

THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE

St Nicholas' Pinvin, St Mary's Wick, St James' Birlingham

PERSHORE ABBEY PIPE DREAMS PROJECT INFORMATION FOR LIFE EVENTSERVICES AUG 2021 – DEC 2021

Pershore Abbey has been planning and continues to fundraise for the purchase and installation of a new Pipe Organ.

KEY DATES

Phase 1 2020: The preparatory building work is now almost complete.

The organ is under construction in Italy and is due to be shipped to England in August 2021.

Phase 2 2021: The installation of the organ and associated works is due to commence on 31 August 2021 and it is anticipated that it will be completed by the end of November 2021.

CURRENT AVAILABILITY AUGUST 2021 – DECEMBER 2021

The Abbey is currently able to offer availability to wedding couples for selected dates in **August 2021.**

The Abbey will unfortunately be unavailable for weddings from **31 August 2021 until the end of October 2021**.

There is currently limited availability for weddings in **November 2021 and December 2021**.

HOW THIS COULD AFFECT YOUR SERVICE:

At this stage we only have outline plans:

SCAFFOLDING: 31 AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2021

Phase 2 of the project will include the installation of the organ casings on steel platforms as illustrated in the attached montage.

The Nave will be scaffolded to support the working platform high up and across the full width and will be very carefully designed so that this area is still able to function with the majority of the pews in place. The platform is outlined

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in red and marked "Phase 2 scaffolding working area" on the attached plan of the Abbey.

There will be standards (vertical poles) at the ends of the pews and at each side of the central aisle.

Lattice beams spanning between the standards should enable a large area of the pews to be functional, maintaining capacity and visibility.

• PACKING CASES AND EQUIPMENT: MID-AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2021

From about mid-August onwards it will be necessary to provide storage for the organ component storage cases in the South Transept of the Abbey. These will be away from the Nave and housed as sympathetically as possible.

OUR COMMITMENT

We are committed to ensuring that the Abbey will continue to maintain the high levels of service and standards that its congregation and community have come to expect.

We are sensitive to the varied needs and demands on the Abbey, and in working together we have every faith that we will be able to continue to meet those needs.

We will work together with you to ensure that the impact of these works on your service is kept to a minimum.

YOUR SUPPORT

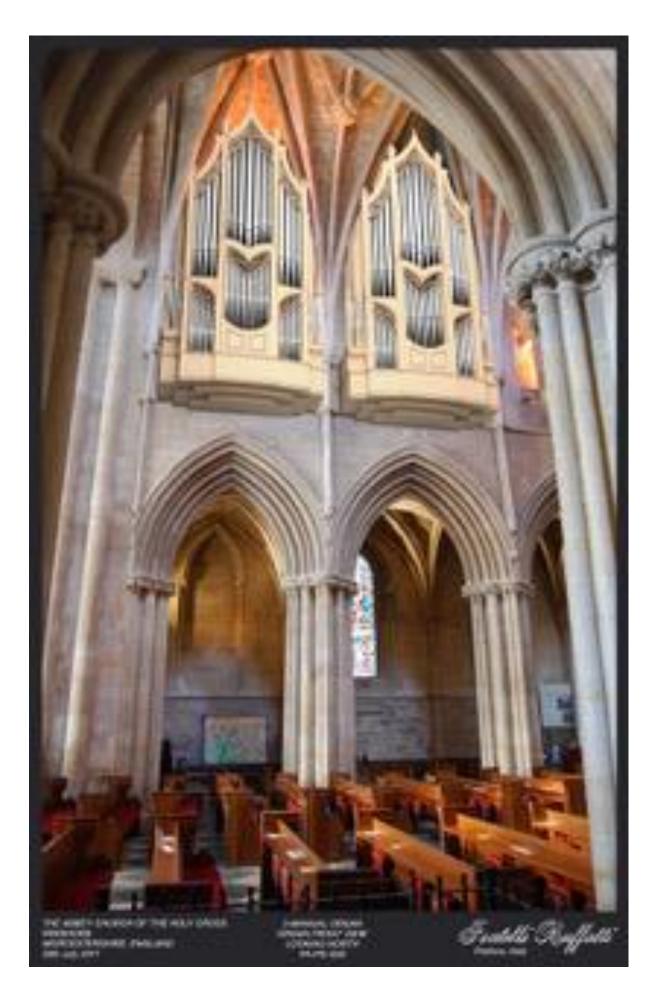
We are delighted that this exciting project is moving ahead. When completed we will have a modern, powerful and versatile instrument giving us musical versatility for future generations.

Your support throughout the preparatory stages and installation of the organ is invaluable and we thank you for your understanding and co-operation as we move forward to achieve our Pipe Dreams.

Best Wishes

Revd. Claire Lording

Priest in Charge



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