

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

June 2024

Welcome to the **Church News Monthly Edition for June 2024**

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

The Peregrines nesting at the Abbey continue to keep us entertained. The chicks are growing stronger by the day and on Friday 24 May, experts arrived to 'ring' the chicks; a procedure that will enable their progress to be monitored once they spread their wings and leave the nest. The chicks have been named Charlie, Claire, Henry and Johanna.



Thank you to those who kindly took photos, including Trudy Burge, Mark Everett, Martyn Spence and Christopher Kimberley.

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PERSHORE CARNIVAL

PERSHORE CARNIVAL THANKS: I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated both before, during and after this year's carnival event without which we wouldn't be able to present such a wonderful team event. A special thanks go out to Chris for our amazing Les Mis flag and Olaf costume, and Hilary and Martin for the Abbey Pick 'n' mix which put smiles on many little faces. We will receive £100 donation for a charity of our choice (Pershore Wellbeing Hub) for our win and we really hope everyone had a wonderful time. See you next year. *Beth and Eloise.*

CARNIVAL REFRESHMENTS: A very big thank you to all who helped make the Carnival Teas such a success despite the rain showers, torrential rain & later a hailstorm! All the visitors appreciated the warm welcome and refreshments in St. Andrew's. Approximately £874 has been made, (final figures not confirmed) with an increase on last year's £730; thank you to the generous cake makers and those who gave monetary donations. *Thank you from Sara, Hilary & the PASA Team.*



Pershore Abbey was awarded first prize for Best Walking Float in this year's Pershore Carnival Procession. The prize of £100 will be donated to Pershore Wellbeing Hub



Have you noticed that June's Monthly Bulletin has been printed on recycled paper? As we look for changes we can make to be kinder to our environment, using recycled paper is a small yet significant step in the right direction. Going forward, our aim is to use recycled paper whenever possible.



PERSHORE ABBEY BANNER MADE BY PERSHORE CRAFT AND CHAT:

You may have noticed the amazing banner on the wall in the south aisle, if not I highly recommend having a look. It was created by Pershore Craft and Chat's Monday afternoon group, run by Rachel Duke, who meet in St. Andrew's. They visited the Abbey for inspiration and sketched out an idea. Then using recycled materials, ribbons, buttons and threads they embroidered, appliqued and sewed their idea onto a square of calico, quite an achievement as many of the group are not sewers or were trying sewing skills they have never tried before! All was done with the support of local textile artist, Michelle Flint, who put all the pieces together to make the banner. There is more information about the banner, the group and the artist on a board next to the banner. *Sam Andrews.*



EVESHAM BAT CARE:

A reminder to everyone that we have a box at the back of the Abbey (near the Font) where some of your dental care items can be placed for recycling, which also raises funds for Evesham Bat Care. The items they will accept is on the box and in the picture next to this article; they also take used stamps with a 1cm border. Please note they are no longer able

to accept toothpaste tubes, if in doubt, leave it out. Many thanks. *Sam Andrews.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE ROYAL THREE COUNTIES SHOW:

I am Secretary of the committee for the Church Tent at the Royal Three Counties Show and we are looking for volunteers to help in the café section of the marquee. The marquee is a Christian presence, showing hospitality and a warm welcome to those attending or exhibiting at the show. If you would be willing to volunteer, the dates are Friday 14, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June. There are morning or afternoon shifts of about 3½ hours with a break. The roles that need doing include: Taking orders; processing payments, completing cake orders and drink orders, tidying tables, cooking, preparing sandwiches, and cleaning. Volunteers get a wristband to get into the show so when you're not on shift you are free to explore the show. You'll also get a free panini, cake and drink to keep you going. Please forward my contact details to anyone who may be interested. Any help would be much appreciated. Please contact me on 07773905680 or by email at suemacllm@outlook.com Thank you and every blessing. *Sue MacAskil*

MINISTRY NEWS

PRAY YOUR PART: GENERAL ELECTION 2024: The General Election will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. In the run-up to and into the campaign period, the Church of England would like to invite everyone to join us in prayer for our nation and play your part as citizens and voters. A series of daily thematic reflections written by bishops, drawn from the Bible and exploring major themes will be published shortly, covering the final three weeks up to polling day. You can sign up for daily election reflections which will be available for three weeks in the run up to Election Day by visiting the website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024> Also available as a booklet, through an app, in audio form for smart speakers, as free opt-in emails and through social media.

