

PINPOINT – THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE **PEOPLE** OF PINVIN



Our Village Church needs people to help run the normal activities that

Churches are involved in.

The Annual Parochial Church General Meeting is to be held in the church on Wednesday March 29 at 7:30 pm. For you to have a voice at the meeting or to be eligible to be elected to an office you need to be on the church's Electoral

Roll (not to be confused with the Parliamentary Electoral Roll.)

There are enrolment forms in church or contact Glen Hurst.

Looking Forward to Lent!

Easter is a little later this year so Lent, the season of fasting and prayer leading up to Easter, doesn't begin until the first week in March. How much do you know about Lent? Here's some trivia questions to test your knowledge. The answers are on page 18.

1. *How many days are there in Lent?*

20 30 40

2. *What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?*

Spring Long Fast

3. *What do we call the day before Lent begins?*

Shrove Tuesday Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras

4. *What is the first day of Lent called?*

Feast Friday Ash Wednesday Maundy Thursday

5. *What colour vestments does the priest wear during Lent?*

Red Green None Purple

6. *What part of the church service is traditionally omitted during Lent?*

The Lord's Prayer The Gloria The hymns

7. *What food is traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?*

Hot Cross Buns Chocolate Cake Pancakes

8. *What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent?*

Matthew George Patrick

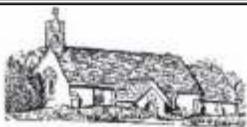
9. *On what Sunday during Lent do we receive a cross at church?*

The first Sunday Easter Sunday Palm Sunday

10. *When does Lent end?*

When I eat some Chocolate Good Friday Maundy Thursday

Please let us know what you think of the part new layout.



Pinpoint

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The Newsletter For The Village of Pinvin, Produced By St Nicholas Church Pinvin

From Claire Lording, our Vicar

Dear Friends

I watched the BAFTA Awards the other week. If you like films you might have sat on the edge of your sofa willing your preferred choice to win; cheering when it happened and being disappointed when it didn't. All those who do win have to make a speech and it's noticeable that winners always thank the people around them.

We work hard at saying thank you in the Church too, because without the commitment and dedication of all sorts of people we simply wouldn't be able to function as a church. Thanks go to everyone, and that is heartfelt, but sometimes we have to give special thanks to someone. This year we must thank our outgoing Treasurer, Sheila Dobell, who has made sure all the accounts add up and contributed in so many other ways too.

There is also somebody else who deserves our special thanks, and that's Stella Elliott, who after many years of serving as Churchwarden is not seeking re-election at our Annual meeting this March. Stella has been incredible at keeping St Nicholas in order and being a public contact and presence on so many different occasions. Stella has also done lots of work behind the scenes. We shall miss all that Stella has shared as Churchwarden but know that she will serve St Nicholas in other ways, for which we are grateful.

So we are now in need of a new Churchwarden, who can work alongside Hilary Roffey and the PCC. Being a Churchwarden is a significant responsibility but we are all a team at St Nicholas, so there's always plenty of help and support. If you think you'd like to know more about this role please contact me, Stella or Hilary to learn more.

Claire

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to 2017 with our 31st year of publication.

This month: Parish News on page 5, Church Services and **Treasurer wanted on page 8**, Volunteering on page 9, **Mobile CHIPPY** and Nature Notes on page 10, PreSchool news on page 11, Children's Corner and recipe on page 14 .

We welcome contributions to Pinpoint. It is your newsletter. *William*
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Notes from Pinvin Parish Council

Traffic calming is primarily the responsibility of the County Council, with speed enforcement lying with the police and the Road Safety Partnership. Given the large area these agencies cover and the lack of funding they receive, the general opinion is that they do little to help smaller communities. Speeding vehicles is a subject of current interest in the village, particularly in the 40 mph speed limit area from North End to Long Lane. There is a particular perception that HGVs are speeding in this area and into the main part of the village. At the Parish Council's request, Worcestershire County Council made some measurements of speed at the Salt Boxes, about ½ way along the 40 mph speed limit area.



