

PINPOINT – THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF PINVIN

Produced by St Nicholas Church Pinvin.

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The Village Church needs people to help run activities and be involved in the maintenance of the building. Could you help us?

Can you offer advice on Lighting or Heating.

both topics need to be improved in the Church.

If you don't know about buildings, but would like to be involved in some way, what about flower arranging?

Some Pictures of St Nicholas

The East and North Walls

photo taken on March 26 2017



The rendering around the outside of the Chancel needs to be repaired or replaced. The roof needs some attention we hope to have a specification prepared by our Architect in the near future and some quotations for the work.



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From Claire Lording, our Vicar

Dear Friends

There are always news stories about countries and ideologies not getting on. Disagreements range from diplomatic tensions to full on animosity with the very real threat of war, violent unrest and even terrorism. Headlines featuring Syria, Brexit, the United States and other places feature daily. And as I've been sitting here the attack on Westminster has taken place. It can all be so depressing and make us feel like the future is not that bright.

In the midst of all of this the Church celebrates Easter, which reminds us in a powerful way that all that is dark and hopeless cannot and does not have the last word. Jesus dying on a cross and being raised from the dead says that the love that God has for everyone cannot be stopped because of the things that we as human might do. No wonder we have special services on Easter Day to celebrate this amazing fact!

God's love at work in ordinary people and situations, whether we know it or not, is where the hope lies. When people get on and work together and when countries agree to be united and positive are all examples of this love in action.

In just over a month's time a small group from our group of churches is going out to Salzwedel, a town west of Berlin. It's all part of a link Worcester Diocese has with the the Magdeburg area of Germany. But this is more than just a church link. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know and work with people we don't know yet. It's all about working for unity and sharing some of that Easter love. If you want to be involved, visitors from Salzwedel are coming to visit us in October. Watch this space!

Happy Easter!

Claire

FROM THE EDITOR

2017 with our 31st year of publication.

This month: **New Dog Care Service** page 4, Parish News on page 5, Church Services and Mothers Union page 8, Volunteering on page 9, **Mobile CHIPPY** and Nature Notes on page 10, Pre-School news on page 11, **Plants Wanted** page 13, Children's Corner and recipe on page 14 .

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

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

Dog fouling:

The problem of dog fouling remains a concern on the playing fields and fields adjacent to Main Street, despite numerous green dog waste bins located around the vicinity. The Parish Council has sought advice from Worcestershire Regulatory Services and a dog warden will be visiting the village in the near future to offer their support. Dog walkers are politely reminded to use the dog waste bins provided at the playing fields, School Close and Main Street (tied up bagged waste can also be deposited in litter bins) and to note the following advice from the County Council.



It is an offence for a dog owner not to clear up after their dog has fouled on any open public land. Districts are patrolled regularly and council's Street Scene wardens can issue an on the spot fine of £75 to any person who fails to clear up after their dog (see below). In certain circumstances we may choose to prosecute the individual instead, and the Courts can impose a maximum fine of £1000.

The Health Risks

Dog faeces can contain bacteria that can make people sick, or the eggs of the roundworm *Toxocara canis*. If these are ingested they can make people very ill and the roundworm can cause blindness in children. Dogs should be wormed four times a year. Children should not play around runs/kennels, should always have their hands washed before eating and should be prevented from putting grass in their mouths. Always use separate dishes for your dog and wash them up separately and you should not share food with your dog. However, there are no health risks to you from immediately clearing up after your dog as the eggs of the *Toxocara* worm take over two weeks to hatch and become active.

Advice for the dog-walker

Encourage your dog to foul on your property before/after the walk. Always carry something to clear up after your dog. If your dog fouls in a public place then put a bag over your hand and pick it up with your protected hand. Turn the bag inside out around the faeces and tie a knot in the top of the bag. Deposit it in a dog waste bin (if you are not sure where these are, contact us or your Town/Parish Council) or take it home and put it in your dustbin.

How can the public help us to prevent dog fouling? If there are areas that are badly fouled, please let the Council's Street Scene teams know so that they can deal with them. The Council's Street Scene teams may be able to cleanse public areas that are badly fouled. The contact telephone number for each district can be found below.

For Wychavon District Council area **ONLY** refer fouling issues to WRS enquiries 01905 822799

<http://www.worcsregservices.gov.uk/dog-service/dog-fouling.aspx>

We are fortunate to have easy access to pleasant, open spaces in the village so please help to maintain these.

Speed initiatives:

As outlined in the last edition of Pinpoint, the Parish Council is seeking funding in order to implement a number of measures proposed to address the problem of speeding in the village. Following guidance from County Council Highways, work is now well underway in preparing an application for submission to the District Council to utilise some of the Parish's New Homes Bonus allocation in order to fund these initiatives.

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St Nicholas Church welcomes you

Services at St Nicholas Church in April

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Thursday	13 th	Maundy Thursday	8 pm Benefice Eucharist at Abbey
Sunday	16 th	Easter Day	10.30 Parish Communion
Sunday	23 rd	Easter 2	10.30 Sunday Praise
Sunday	30 th	Easter 3	10.30 Benefice Eucharist at Wick

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.

A beautifully-made "Mothers' Union" Banner was recently discovered at the Church.

We would very much like to find out more about the former MU branch in Pinvin.
If anyone has any recollections or information do please get in touch with any member of the PCC.
Thank you.

•Stella

St. Nicholas Church-Parochial Church Council

Vicar-	Rev Claire Lording	01386 552071
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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



NEW VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES APRIL 2017

Love gardening, love slugs?

Holland House, Cropthorne, is looking for volunteers to bring a Kitchen Garden back to life.

