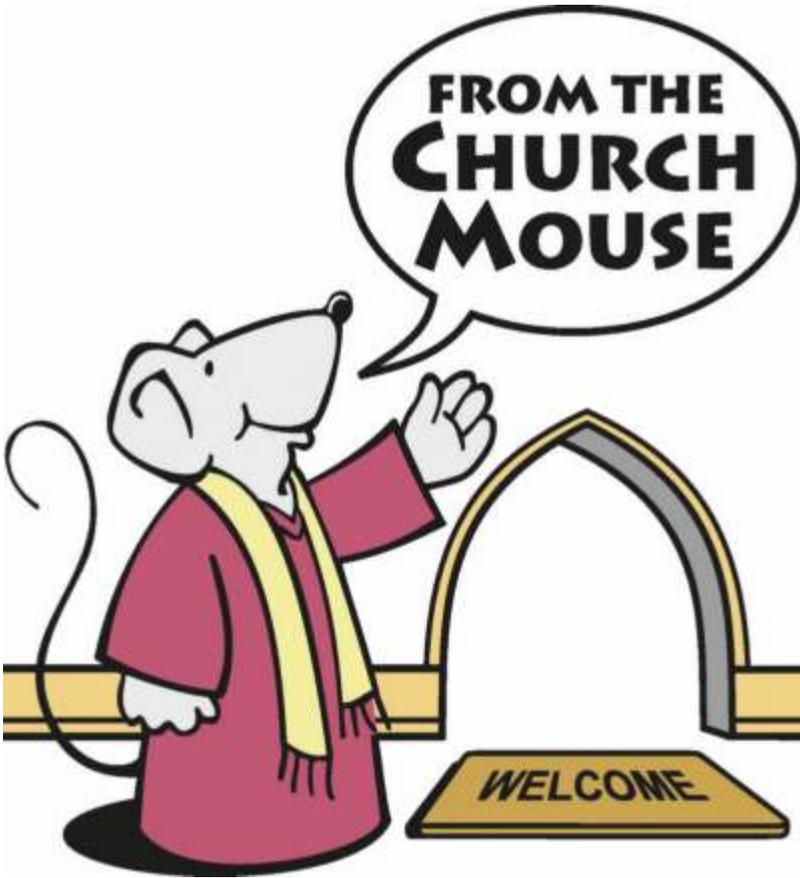


# **PINPOINT - THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF PINVIN**

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**We're the church of today so with your help there will be a church**

**PARISH BENEFICE SERVICE in PINVIN at 10:30 on SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 29TH**

Benefice services are held on the fifth Sunday in a month, these occur only four times a year. Luckily there are four churches in our benefice, they are:-

**Pershore Abbey  
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**St. Nicholas Church-Parochial Church Council**

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Assistant Curate -	Rev Dr Orion Edgar	01386 552071
Churchwarden	Hilary Roffey	01386 556629
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Members	Stella Elliott, Glen Hurst, Claire James, Rob Mustard, Tim Stanton	

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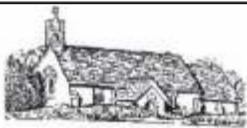
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**FROM THE EDITOR**

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We welcome contributions to Pinpoint. It is your newsletter. *William*  
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**Deadline 26th November please !**



# 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

Last month we were delighted to be able to welcome a party from our new link church, St Catherine's, which is in Salzwedel in Germany. St Catherine's belongs to the Protestant Church of Central Germany which Worcester Diocese is linked with.

The group of eight, included Pastor Matthias Friske and his family, and four of his parishioners. They stayed for a long weekend and in that short time managed to get round all of the communities in our Benefice. They were most impressed with the warmth of welcome at St Nicholas Church. Stella Elliott gave a potted history of the church in German and our visitors enjoyed seeing all that makes St Nicholas a special place. They also presented Hilary Roffey with a poster which shared what the key beliefs of Lutheranism are.

Our visitors had a wonderful few days. They had many highlights but two things stood out for them. They couldn't get over how many people spoke German, even if it was just a little bit of school days German. They were also surprised by the huge number of volunteers who are involved in the life of our communities.

These link visits are really important because they remind us that we belong to a world that is not made up of people who all think the same thing or do the same thing as us. It's always good to be exposed to different groups of people and to learn from each other. Knowing each other's stories and where we have come from can be positive in breaking down old prejudices and being excited about what the future might hold for us all.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember all those who have died in war whilst serving their country. We remember conflicts past and those still raging. We remember that our world is still full of division. But we can hope and pray that peace will come and that our links and friendships with people from a different country are the first step in making this world a truly peaceful place.

Claire

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Please note recent changes to the local bus service:



Worcester First bus company has announced changes to the X50, 51/52 & 53/54 bus services as of 15th October. The '50s' is the new name for First services serving Pershore, Evesham and the surrounding villages, following work with Worcester-shire County Councillors and local transport groups to provide important local links where needed. To note, some destinations may now require a change of buses.

For further details of changes and timetables, information is available via:

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I have been editor of Pinpoint for almost 6 years now. I do not wish to be a monopolist, so if you would like to expand your skill base and accept the challenge please get in touch and I'll pass on any tips I have accrued. It doesn't take too much time and is quite satisfying.

