

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

September 2024

Welcome to the **Church News Monthly Edition for September 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 FRIENDS OF
PERSHORE ABBEY
Charitable Incorporated Organisation

We look forward to welcoming the Friends of Pershore Abbey to the Pershore Abbey Patronal Service at 1030 on 15 September. To find out more about the work of the Friends of Pershore Abbey, visit: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk/friends-of-pershore-abbey/ and take a look at their many projects and achievements.

We are delighted to host BBC Radio 3's Evensong Service at 1500 on 25 September at the Abbey. We welcome back Matthew Martin and the choir of Gonville and Caius College, who sang at our Organ Festival last year. This is a service open to all so please do come along. Like last time we are accommodating the students on their visit. We still need a few more hosts to accommodate 5 of the students, who can share rooms. If you think you might be able to offer a bed and some meals for two or three days please get in touch with me as soon as you can. Thank you. *Claire*

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BENEFICE EUCHARIST - BIBLE STUDY COURSE - RIDE+STRIDE - HARVEST SERVICES

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MINISTRY NEWS

IONA GET-TOGETHER AND SERVICE: Come along to the Abbey at 1700 on Sunday 22 September for a joyful get together after our summer break, with refreshments and a short service using Iona worship materials. Time for catching up and put our heads together to suggest themes for upcoming services. For further information or to share your thoughts contact Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL): Experienced teachers needed to help teach Ukrainians (mostly ladies) on Thursday afternoons (one and a half hours). If anyone is available please contact Liz Cave from Pershore Community Church on elisabethcave@msn.com for further details. Thank you.



BENEFICE EUCHARIST: There will be a Benefice Eucharist at 1030 on 29 September at St Mary's Church, Wick. It is always lovely to come together as a Benefice to worship together and this time it will be even more special as we shall be celebrating Canon Chris Terry's 40th Anniversary of ordination as a priest. A wonderful achievement! Please note, the only other service in the Benefice on 29 September will be the 0800 Eucharist at the Abbey, which will be livestreamed. *Claire*

AUXILIARY PATHWAY: We are delighted to announce that Penny Gordon, churchwarden at St Mary's, Wick, who, after much reflecting and thinking on who it is that God is calling her to be, has been recommended to start what is called the Diocesan Auxiliary Pathway. This is a way that people can train to become locally focussed ordained ministers. In September Penny will begin a two year part-time training course delivered by the Diocese. During the two years, Penny will explore her vocation to ordained ministry alongside theological learning and will need to pass a national selection process before she can be ordained in the Diocese. These are exciting times for Penny and St Mary's. Please pray for Penny, Mike and everyone at St Mary's as they go on this incredible journey. *Claire*



BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE COURSE: The Bishop's Certificate will help you learn more about Scripture and the life of a Christian disciple. The course groups are expected to begin in the Autumn. One group will run in St Stephen's parish in the Barbourne area on Monday

evenings, and there will likely be a second group in Worcester on a different evening, running at St Martin's in the Cornmarket. The course costs £30. More details and application forms, visit: www.cofe-worcester.org.uk Many people in the Benefice have completed the course. Ask Claire for more details if you would like to know more!

BIBLE STUDY COURSE

THE BIBLE FOR ALL: Come and join this short study course as we explore the Bible together. The course is two sessions long and will take place at St Andrew's on 3 and 10 October at 1430-1600, or if an evening suits you better, come along on 1 and 8 October 1900-2030. For more info contact me. No previous knowledge is assumed or needed! *Claire*



PERSHORE ABBEY ECO CHURCH

LITTER PICK AND PLASTICS: On Saturday 13 July 12 Litter Pickers got together, 8 did the usual 1000 Litter Pick and 2 more joined us in St Andrew's afterwards where Suzanne Clark and Sandra Long had prepared tea and cake plus informative YouTube clips on plastic recycling.