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YOUR
PART

AUTUMN STUDY GROUPS: We are looking to run a course this autumn looking at the Bible. We will run an evening and day time sessions so as many people as possible can share in this. It will be a fun and informative way to learn more about the Bible. No previous knowledge required! We will confirm details in the next monthly bulletin. *Claire*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

Pershore Foodbank are always in need of regular, staple foodstuffs such as tinned meat or vegetables, tinned fruit, pasta and rice, tea and coffee and the usual toiletries such as toothpaste, shampoo & deodorant. Cleaning products and larger sized nappies are also very welcome. All donations gratefully received. Any donations you are able to make will always be gratefully received and your support much appreciated.



**THE PERSHORE FOODBANK IS OPEN IN THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE ON
TUESDAYS 1100 - 1300 AND FRIDAYS 1300 - 1500**

For further info please visit www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk or call 01386 555347
The Foodbank aim to have a Citizens Advice representative available at Friday sessions

FUN AT THE ABBEY

Sunday 28 July

Outside the Abbey by the Wildflower Meadow

1030-1115 Morning Praise Service in the Park -
songs, a talk and refreshments afterwards

From 1130 Games - for all ages!

From 1200 Bring a picnic and enjoy being in the Park

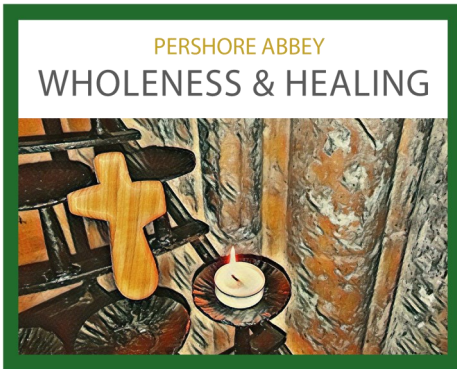
Come for all or part of the day

**A chance to meet other families
and make new friends**

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REGULAR SERVICES



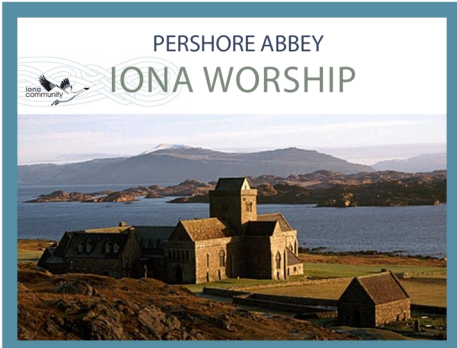
NEXT SERVICES:
SUNDAY 9 JUNE & SUNDAY 14 JULY
1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

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



NEXT SERVICES:
SUNDAY 9 JUNE & SUNDAY 14 JULY
0930 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

Come and join in with our family friendly and informal café-style worship in St Andrew's with worship, music and refreshments



NEXT SERVICES:
SUNDAY 23 JUNE & SUNDAY 28 JULY
1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

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

IONA WORSHIP NEWS

Many thanks to Helen Oldham who has brilliantly coordinated the Iona Worship services at the Abbey for many years. Helen will be stepping down from this role after July's service, so we are now looking for a new coordinator who can lead this important work.

Iona Worship provides an alternative worship space for over 20 people each month, and enables us to look at important themes which affect our Christian lives. If you think you can support this worship as the coordinator please contact me. *Claire*



PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 'Weedy Pick' volunteers wanted for Saturday 8 June 1000 to remove some of the unusual number of weeds in the paths around the Abbey and St Andrew's, due to the very wet spring. Meet at the Abbey West entrance and bring your gardening gloves and any tools that you think will be helpful. As per our litter picks the plan is for people to work together in pairs to make it both a social and productive time. *David Oldham*



WALK INVITATION: There will be a walk on Sunday 30 June 1415 around the farm fields around Pensham on the Wychavon and Shakespeare's Way. Meet at the Old Bridge car park, river level allowing. There is a route that doesn't involve any stiles and the plan is for Bill Newman and David Oldham to show the way for this 90 minute walk. Dogs on leads welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Give and Take Coffee Morning by Eco Church Sat 20 July 1030-1200. Please bring a produce item (plant, veg, fruit or pie) or book on the understanding that you also take an item. The end result is nothing is left on the table and we have all had an exchange.

**NEXT ABBEY
LITTER PICK DATE:**

Join the Abbey Litter Pickers (ALPs)
SATURDAY 13 JULY 2024 1000-1100
Meet at the West End of the Abbey
All Welcome - Equipment Provided
**Join us in St Andrew's afterwards for refreshments
and the chance to watch a few short video on recycling!**

**NEXT ABBEY
ECO CHURCH MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY 04 SEPTEMBER 2024 1915
ST ANDREW'S CENTRE UPPER ROOM
Please come and join us!