The results demonstrated both speeds measured at each time of day, and the speeds for each type of vehicle over 24 hours. Some further analysis on these sheets highlighted the proportion of vehicles of each type exceeding 30 mph, 50 mph and 60 mph. One positive indication of the results was that 85% of heavy goods vehicles were recorded at less than 44mph, although for cars that drops to 74% at less than 44 mph.

The topic of speed humps, chicanes and road narrowing has been discussed a number of times by the Parish Council and with Worcestershire County Council. There is a general reluctance to speed humps based on their impacts through noise and vibration, especially when HGVs are involved. Whilst chicanes and road narrowing has not been ruled out, it is felt the traffic volumes at certain times of the day may cause more problems than they solve. Finance also becomes a significant issue as, given the measurer traffic speeds are pretty much within acceptable bound, the County Council will not fund such measures and the costs would then have to be met by the Parish Council. Following a further meeting with County Council engineers a plan for a number of measures has been put in place and the Parish Council is seeking funding for these. These include

- 'Gating' at the entrance to the speed limits. This is the white 'gates' that you see by the side of the road at village entrances.
- Dragon's teeth (white triangular shapes on each side of the lane leading up to a speed limit).
- Purchase of Vehicle Activated Sign(s) (VAS) placed within the various areas of the village, in addition to the one we have a share of for one month in three..
- Refresh the markings on the road at the entrances to the speed limits.

We have spoken with the police over enforcement. The Road Safety Partnership are reluctant to give any undertaking as to how often they may target specific areas. There is however an exercise in progress in relation to matters at Ridgeway Farm, Throckmorton, and the police superintendent for the area has said that there will be a number of vehicle check events taking place in the area which include speed enforcement, and that he understands how this may help with issues in Pinvin. The likelihood of any fixed speed enforcement equipment is nil as the road does not fulfil the County Council's criteria which include the number of fatalities and serious injuries that have occurred over the past years

There is a Community Concern initiative starting up which will involve members of the community undertaking speed checks. Whilst these do not result in prosecutions, the police do write to those found exceeding the speed limit to suggest they may amend their ways. These are intended to take place throughout the speed limit areas in the village at some point in the future.

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Sunday 12 th	2nd of Lent	10.30 Sunday Praise
Sunday 19 th	3rd of Lent	10.30 Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	4th of Lent	10.30 Sunday Praise

All most welcome so please do come along.
Refreshments will be served after these services.



Flower Rota

It will soon be time to produce the flower rota for Pinvin church and we could do with some more volunteers

You do not need to be trained in flower arranging, just enjoy them. Whether you would like to be on the rota as a regular volunteer or just once a year we would appreciate your help. Please contact Jeanette Dawe on 01386 552740 or any PCC member.

PCC Treasurer wanted

As from April 2017 St Nicholas PCC will be in need of a new Treasurer. If you are handy with a spreadsheet and could spare the time for 6 meetings a year, please consider volunteering for this role. I speak from experience when I say that the PCC are a very friendly and supportive bunch, and you don't have to be a regular worshipper.

St Nicholas' Church is an important part of village life, providing a link with our schools, producing this newsletter, and being there for all the important events in our families' lives. Please help if you can. If you would like to find out more please contact me at sheila.dobell@btinternet.com

Many thanks. Sheila

Christmas Wreaths in the Churchyard

There are still a number of wreaths and other Christmas ornaments on some of the graves. These should be removed as usual by the beginning of Lent, please, (**this year 1st March**). It would be most helpful if these could be placed **beside** the compost-heap (**not in it** as they contain wire and other non-compostable matter) or, better still, taken home to dispose of in your black bins.

Thank you so much for your co-operation.

