

CHURCH NEWS

Monthly Edition

PERSHORE BENEFICE

November 2024

Welcome to our **November Monthly Edition 2024**.

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



PERSHORE BENEFICE REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN 1030 10 NOVEMBER: Jayne Parker will be leading the service in Pinvin as the village gathers to honour the lives of those who have fallen in conflict.

PERSHORE ABBEY 1040 10 NOVEMBER: Our Pershore Abbey Remembrance Service will not be ticketed. There will therefore be plenty of seats available for visiting organisations, our regular congregation and the general public for this poignant service.

ST MARY'S, WICK 1500 10 NOVEMBER: Join Wick as they gather around the war memorial in the churchyard for a service of remembrance, led by Claire Lording.

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM 1050 11 NOVEMBER: Birlingham will be commemorating Armistice Day at an outside service, led by Peter Stansbie. People are asked to assemble around the war memorial on the village green for the short service of remembrance.

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REMEMBRANCE - ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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MINISTRY NEWS

ALL SOULS' SERVICE: Join us at 1700 on Sunday 03 November as we remember loved ones at this quiet and reflective service. The service will be livestreamed and available to view on our YouTube channel (**PershoreAbbeyCommunity**) for those unable to attend. You are also very welcome to come into the Abbey to light a candle for a loved one at any time. *Claire*



THE ABBEY'S SHOEBOX SUNDAY: All ages are welcome to come along to St Andrew's Centre at 1030 on Sunday 3 November to help pack boxes. Any donations to help with the transportation costs of the boxes would be gratefully received. Please place any monetary donations in an envelope addressed to myself. Thank you. *Suzanne Clarke*

OPEN DEANERY SERVICE: There will be a service of Holy Communion open to everyone who would like to join. The service will take place at All Saints Church, Evesham, at 1900 on Tuesday 12 November and will be led by Archdeacon Mark Badger. The service will be reflecting on 'Journeying Together Towards the Light.'



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: On Sunday 17 November churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions across the UK will shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people. As well as talking about it, it's also a chance to consider the journey our own church or denomination is on with safeguarding.

ABBAY ECO CHURCH: Do you have a keen interest in our environment and how we care for it? Eco Church is a scheme designed to equip churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, and community engagement. If you feel you could help, or would like to find out more, please come along to our next meeting. It will be held in the Upper Room at St Andrew's Centre at 1915 on Wednesday 13 November.

'PEACE BUT NOT SILENCE' - IONA SERVICE: The next Iona Service will be taking place at 1700 on Sunday 24 November in the Abbey. As a response to the trauma and despair that many of us are feeling about the horrors of conflict around the world, November's service is focussing on peace. Not snow-covered Christmas card peace, rather the challenging deep 'Shalom' or 'Salaam' of peace with justice. We'll be taking a mini-pilgrimage using reflections by the leader of the Iona Community, Ruth Harvey. The themes of stations on the route will progress from inner conflict and peace, through reconciliation and the power of listening, to becoming peacemakers in the world. There'll be time for sharing thoughts and possible practical actions, as well as some refreshments. Don't forget, there's no Iona Service in December, it will return on 26 January 2025. If you'd like to receive emails about upcoming Iona related services or events, please contact the office, or Helen via the Pershore Abbey Iona email address: iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk *Helen Oldham*



MINISTRY NEWS

ABBHEY'S ECO FRIENDLY COLLECTIVE CHRISTMAS CARD: Why not save paper this year by sharing in the Abbey's Collective Christmas card? Instead of sending an individual Christmas card to the people you see all the time at church you can write one Christmas card to everyone and display it on our special Christmas card board in the Abbey. Donations are then invited for Christian Aid from the money you will have saved by not sending lots of cards. Why not give it a go this year as part of our Eco Church commitment? *Claire*



NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS - SAVE THE DATE!

From the week beginning 20 January 2025 and running for 4 weeks, there will be the opportunity to join a house group and look in more depth at St Luke's Gospel. Look out for the confirmed timings and locations of the house groups in the next monthly bulletin. *Claire*

EVERYDAY FAITH APP: Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, not just on Sundays. The idea is twofold. The app forms part of one of the Church of England's objectives of missional discipleship: *"To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday."* But the app also responds to overwhelming demand from our users for an app that delivers inspirational reflections year-round rather than focussed on seasonal content during Lent and Advent. Everyday Faith is now available to download for iOS and Android—visit your app store. If you already have the *Watch & Pray* app installed, you will automatically get the update.