Your challenge is to grow vegetables and salads that delight their chefs and respect wildlife, while enjoying the special ethos of the garden and its setting.

Qualified Accountant?

Number 8 Community Arts Centre is looking for a Finance Director to design, develop, modify and implement their financial management framework. Previous experience within the charity sector would be an advantage but is not essential. Full job description available.

A flair for retail?

The small team at Headway's shop in Pershore seeks someone with a passion for retail and an eye for trends to take on the challenge of window and shop displays, to increase footfall and sales. Every item sold supports someone's rehabilitation after an accident or stroke. So you will be helping survivors of brain injury to regain their dignity and learn new skills. Experience would be great, but you, too, can learn new skills if you want to return to work or change career; with scope to work towards an NVQ in Customer Service and to take on additional responsibility. Volunteer for 2 afternoons with a team that likes to have fun!

Spare a few hours to share Pershore's wonderful heritage?

With more volunteers, the Heritage Centre at the Town Hall could open on additional days and have a greater presence at the Plum Festival. The History Society is also keen to hear from volunteers with an interest in local or family history who have skills in admin, IT or marketing; plus someone who can develop links between the Society and schools or care homes, using artefacts and reminiscence boxes.

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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:

8th April & 22nd April

6th & 20th May

3rd & 17th June

1st, 15th & 29th July

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

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

Nature Notes

A cold but colourful Spring

The damp corner of my garden resembles a meadow. At present it is covered with stems of Fritillary flowers. Rather like upside down tulips the Snakes head fritillary is pale lilac about 12 inches tall. Alongside grows Lady's smock another wild flower like a delicate wall flower and coming up are masses of cowslips, we have been walking all over the rosettes of leaves; A real flowery meadow area. Nearby white and lilac violets pepper the lawn.

Small birds still eat from my feeders. While the temperature remains wintry and the wind strengthens spring appears to be on hold. There are certainly more large bumble bees many with rear red colours but very few days with butterfly conditions. One afternoon produced a small Tortoiseshell and two others. The greater spotted wood pecker is easy to pick out on my willow tree. This has been well shaped so there are no leaves. One day it pecked so fast into the bark it appeared like tiny wings fluttering.

My neighbour saw 9 toads swimming in her larger pond. Toads feed at dusk on more sedentary creatures like slugs, worms, snails and beetles. At breeding times toads tend to return to their birth place.

The female will have laid her eggs in a circle passing over and under leaves. Then fertilisation takes place with much croaking. Tadpoles then tiny toads will be produced.

In gardens as the yellow daffodils die off, more colourful hyacinths appear, with brilliant blues and pinks and perfumes to match, and delight us.

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

If dog waste bin is full Phone 01386 565018 Give bin number to identify



Pinvin Community Pre-school

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March 2017

Hello everyone,

Well we have been super busy at Pre-school this term, enjoying the beautiful Spring weather and of course the rain! We have been out and about at All Things Wild in Honeybourne, following our dinosaur interest, and then had a lovely trip to Orchard Farm in the village to see the new-born lambs. A big thank you to Kate and Alan for always making us so welcome.

We have been overwhelmed with the number of kind donations we have been given in regards to the vandalism we reported at the children's forest school area. The donations are currently being used to improve the current area and the children have been so delighted we have now put in an extra forest school session on a Monday. We will be celebrating our new look forest school and you will be invited to join us, so watch this space.

The children have been celebrating the special ladies in their lives and have made some beautiful gifts for mums and family members in celebration of Mother's day. We are also getting ready for Easter and will be visiting the church on Tuesday 4th April and then coming together on the last day of term for traditional Easter celebrations including the infamous Pre-school Easter Egg Hunt.

Stay and Play sessions Every Wednesday from 9.30 – 11.15
Come and join the fun, session includes free play, snack and music session.
Also the opportunity to chat with professionals about any child related issue, we are here to help.
Cost £1.50 per family (Discounts for families)

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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PLANTS WANTED!

Hello my name is Lil Hamby. I am a resident of Pinvin and work in a school in Worcester. We are entering the school garden competition at the RHS Malvern Spring Garden Festival in May. The theme this year is Space.

I would be very grateful if any residents of the village, when getting their gardens ready for spring would consider giving me **any unusual shaped shrubs** that would be suitable for our space themed garden.

I live at Sundowner, Upton Snodsbury Road in Pinvin.

Many thanks, Lil Hamby

Children's Corner



JOIN THE DOTS TO FIND AN EASTER VISITOR

What's Cooking? EASTER EGG NESTS

300 g / 12 oz white chocolate

30 g / 2 oz butter

2 Tbsp golden syrup

150 g / 6 oz shredded wheat

4 Tbsp chocolate spread

150 g mini eggs

1. Break chocolate into squares, place in a heavy based pan with butter and syrup.
2. Melt mixture over a low heat until soft.
3. Crumble shredded wheat into mixture and stir well.
4. Divide into eight portions on a baking sheet (non-stick) on a baking tray. Shape into nests - Cool.
5. When nests are firm warm chocolate spread. Spoon a teaspoon into the centre of each nest and fill with mini eggs.

This is what the Church looked like for the Carol service last Christmas Eve, we all had a good time and the young children were involved in setting up the crib.

Hot Mulled wine and soft drinks plus mince pies were provided after the service.



This is your church, please support it!

The East and South Walls

photo taken on March 26 2017



The Porch needs some attention; we shall be seeking further advice on the condition of the stone work from the stone masons when they start repair work on the West wall next month. The Roof needs attention, same comments as previously discussed.

Please contact me Glen Hurst on 07547883326 if you would like more information.