The Churchwardens

St. Nicholas Church-Parochial Church Council

Vicar-	Rev Claire Lording	01386 552071
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Churchwarden	Hilary Roffey	01386 556629
Churchwarden	Stella Elliott	01386 552564
Secretary	the Churchwardens	
Treasurer	Sheila Dobell	01386 554218
Members	Glen Hurst, Claire James, Rob Mustard, Tim Stanton	

All General Enquiries should be directed to the Parish Office at

11 Broad Street, Pershore WR10 1BB

01386 552071



YOUR local Community Car Scheme

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To register for our Community Car Scheme phone our Receptionist on 01386 554299 to discuss your needs or visit us at Pershore Volunteer Centre, 1 Billing House, Pershore WR10 1EY.

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lauraf@pershorevolunteers.org or Carol: carolc@pershorevolunteers.org.

Phone us on 01386 554299 or email for more details and find out how to apply.

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The Village

The village mobile fish and chips is a traditional fish and chip shop which now comes to Pinvin every other Saturday.

We serve a variety of traditional chip shop meals starting at 4.30pm and finishing at 7.30pm. The dates are as follows:

28th January

11th February & 25th February

11th March & 25th March

8th April & 22nd April

For all enquiries please call: Rose- 07980473680 Pete- 07528369328

More information available on our Facebook page 'The village mobile fish and chips'

Nature Notes

NOW Spring has come

It seemed quite dark and dreary just before 7am but my mood changed as I heard Blackbirds singing. NOW Spring has come I decided. There have been many signs recently. Dunnocks, great tits, skylarks and some thrushes have all been singing and of course robins who sing in the dark where there is artificial lighting. But blackbirds delight us in other ways. They can be noisy, so active in the garden, flying and chasing each other then swooping low round bushes and people. There can be several groups for a long time. They love to eat pyracantha berries, holly berries and stale even, brown apples. Many small birds use the bird bath sharing with others. In the kitchen many Ladybirds have been crowded round upper windows. My winter flowering shrubs such as honey suckle and Mahonia usually attract bees but there are very few. Today I was surprised to see two large Bumble Bees fly by.

Goldfinches such regular feeders on my seeds have been pecking in the grass with other small birds. There seems to be too much moss in all my grass due to so much damp. Will the grass ever recover? Do keep looking at the ground and on and under trees where you can for unusual sights. In his kitchen last week my son suddenly noticed a large shape on a damp cloth. As he went to pick it up. it was quite a rare specimen, an Emperor Moth. Not in season and not flying at this time Though not very colourful it was beautiful with "eyes" on both forewings. It was soon recorded as a new entry for Worcestershire for this year at the Biological records office at Smite.

Audrey Giles

Excercising Dogs

Would all those taking their dogs on the Pinvin Playing Fields please pick up the mess and put it in the dog waste bins provided. Dog faeces is a health hazard to all, but especially to the children using the Playing Fields.

Thank you.

Pinvin Playing Fields Committee

Please, Bag it & Bin it, for everyones benefit

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February 2017

Welcome back

A belated “Happy New Year” to you all and a warm welcome to our new children who have settled in very well. Our Christmas celebrations were enjoyed by all and we are now planning activities for the new term.

Dinosaur Land

We are hoping to visit the Dinosaur’s at All things Wild at Honeybourne in the next few weeks in response to the children’s request. Future trips will also be based on the children’s interests.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year celebrations always prove popular with the children and therefore we will once again have a Chinese banquet towards the end of January. Both visitors and children will have the opportunity to sample traditional Chinese food and learn about Chinese traditions. More details will follow in due course.

New hall

Planning permission has now been granted for the new Community hall which will incorporate a new Pre-School setting. We are all very excited at this news and fundraising will begin as soon as possible.

Stay and Play

Stay and play sessions take place on Wednesdays during term time and are open to all children (accompanied by an adult). These include a 30 minute music session which we call “Sensory Mummy” where we discover music, movement and sensory experiences. Cost per child is £2 with additional siblings £1.

**Please pop in for a chat for more info or contact us on;
01386 553600 or pinvinpreschoolandasc@outlook.com**

LOOK!

A new Guide Unit opened in October - we'd love you to join us.
We welcome existing/previous Brownies and new girls aged between 10 and 14.