WORLD AIDS DAY: World AIDS Day is a global movement to unite people in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Since 1988, communities have stood together on World AIDS Day to show strength and solidarity against HIV stigma and to remember lives lost. In the UK, more than 105,000 people are living with HIV. Medical advances mean people with HIV in the UK can expect a long and healthy life and that we have the tools to stop HIV transmissions for good. But HIV continues to be highly stigmatised and misunderstood. World AIDS Day exists to shine a light on the real experiences of



people living with HIV today, while celebrating the strength, resilience and diversity of the communities most affected. Red ribbons are available at the back of the Abbey. Please consider showing your support and wearing a ribbon on the days around 01 December.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Our Pastoral Team continue to work hard to reach out to everyone in our congregation and community. If either you, or anyone you know, would benefit from their support please contact Claire on vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk, speak to Angela Gerrard or contact the office.

DAILY HOPE FREE PHONE LINE: Daily Hope is run by the Church of England and offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services 24 hours a day. Call free on 0800 804 8044. Please share this number with anyone you know who is not online.

PERSHORE ABBEY AND BENEFICE OFFICE: If you need to contact the office, please email: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or telephone 01386 552071. Alternately, you can visit in person on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 1100-1200.

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN AND DIARY: If you would like to receive email updates and a copy of the weekly Benefice Service Sheet, Bulletin and Diary direct to your inbox, please email: office@pershoreabbey.org.uk. A copy is also uploaded to the website every Friday, where you can also find information about up coming concerts and events. The Abbey's weekly 1030 service can be viewed online. Visit www.youtube.com and search for Pershore Abbey Community [Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)



Pershore Foodbank operates from St Andrew's Centre and is open on Tuesdays 1100-1300 and Fridays 1300-1500. The Foodbank aim to have a Citizens Advice representative available at Friday sessions. For further information please call 01386 555347 or visit www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk



Combat Stress provide specialist treatment and support for veterans from every service and conflict, focusing on those with complex mental health issues resulting from their experiences during military service. Their 24-hour Helpline (0800 138 1619) is available to all veterans and their families for confidential mental health advice and support. There is also a range of online self-guided resources, to help veterans with a variety of mental health difficulties, including; PTSD, depression, anxiety, anger, and alcohol and substance misuse. Please visit <https://selfhelp.combatstress.org.uk>



Christian Aid stands together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none. The conflict in the Middle East is taking a devastating toll on the lives of innocent people. While the death, destruction, and displacement is overwhelming, there is still hope. The combined efforts of supporters of Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) charities can help to provide lifesaving supplies to civilians caught up in this conflict. Donations can be made here: <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-008501>

REMEMBERING CYRIL BENTON GLOVER

About 15 years ago in St Nicholas Church, Pinvin, during the 2 minute silence at Remembrance Day service, we found ourselves reading the names on the memorial. We really knew nothing of the lives of these men who gave everything for our freedom so decided that we should research them and commemorate them in a more personal way. We have tried to visit as many of the graves or memorials of these local lads as we can to lay a flower or poppy. Some we will likely never be able to visit in places like Basra but most can be found in France and Belgium.



We have just returned from our holiday in France this year and as we passed through Abbeville, we took a diversion to the extension of the Abbeville Communal Cemetery to pay our respects to another of the Pinvin fallen. The war cemetery is up on a hill overlooking the town and as with all Commonwealth War Graves Commission sites, it is brilliantly cared for.



This time the grave we were visiting was that of Cyril Benton Glover. Cyril was born in 1898 in Peopleton. By the 1911 census, he was working as a plough boy and living with Ann Glover, his grandmother, and elder brother, Percy, in Seaford Grange Cottage, just north of Pinvin. He was a Private in the 8th battalion of the 2nd Worcestershire regiment. He was killed at the age of 19 on the Somme on 12 February 1917.

From regimental records around that time ".....the 2nd Worcestershire, closer to the line, were rehearsing for a smaller operation. Throughout the first weeks in February the Battalion held trenches just north of the Somme or billets behind that line. Battalion were in the frontline January 31 to February 5. Casualties; 6 wounded.In the middle of the month orders were received for an organised raid on the opposing trenches, to discover the identity of the German troops."



It is not known exactly how or where Cyril died but he, like so many others, served his country and paid the ultimate price and will be remembered in Pinvin and Peopleton where he is commemorated on both Memorials. *Jill and Rob Mustard*

The Royal British Legion is at the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community, ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten. Please show your support this Remembrance Sunday. **Lest We forget.**

PERSHORE ABBEY BOOKSTALL

As we come into the Christmas period the bookstall will have a range of cards, advent candles and calendars, and olive wood decorations for sale. Please pop by and have a look from the middle of November onwards for your Christmas shopping. The church mice are back in stock and will make lovely gifts!



We have welcomed a few new volunteers recently but as always we would love to have more of the slots covered. If you feel you can offer as little as 2 hours per month to welcome visitors to our beautiful Abbey, please get in touch. You can contact me on [persshoreabbeybookstall@gmail.com](mailto:pershoreabbeybookstall@gmail.com), call me on 07858 506218 or say hello in person. I look forward to chatting with you! *Sally Whyte, Bookstall Coordinator*

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.