Plastic is really useful but comes at a cost. It is getting into all oceans and 60% of dolphins and whales are thought affected. Some countries are acting, Peru passed a



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law to keep plastic out of national parks, the EU has brought in single use plastics (SUP) regulations. We found that not all plastic can be recycled and takes hundreds of years to break down. The logo chosen by the industry for designating plastic type is very like the recycling symbol but it is rare in the UK or elsewhere to recycle numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7. The United Nations identifies less than 10% of plastic is recycled worldwide. Even then one video called it 'downcycling' as recycling plastic is only possible a few times as it degrades. On current trends 4 times the plastic ever produced will be created between now and 2050. So recycling is not the main

answer. National level action is needed, such as in Netherland which has passed laws on recycling and the 'circular economy'. In 'circular economy' thinking unless there is a use for an item after its first use it is not created. *David Oldham*



'Caring for God's Earth Together'

NEXT ABBEY
LITTER PICK DATE:

Join the Abbey Litter Pickers (ALPs)
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEXT DATE
Meet at the West End of the Abbey
All Welcome - Equipment Provided

NEXT ABBEY
ECO CHURCH MEETING:

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

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

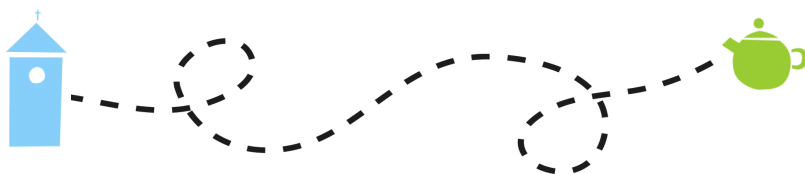
ST MARY'S, WICK: We are looking forward to welcoming everyone from the Benefice to the Benefice Sung Eucharist on Sunday 29 September at 1030. Everyone is also very welcome to our Harvest Festival Service which will take place on Sunday 13 October at 1130. After the service we are having a Harvest Lunch at Wick Care Farm. Tickets are £8 and are available from Penny Gordon on 01386 555114 (office hours) and Clair Meikle Taylor on 07545 372566. *Penny Gordon, Churchwarden*

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM: Birlingham is celebrating it's annual Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 15 September at 1030. The service is being led by Revd Alma Organ. Refreshments will be available afterwards and there will be the opportunity to taste the freshly baked Harvest Loaf. All are welcome to attend. As is our tradition, all donations of harvest goods will be given to Maggs Day Centre in Worcester - a charity who works with the homeless. *Adrienne Woodward, Churchwarden*



A Musical Evening is planned to take place at St James' Church, Birlingham on Friday 18 October at 1900. Save the date! Please keep a look out for more details in October's Monthly Bulletin.

RIDE+STRIDE - SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: This annual fundraising event is just around the corner and will see people being sponsored to travel around as many churches as they can during the day. You can walk, run, cycle, ride - even drive. If you are taking part, be sure to visit the churches in our Benefice. As well as the Abbey welcoming participants, St James', Birlingham, will be open, and hopefully manned, and The Swan public house (01386 750485) in the village is available for refreshments and has toilet facilities. St Mary's, Wick, and St Nicholas', Pinvin, will also be offering refreshments and a warm welcome. To find out more about the event and how to participate, please visit: <https://ridestride.org/>



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MORE NEWS FROM
WICK AND WE WILL PUT
YOU IN TOUCH!

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WEBSITE BY VISITING

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GENEROSITY WEEK

GENEROSITY WEEK 2024

29 September - 6 October 2024



Generosity Week takes place in the Harvest season, so that as we thank God for his generosity to us, we also have the opportunity to think about how we might respond to that generosity. This year's Generosity Week will be Sunday 29 September until Sunday 6 October. For more information visit www.churchofengland.org/generosity-week

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE FOODBANK

Pershore Foodbank has been fortunate to receive some very heartening support from our generous community during the month of August. A Mayor's charity coffee morning was held at the Town Hall on the Saturday 17 August and raised more than £500. We were even provided with the services of the Town Crier, Robert Speight, who helped to spread the word amongst the Saturday Shoppers. Our green collecting buckets contrasted somewhat with the purple ones employed on the other side of the road by the organisers of the Plum Festival but no-one seemed to mind. We are anticipating a busy time during harvest festival and are always on the lookout for new volunteers. Do contact us for a chat if you feel you may have something to offer. Our Summer School Holiday scheme has been very well received and we would be especially grateful for extra donations of tinned goods to keep up our supplies.