We will meet on a Monday in Peopleton.

If you would like to join us or visit for a trial session please register your interest at

[https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_inte rest.aspx](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_inte_rest.aspx)

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It is helpful if all those exercising their dog remember that not all other dogs are keen to play, indeed small, timid, elderly or infirm animals may all enjoy a walk but are not happy with a boisterous approach by others.

A little consideration for others goes a long way, while overtly aggressive behaviour is unwarranted and may result in the appropriate authorities intervention.

Ed

Children's Corner



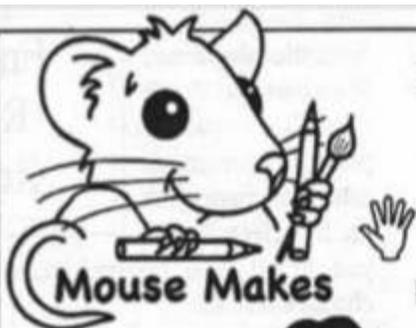
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You could copy the flowers and
make it into a mothersday card.

What's Cooking? QUICK PAELLA

1 Onion-finely chopped
25 g / 1 oz butter
1 Red Pepper deseeded and finely chopped
150 g / 5 oz chorizo sausage-sliced
900 ml / 1½ pints vegetable stock
½ tsp smoked paprika
200 g / 7 oz cooked Tiger Prawns- peeled
2 tomatoes-finely chopped

1 clove garlic-crushed
225 g / 8 oz long grain rice
75 g / 3 oz frozen peas
½ tsp turmeric
2 Tbsp chopped parsley

1. Fry onions and garlic for 2-3 minutes in butter
2. Add red pepper, rice chorizo and fry for 2 minutes
3. Stir in stock; add spices
4. Bring to boil, and then simmer for 10-12 minutes until rice is tender
5. Stir in prawns, peas, tomatoes & parsley; serve hot.



Read Jesus' teaching
on prayer in
Matthew 6 : 9-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven:
May your holy name be honoured;
may your Kingdom come;
may your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
as we forgive the wrongs that
others have done to us.
Do not bring us to hard testing,
but keep us safe from the Evil One.

AMEN

Write a
prayer of
praise to God

LORDS
PRAYER
OUR
FATHER
HOLY
NAME
HONOURED
KINGDOM
COME
WILL
DONE
EARTH
HEAVEN
TODAY
FOOD
NEED
FORGIVE
WRONGS
TESTING
SAFE
EVIL
AMEN

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the words from
the list in the
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Don't Give Up Something for Lent!

Sir

In 2014, one of the faith leaders on Radio 2's Pause for Thought advocated to do 40 nice things over Lent for strangers or people who were not expecting a good turn, rather than giving something up. I found the whole effort most problematic, not because it was hard to spot things I could do, but because people are suspicious or wary when something nice happens to them. Almost everyone thought I must have had an ulterior motive.

It would have been easier to give up sweets for 40 days, rather than trying to buy a packet of scones for the woman in front of me in the supermarket, who wanted them but had run out of money. She accepted, but the whole queue seemed to think I was odd.

The same was true of the homeless girl in the rain who was worried about taking my umbrella. I had to reassure her that I could get dry again!

This recent letter to the *Daily Telegraph* reminds us that it isn't always easy to do good, even when we want to.

However, it would be an interesting challenge this year if instead of giving up something for Lent, we tried to do something a bit different. Perhaps a kindness? Or a phone call, text or letter to encourage someone? Or just finding a few moments for a quiet reflection

Lent Quiz Answers

1. 40 days, but not all are fasting days.
2. Spring - from the Old English "lencten".
3. Trick question! All are alternative names.
4. Ash Wednesday, when traditionally ashes (a sign of repentance) were used to mark a Christian's forehead.
5. Red.
Or Purple
6. The Gloria, as it's a song of joy but Lent is a time of repentance.
7. Pancakes.
8. Patrick, 17th March.
9. Palm Sunday – crosses are made from palm branches.
10. Maundy Thursday - at sunset.