

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

October 2021

Welcome to our second edition 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.

CAFÉ CHURCH: Café Church met for the first time in September with 26 adults and 8 children. There was a great atmosphere as people tucked into a yummy continental breakfast served by the team.

This was followed by a short service and interactive talk led by Revd Steve. The worship was enhanced by a music ensemble led by Hannah Dunton on keyboard; John Joe Oldham on Saxophone and James Andrews on guitar.

Café Church meets again on 10 October at 09:45 in St. Andrew's with a theme of light and darkness. Everyone of whatever age is very welcome. For more information contact Revd Steve curate@pershoreabbey.org.uk



COMING THIS MONTH . . .

- Bishop's Certificate Course
- Mission Sunday
- Bible Sunday

Read on for more details . . .

Café Church

The fresh way to
Worship in Pershore



Monthly on a Sunday
in the St Andrew's Centre

WORSHIP • MUSIC • BREAKFAST

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AT
09:45 FOR OUR NEW MONTHLY
CAFÉ CHURCH SERVICE

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

SUNDAY 07 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

ALL WELCOME



SPECIAL SERVICES AUTUMN 2021

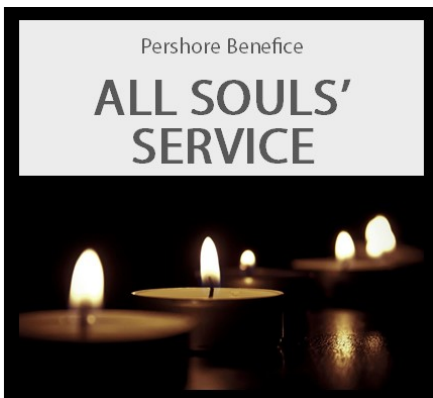
Every Sunday seems to be a special Sunday at the moment, and October is no exception with Harvest Festivals taking place across the Benefice giving thanks for all the wonderful gifts we are so blessed with here in the Vale. But Harvest is just the beginning . . .

MISSION SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1030: Come and join us in Pershore Abbey to hear about the charities and causes that we are supporting this year with our annual mission giving.

BIBLE SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER: Every year on the last Sunday of Trinity we come together for Bible Sunday - a service which is all about celebrating our Scriptures and sharing the good news of the Bible. Come along and join us in the Pershore Benefice!



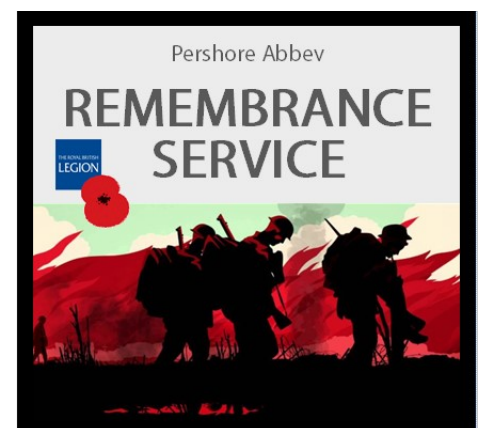
ALL SAINTS' DAY 31 OCTOBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1030: At this service we remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. We welcome everyone in the Pershore Benefice to Pershore Abbey to celebrate this day with us.



ALL SOULS' SERVICE 07 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1700: We are 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 2 November. office@perschoreabbey.org.uk

This service will be live-streamed 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*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER PERSHORE ABBEY 1040: Plans for this year's Remembrance Sunday service are still being finalised, but we hope to bring you more news in the coming weeks through the weekly bulletin.



Don't forget our regular services too . . .

- Wholeness & Healing 10 October
- Iona Service 24 October

Pershore Abbey at 1700

Lest we forget

The Bishop's Certificate Course



The Bishop's Certificate will help you learn more about Scripture and the life of a Christian disciple

- This course relates your Christian faith to your life and community. It builds you up and encourages you in your faith as you share in a group.
- It only costs £30 for the whole course, payable before you start, to cover the cost of the study materials.
- No academic qualifications are required - but you need enthusiasm, interest, and the willingness to commit to attending the course.

For further details please visit our website <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/study-resources/bishops-certificate/>

Alternatively please contact the Training and Events Administrator
01905 732812
training@cofe-worcester.org.uk

Here at
St Andrew's Centre
starting **October 10th**

Please contact Rev'd Phillip
Morton (**01386 832599**)
to book your place

GIVE TO YOUR LOCAL PARISH

QUICKLY AND EASILY ONLINE



PERSHORE ABBEY

The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross

We invite all our regular worshippers to contribute regularly to help the Abbey not only to survive but to flourish and plan confidently for the future.

Do follow this link to set up and manage your regular giving online.

Thank You, Claire and the Churchwardens

CALL 01386 552071 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Just like with telephone and paper donations, by choosing to give online, you can:



Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit



Increase your gift annually in line with inflation



Enhance your gift with an optional 25% Gift Aid



Give anonymously



Donate securely

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, providing a simple and secure way for churches to receive regular donations to fund their mission and ministry.



Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

Email: info@parishgiving.org.uk | Tel: 0333 002 1260

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

WORCESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES: The DBF are looking for a number of volunteers to help them strengthen their financial governance and review how they are operating. They have three different areas where they are looking for volunteers. Could one of these be you, or someone you know? The roles are not arduous and represent a really attractive opportunity for Christians to contribute their professional skills in the service of the church. Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you would like to know more.

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

ABBEY SIDESPEOPLE NEEDED! We still need people who feel able to take on the role of sidesperson. Training and support will be provided to anyone who thinks they can help. 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

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



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

GETTING TO KNOW YOU - A WELCOME TO PERSHORE ABBEY

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' COFFEE MORNING: The Pershore Abbey Pastoral Group cordially invite all those newcomers to the Abbey who have joined us during the difficult times of the last 18 months, anyone who hasn't been back to the Abbey yet and those who have only just returned, to a Coffee Morning in St Andrew's on **Saturday 23 October** from **1030-1200**. We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for us all to make new friendships, renew old ones and for everyone to get to know each other better.



ABBEY LINK - A NOTE FROM OUR NEW EDITOR

SUGGESTION PLEASE! I would very much appreciate ideas for articles to go in future editions of the Abbey Link. If you can write, why don't you have a go? A page is about 300 to 400 words, but shorter items welcome too. If you prefer not to write, just your ideas are valuable. What subjects, you ask? Most things considered! There's no promise we can use everything, but no idea is a waste. We may need to edit for brevity, clarity and to fit the space available. A good guide to suitability is whether the idea ticks at least two of the boxes: About Church/Christianity, Local, Interesting or about People. Current news is unsuitable for our quarterly publication. You can reach me at editor@pershoreabbey.org.uk Thank you! *Christopher Kimberley*

OTHER NEWS

PERSHORE ABBEY LIT UP TO MARK THE START OF BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK 9 - 15 OCTOBER: On 9 October the Abbey will be lit to mark the start of Baby Loss Awareness Week, a national campaign to help us acknowledge the scale and impact of pregnancy and baby loss. Read more about the campaign here: <https://babyloss-awareness.org/>



TRAIDCRAFT STALL RETURNS TO PERSHORE ABBEY: Our fabulous Traidcraft stall returns on **Sunday 17 October** at the 1030 service!

Our stock will be quite limited to begin with, but I hope you find something you wish to purchase, or please make known to us any item you would like to see on our stall.

Advent calendars can be ordered against fixed orders. Please visit the TRAIDCRAFT shop website at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk to browse the full range.

If you would like to help on our stall on a rota basis, we would love to hear from you. We need more helpers for 2021 to improve the stall and help our Eco Church. It's not every Sunday, possibly only once a month, and you will have plenty of help and support from our dedicated team of Traidcraft volunteers. Contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk if you would like to help or come and talk to us on 17 October.

Thank you, *Dora Paynter, Abbey Traidcraft Representative*

FUTURE PERSHORE ABBEY TRAIDCRAFT DATES

- 07 NOVEMBER
- 21 NOVEMBER
- 05 DECEMBER
- 19 DECEMBER

We look forward to seeing you!



TRAIDCRAFT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 03

STEWARDSHIP TEA: 1500 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE (please book)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

PIANOSCAPES: 1430 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20

LUNCH CLUB RESTARTS: 1130 –1315 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE (Time TBC)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23

GETTING TO KNOW YOU COFFEE MORNING: 1030 -1200 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29

BABIES & TODDLER'S: CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS AUTUMN 2021

CONCERTS RETURN TO PERSHORE ABBEY! We are thrilled to be hosting a number of concerts in Autumn 2021 - our first since the Coronavirus Pandemic halted our events schedule back in March 2020. Do come along and support our performers if you are able to and enjoy listening to some wonderful music in our outstanding venue.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16 AT 1630

SINFONIA OF BIRMINGHAM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31 AT 1430

WORCESTER FEDERATION OF WIs CONCERT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 06 AT 1930

BAROQUE SINGERS OF THE ELGAR SCHOOL OF MUSIC, WORCESTER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 AT 1430

WORCESTER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

For full details or ticket and booking information, please visit our website

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/service-events/#events



PERSHORE BENEFICE SERVICES

OCTOBER 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 3 OCTOBER

Harvest Festival

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 All Age Harvest Eucharist with choir

1700 Harvest Evensong

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

Mission Sunday

0945 Café Church

1030 Eucharist with choir

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

1030 Eucharist with choir

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Bible Sunday

1030 Sunday Praise with choir

1700 Iona

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

0800 Eucharist

1030 Eucharist with Choir

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

1030 Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

1030 Parish Communion

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

1030 Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

1030 Holy Communion

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

1030 Morning Praise

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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