REGULAR SERVICES

PERSHORE ABBEY
WHOLENESS & HEALING

NEXT SERVICE:

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 1700 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

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

CAFÉ CHURCH
@St Andrew's Centre

NEXT SERVICE:

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

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

PERSHORE ABBEY
IONA WORSHIP

NEXT SERVICE:

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

1700 PERSHORE ABBEY

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

ADVENT

CALM and BRIGHT

CALM AND BRIGHT CAMPAIGN: December can feel chaotic, with lots of social events, services, and the pressure to create the perfect Christmas. But in the

midst of this chaos, our churches can offer an opportunity to find peace. The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, Follow the Star: Calm and Bright, draws on the carol, Silent Night: "Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright..." One of the reasons this carol is universally loved is the way it invites us into the still centre of the Christmas story, to contemplate Mary holding the new-born Jesus, the Light of the World. For more information visit www.churchofengland.org or [click here](#).

PERSHORE ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION MORNING: Please come along to the Abbey from 1000 on Saturday 30 November and help dress the Abbey Christmas Tree. We look forward to welcoming you. Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTMAS TREE SUNDAY AT PERSHORE ABBEY: So many people enjoy the Christmas trees which decorate the Abbey during December. As you can imagine, the cost of them has increased. To help fund them, 01 December 2024 will be Christmas Tree Sunday. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of our Abbey Christmas trees, there will be a box at the back of the Abbey labelled 'Christmas Trees'. Any donations will be gratefully received. Thank you. *Claire*

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 01 DECEMBER: As well as being Christmas Tree Sunday, 01 December is also Advent Sunday. Come along to Pershore Abbey at 1500 for this enjoyable festive service. The service will include favourite advent carols and will feature the Abbey Choir singing beautiful advent anthems.



ADVENT COMPLINE BY ZOOM MONDAYS IN ADVENT AT 1900: Join us for this quiet and reflective service as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Once again we will be meeting on Zoom from the comfort of our own homes for this 20 minute service, allowing us all to pause and reflect on our Advent journeys. Join us live at 1900 on 2, 9, 16 and 23 December. If you would like to be part of this service, please email me at vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link and a copy of the order of service. *Claire*

EDIBLE NATIVITY SUNDAY 01 DECEMBER FROM 1030-1145 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE:



Join us as we tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a fun way, making an edible nativity. There may be lots of gingerbread involved! Drop off your child by 1030 at St. Andrew's Centre and collect them from the Abbey at 1145 - or stay with your child if younger. Places are limited to 20, so please book your place by emailing office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or telephone 01386 552071. Please book by 27 November to secure a place. Suitable for all ages under 18.



CHRISTMAS 2024

PERSHORE ABBEY & ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

Sunday 1 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Edible Nativity - Booking Essential (*St Andrew's Centre*)
Email office@pershoreabbey.org.uk or call 01386 552071 by 27 November
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1500 Advent Carol Service (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Sunday 8 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's Centre*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1700 Light in Our Darkness—a service of reflection with prayers for wholeness and healing (*St Andrew's Centre*)

Sunday 15 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Sung Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Sunday 22 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*
- 1700 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December

- 1530 Christingle Service (*Pershore Abbey*)
Dress up in your favourite nativity outfit for our traditional Christingle!
- 2315 Midnight Mass with choir
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 All Age Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Sunday 29 December

- 0800 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)
- 1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)*

Join in with our **LIVESTREAM services at the time advertised on the Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel or catch up later*



ACROSS THE BENEFICE



ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

Sunday 1 December

1030 Patronal Holy Communion Service

Sunday 15 December

1030 Carol Service

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December

1700 Christingle and Crib Service,

Sunday 29 December

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist

*(Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)**

ST MARY'S WICK

Sunday 8 December

1030 Morning Praise

Sunday 22 December

1800 Carol Service

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December

1600 Christingle Service

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December

0900 Parish Communion

Sunday 29 December

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist

*(Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)**

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

Sunday 15 December

1800 Carols and Christingle Service

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December

1030 Holy Communion

Sunday 29 December

1030 Benefice Sung Eucharist

*(Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM)**



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY - RAISING AWARENESS



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FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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Caring for life


Lights of Love

Cathedral Services and Light Switch on Event
Friday, 15 November 2024


Hundreds of twinkling lights are lit in memory and celebration of loved ones, in the annual St Richard's Hospice Lights of Love appeal.

Once again we adorn our Christmas tree at St Andrew's Spire, Worcester, with lights dedicated to loved ones, as well as recording their names on banners around the tree.