Nicola Ainsworth



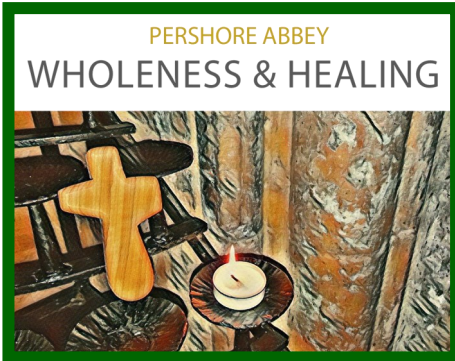
**THE PERSHORE FOODBANK IS OPEN IN THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE ON
TUESDAYS 1100 - 1300 AND FRIDAYS 1300 - 1500**

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

REGULAR SERVICES



NEXT SERVICES:

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER
1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

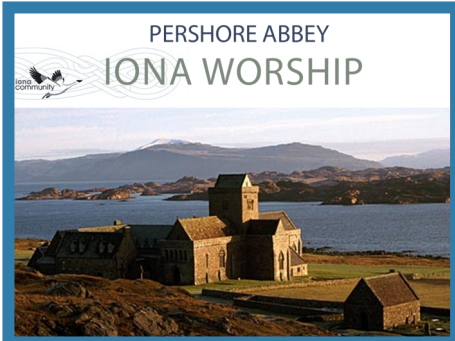
We also offer the opportunity to receive the ministry of healing prayers with two of the Wholeness & Healing team in the St John Chapel after communion has been received at every 3rd Sunday 1030 Eucharist



NEXT SERVICES:

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER
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 SERVICE:

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER
1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

During September and October we will be celebrating Harvest across the Benefice. Our Harvest services enable us to give thanks for what we receive from God and to give thanks for all who work in the farming community, both at home and abroad. This year our Harvest services will take place on the following days:

- St James', Birlingham** - 1030 Sunday 15 September Harvest Festival
- Pershore Abbey** - 1030 Sunday 6 October All Age Harvest Eucharist
- St Nicholas', Pinvin** - 1030 Sunday 6 October Harvest Holy Communion
- St Mary's Wick** - 1130 Sunday 13 October Harvest Festival

Please see page 4 for more details of the Harvest services, food collections and lunches taking place across the Benefice.



PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2024

Details of our planned **Sunday** worship services within the Pershore Benefice are given below, though please do check our social media pages and website in case of changes.

We look forward to welcoming you in person, and 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 1 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 14

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1700 Evensong

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 15

0800 Eucharist

0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 16 / HOLY CROSS

0800 Eucharist

1030 Patronal Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

followed by Friends of Pershore Abbey

CIO AGM

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 17 / FAIRTRADE AND

CLIMATE SUNDAY

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with Livestream*

1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

0800 Eucharist *with Livestream*

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist

(St Mary's, Wick)

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

1030 Morning Praise

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist

(St Mary's, Wick)

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

1030 Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist

(St Mary's, Wick)

PLEASE SEE PAGE 6 FOR OTHER REGULAR SERVICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER, 1000-1600: WeBuyVintage, a touring jewellery and antiques roadshow, is heading to St Andrew's Centre on Saturday 5 September. Free refreshments will be available. For more details visit: www.webuyvintage.co.uk

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 1030-1200: Everyone is welcome to enjoy coffee, cake and good conversation at the next Abbey Coffee Morning which is being run by U3A. It will be held in St Andrew's Centre on Saturday 21 September.



Please save the date for the Pershore Abbey Harvest Supper on the evening of Saturday 5 October. The annual event will take place in St Andrew's Centre. Look out for more details in the weekly bulletins.

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 1430: Local pianist, Chris Long, will be performing as Pianoscapes at St Andrew's Centre on Saturday 22 September. For more information and tickets, visit: www.chrislongmusic.co.uk

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 1030: At the Fairtrade and Climate Service at the Abbey on Sunday 22 September we will be celebrating 30 years of Fairtrade, an anniversary that falls in Fairtrade Fortnight, which will this year be taking place 9-22 September.



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FAIRTRADE
AND YOU**

**CHOOSE THE WORLD
YOU WANT**



FAIRTRADE

You can browse and buy Fairtrade products on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of every month at the Abbey's 1030 Sung Eucharist Service.



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