand that some of our congregation are shielding or will not feel able to attend. A digital version of our service sheet is available to assist those who wish to worship at home and the 1030 Abbey service will be live-streamed every week.

We ask that those attending public services, continue to wear masks when entering, leaving and moving about our churches. Once seated masks can be removed at your discretion. You may now join in with our hymns, but we do ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

0800 BCP Eucharist
1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Holy Cross Day

0945 Café Church
1030 Eucharist
1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Climate Sunday

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Stewardship Sunday

0800 Eucharist
1030 Sunday Praise with choir
1700 Iona

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

1030 Sunday Praise

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

1500 Harvest Festival

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE ONLINE

The Pershore Abbey 1030 service will be live-streamed every week and available to view on our YouTube Channel. We will continue to provide a copy of the online service sheet with a weekly bulletin update to aid your worship at home.

Do continue to check out our activity on the following platforms:

- Our YouTube channel is called **Pershore Abbey Community**
- Our Facebook page can be found at **#pershoreabbeycom**
- Our Facebook posts, latest Instagram posts and a Twitter feed can also all be found on our website at **www.pershoreabbey.org.uk** at the bottom of every page.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

C OF E LAUNCHES WORSHIP PHONE LINE:

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services 24 hours a day.

Please share this with those who are not online.



C OF E ONLINE SERVICES AND SUPPORT:

The Church of England continues to broadcast online each Sunday via social media at 09:00. For simple daytime and night prayer services, download the free Church of England App "Time to Pray".

The "Daily Prayer" App is free to download and is now available through our website.



There is also an accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

STAYING UP TO DATE: The best way to stay up to date with all the current news and information at this time is through our website and Facebook pages.

All of our platforms can be easily accessed directly from **www.pershoreabbey.org.uk**



SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN AND DIARY: If you would like to receive email updates and a copy of the Benefice Service Sheet direct to your inbox, please email the office at office@pershoreabbey.org.uk.

A copy is also uploaded to the website every Friday.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: The Ministry Team and Abbey Pastoral Group are doing their best to keep in touch with everyone. This is mostly by telephone or email. If you have yet to hear from anyone or have a particular need please contact Claire (vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk/tel:552071) or Angela Gerrard.

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