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

PET SERVICE - ST MARY'S, WICK: St Mary's annual Pet Service will be taking place on Sunday 9 June at 1030. Please bring your furry or feathered friends for a blessing and a sausage roll! All welcome! *Penny Gordon, Churchwarden*



WICK CONFETTI SERVICE 2024: With kind permission from Charles Hudson, Wick will be holding an evening service in the Confetti Fields in June. Due to the weather, the date is currently unknown so please keep a look out in the weekly bulletin for details. The service is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the glorious confetti fields and the beauty of the Lord's creation. *Penny Gordon, Churchwarden*

ROGATION SERVICE ENJOYED BY ALL IN PINVIN: Rogation means blessing the growing of our community and crops, and Rogation Sunday at Pinvin is always a special day! We have our Sunday service at Orchard Farm where Kate, Alan and Dan rear sheep on the fields off Owletts End. We were astonished to hear that nearly a thousand lambs were born this Spring, some of which we were introduced to, and they are quickly putting on weight. Best not to get trodden on!



The lambs by far outnumbered our congregation of twenty or so, but we blessed the produce of the fields, the sheep and the lambs, as we sang our hymns and said our prayers in the barns and out in the fields, led by Rev Canon Claire. Our services are always followed by coffee and a chat, but on this special occasion Kate had baked some wonderful cakes, which were an absolute hit, and a wonderful rounding off to our annual Rogation service. Thank you Kate, Alan and Dan. *John Kemp, Churchwarden*



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES



ST JAMES' PET SERVICE: St James has held Pet Services before... but this was a service with a difference! As it was only dogs that attended previous services it was decided that instead of them having to behave in church for an hour it would be better if they were being exercised... and so the idea of a Walking Pet Service was born. A

route around Birlingham village was planned, and on completion there would be human and doggy refreshments available in the church. A sizeable number of dogs and their owners, plus some people who just fancied a walk, set off around the village. As it was a hot day refreshments afterwards, in the cool of the church, were much appreciated by dogs and humans alike and in a moment of quiet Claire prayed and blessed the dogs. It was lovely to meet the variety of participants. There were dog owners and walkers not only from Birlingham but also from Defford, Lower Moor and Pershore and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. It was suggested that as the Walking Pet Service was such a success we should do it again! *Adrienne Woodward, Churchwarden*

SONGS OF PRAISE: St James' is holding a Songs of Praise service on 9 June at 1500 led by Peter Stansbie. We are fortunate to have James MacDowall Scott, the Abbey's newly appointed Director of Music, for our organist and hopefully some members of the Abbey Choir will be there too. After the service there will be refreshments, including cake! An invitation is extended to all the Benefice to what is expected to be a lovely afternoon service - sadly with no TV cameras! *Adrienne Woodward, Churchwarden*



VILLAGE FETE: Birlingham Village Fete is on 22 Saturday June, starting at 1400, held on the Birlingham Cricket pitch, with all proceeds going to St James' church. There will be a variety of stalls and amusements, food will be on sale and the cricket pavilion bar will be open for drinks. All are welcome and parking is available on the cricket grounds.

PLEASE CONTACT THE
BENEFICE OFFICE FOR
MORE NEWS FROM WICK
AND WE WILL PUT YOU IN
TOUCH!