For names to appear in the Worcester News on Christmas Eve, and at The Spire in time for Christmas, please dedicate your light by **5pm on 12th December.**



Dedicate your light and find out more about our Lights of Love services by scanning the QR code.

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www.strichards.org.uk/lights-of-love
01905 763963
St Richard's Hospice, Wildwood Drive
Worcester WR8 2QT



LIGHTING UP THE ABBEY



On Saturday 16 November we will be lighting up the Abbey in purple in support of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

As part of the campaign, a representative from the charity will be collecting and distributing leaflets to raise awareness of the symptoms. They will be in Number 8 and the Abbey during the day.

For more information about pancreatic cancer, symptoms, diagnosis and available help and support, please visit: www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk

PERSHORE BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 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 3 NOVEMBER

All Saints' Day

0800 BCP Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1700 All Souls' Service *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday / 3rd Before Advent

0800 Eucharist

1040 Remembrance Service *with Livestream*

1700 Wholeness & Healing

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

2nd Before Advent / Mission Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday

0800 Eucharist

0930 Café Church (*St Andrew's*)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Christ the King

0800 Eucharist

1030 Morning Praise *with Livestream*

1700 Iona Worship

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER

Advent Sunday

0800 Eucharist (BCP)

1030 Sung Eucharist *with Livestream*

1500 Advent Carol Service

ST MARY'S, WICK

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

1500 Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

1030 Parish Communion

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

1030 Morning Praise

ST NICHOLAS', PINVIN

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

1030 Holy Communion

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

1030 Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

1030 Sunday Praise

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER

1030 Patronal Holy Communion

ST JAMES', BIRLINGHAM

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

1045 Armistice Service

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 6 FOR OTHER REGULAR SERVICES
AND PAGES 8 & 9 FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES**



ORGAN PROMENADE

A series of afternoon recitals

Sunday 3 November - with James MacDowall Scott

Sunday 10 November - with James MacDowall Scott

Sunday 24 November - with Shean Bowers

1400-1500 at Pershore Abbey

Admission free with a retiring collection

PERSHORE ABBEY CONCERTS & EVENTS

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1800

Welsh Concert Choir

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1430

Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 1500

Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1930

Pershore Choral

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 1930

Vocal High Concert

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 1900

Worcester Male Voice Choir

For more details visit

www.pershoreabbey.org.uk



**PERSHORE
CHORAL**

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024 7.30PM
PERSHORE ABBEY

'STANFORD AND FRIENDS'

CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD
(AND FRIENDS) ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTENARY OF HIS DEATH.

STANFORD - TE DEUM IN C, SIX BIBLE SONGS

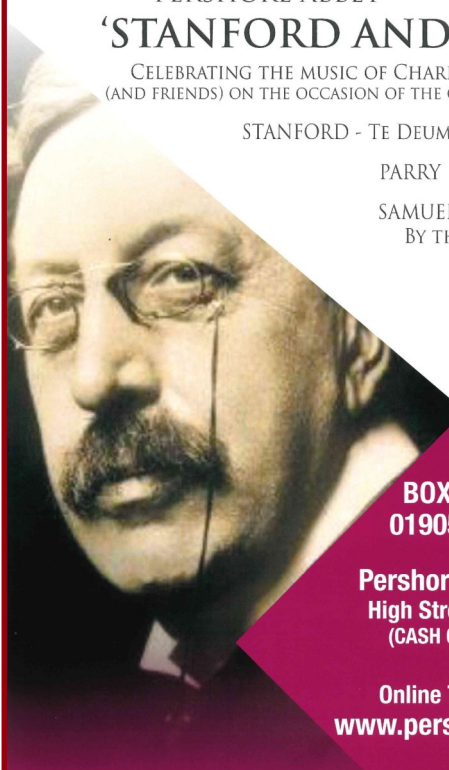
PARRY - BLEST PAIR OF SIRENS

SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR
BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS

CHARLES MATTHEWS
ORGANIST

CARLETON ETHERINGTON
CONDUCTOR



**BOX OFFICE
01905 770557**

or

**Pershore Town Hall
High Street, Pershore
(CASH ONLY SALES)**

or

**Online Ticket sales via
www.pershorechoral.co.uk**

Pershore Choral invites you to visit its website: www.pershorechoral.co.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 1700: **Lights of Love** service at Worcester Cathedral, in support of this year's St Richard's Hospice appeal. See page 10 for more details.

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 1030: **Abbey's Coffee Morning** at St Andrew's Centre. This month's coffee morning is being run by Café Church. Call in for a coffee and a chat.

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 1400: **Pianoscapes** at St Andrew's Centre. Chris Long will be returning for an hour of improvisations and compositions. Tickets £10.

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 0900: **Pershore Crafters Craft Fair** at St Andrew's Centre. The perfect opportunity to treat yourself, or start your Christmas shopping.