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WWW.BIRLINGHAM.ORG

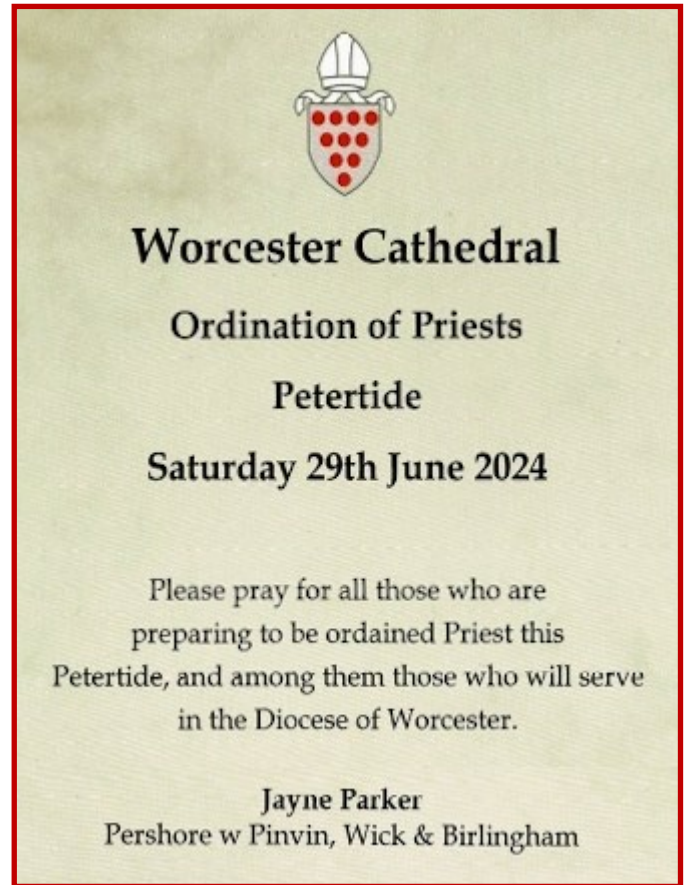
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THE REVD JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION

SATURDAY 29 JUNE, 1400: We are very much looking forward to Jayne's Ordination, which will be taking place at 1400 on Saturday 29 June at Worcester Cathedral. A bus has been booked and will be leaving the Abbey at 1230, returning from the Cathedral at 1630. The cost is £8 per person to include a tip. If you have signed up please take your money to the Office before the trip. Money will not be collected on the coach. To book your place please use the sign up sheets at the back of all the churches or let the Office know.

SUNDAY 30 JUNE, 1030: Join us at Pershore Abbey on Sunday 30 June for our 1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist. This will be the first time that Jayne will preside at the Eucharist as a priest. Let's show her our support. All welcome.



30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN IN PRIESTHOOD SERVICE: On **Thursday 20 June** at 1900 there will be a special service in Pershore Abbey to mark 30 years since women were first ordained priest. In 1994, 22 women were ordained in the Diocese of



Worcester. Those pioneers will be guests of honour at the service alongside the many women who have been ordained since and all those who have supported them along the way. Bishop John will preach at the service, Archdeacon Nikki Groarke will lead the prayers and there will be interviews with one of the first women ordained in our diocese as well as one of the most recently ordained. There will be cava and cake after the service too!



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Website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

JUNE 2024

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 2 JUNE

TRINITY 1

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1700 Evensong

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

TRINITY 2

0800 Eucharist

0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream* -

As part of this service we will be remembering the 80th Anniversary of D-Day

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

TRINITY 3

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

TRINITY 4

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with Livestream*

1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

TRINITY 5

0800 Eucharist

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with Livestream* President - Revd Jayne Parker

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

1030 Pet Service

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with Livestream* at Pershore Abbey

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with Livestream* at Pershore Abbey

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

1500 Songs of Praise

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist *with Livestream* at Pershore Abbey

PLEASE SEE PAGE 6 FOR OTHER REGULAR SERVICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PERSHORE COMMUNITY CHOIR: On **Monday 03 June** at 1700, and every Monday evening during term time, Pershore Community Choir meet in St Andrew's. If you want to sing, meet new friends, and enjoy some fun and harmony, why not drop in? For more information, contact Liz on 01905 620827.

GENTLE SLOW YOGA: On **Monday 03 June** at 0930, and every Monday morning, this gentle stretching and strengthening yoga class takes place in St Andrew's and is suitable for all ages and abilities. For more details, contact Tracy on 07866 611892.



PIANOSCAPES: Join musician Chris Long on **Sunday 23 June** at 1400 in St Andrew's for a 60-minute sonic odyssey taking in an eclectic mix of music from across the centuries. Tickets are £10.00 and available on the door or in advance. For more information: www.chrislongmusic.co.uk

WE BUY VINTAGE FAIR: On **Saturday 6 July** at 1000-1600 in St Andrew's there will be the opportunity to sell unwanted jewellery and antiques. Free Entry. For more information: www.webuyvintage.co.uk

PERSHORE ABBEY FORTHCOMING CONCERTS & EVENTS

Worcester Philharmonic ORCHESTRA

Violin Eleanor Percy
Conductor Dan Watson
Leader Graham Longfils



Saturday 15th June
2:30pm

Pershore Abbey
WR10 1BL

Mendelssohn Overture Ruy Blas
Brahms Violin Concerto in D major
Parry Symphony No 3 'The English'

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(The Organ Symphony)

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Tickets £20 including free drink
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