Best regards, William (editor)

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### Services for November

5th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
12th	10.30 am	Remembrance Sunday Service
19th	10.30 am	Sunday Praise
3rd Dec.	<b>4.30 pm</b>	Service for ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Sadly Rev Dr Orion Edgar is moving on in November.

At the end of each service we enjoy coffee and biscuits and friendship.

### **5th Sunday**

We are part of the Benefice of Pershore, Pinvin, Wick & Birlingham.  
When a month has a 5th Sunday, which happens 4 times a year, there will be a 10:30 service at one of the Benefice churches in rotation, for all 4 churches.

**Please read Pinpoint, Abbey Bulletin', or Village Website for details.**  
<http://www.pinvin.org.uk/nicholas.html>

We regret that this isolated church cannot be left open. If you wish to visit please contact the office 01386 552071, who will direct you to a contact person who will enable you to visit St. Nicholas church.

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**Parish Church Service's in PINVIN at 10:30 on the 1st and 3rd  
SUNDAY's of each Month**

St Nicholas Church in Pinvin is quite small in comparison with other churches around us. However, we are very fortunate in having some useful items in our church that other churches do not have, for example - a toilet and full baby changing facilities. We have a fully functional Kitchen.

The area at the rear of the church can be cleared for parents and children to use during a service, alternatively this area can be used for meetings etc.

**Meetings –**

As usual several times a year the PCC have their meetings in the evening. This is our Planning Evening where we hopefully manage to plan services and church events, agree dates hopefully to make an interesting programme for the next few months and sometimes decide certain events a year ahead.

Anyone who would like to join us for any of the evenings is welcome to do so either just for the evening or with a view to becoming a member of the PCC. All meetings begin at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated.

The next meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Please call me, Glen Hurst on 07547883326 or any of the Church members for more information.

## Five ways to well-being - through volunteering

**Pershore Volunteer Centre is pleased to be supporting Wychavon's well-being initiative.**

### **CONNECT**

Volunteering is a great way to connect with the people around you and your local community, which can enrich your life and lead to ongoing friendships. Spend your time with like-minded people egin a charity shop supporting your favourite cause, at Number 8 or in the library. Take time to connect with a youngster in care, someone at our Wednesday lunch club or one of the local groups for individuals who need other support. *"I enjoy phone befriending as I can really focus on helping someone and fit it in around work."*

### **BE ACTIVE**

Enjoy the outdoors, keep fit and discover how much you can do by volunteering at Avon Meadows, working as a lock keeper on the river, or leading a Health Walk. Dig, sow and weed at Holland House or Spetchley Gardens; or for even more of a work out join the team at Tiddesley Wood. *"As a volunteer you meet some really good characters and nice people. I'm helping them and they are helping me as I have to do something with my time and keep active otherwise I get restless and stressed out at home."*

### **TAKE NOTICE**

Be curious about the world and notice what matters to you - then find a cause that matches your interest and see how you can help. Whether you volunteer annually at events like the Plum Festival, regularly in an office as an administrator or occasionally on a fundraising team, you can make a real difference. Sign up for a renewed sense of purpose and self-esteem, as well as having a great time! *"Thank you for putting me in touch with the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. I am loving my admin role there."*

### **KEEP LEARNING**

Rediscover an old interest, take on a challenge or bring your skills to new environments. Gain confidence as you try new things. *"I received excellent training from Age UK. The role is very rewarding and the clients are genuinely very grateful. I have since taken on another volunteering role as a Trustee. I strongly recommend volunteering to get you out and about, active and keep learning, in a worthwhile way."*

**GIVE** **Volunteering your time to help someone else is one of the best gifts that you can offer.** Our car and minibus drivers report that taking an elderly resident to the shops or a social event gives them great satisfaction as it makes a big difference to someone who would otherwise be isolated. Clients say: *"Thank you so much for your assistance, I do not know how I would manage without your support."*

**To find out more about the volunteering roles that we have on offer, contact us on 01386 554299, email [admin@pershorevolunteers.org](mailto:admin@pershorevolunteers.org) or visit the office at 1 Billing House, Pershore WR101EY**

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12noon**

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### Nature notes

A neighbouring house has a large portion of roof off to reveal numerous old nests of Starlings extending many feet beyond a 2 inch gap near the apex. To avoid a similar fate we must repair all gaps before the spring nesting season to discourage uninvited guests!

Honking geese are forming early morning skeins to commute between safe roosts near Per-shore and feeding in Worcester & Spetchley.

A T-shaped moth (Emmalina) with furled wings shelters in my porch, hopefully avoiding the attention of the resident spider, while a fresh hatch of Red Admiral butterflies seek what remnants of summer and autumn flowers have remaining sips of nectar, alongside early blooming of winter plants such as Mahonia and ivy.

Last night several nearby dogs set to barking in response to deer calls from the fields. A pair of tawny owls also call while about their nocturnal flights. A few grey squirrels and occasional hedgehogs continue to stock up for the coming winter.

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# Children's Corner



Answer to Children's Corner last month 1. Lantern, 2 Pie, 3 Soup

## *What's Cooking?* FRESH VEGETABLE SOUP

- 1 onion peeled and diced
- 2 sticks of celery washed and sliced
- 300 ml / ½ pint water
- 2 vegetable stock cubes
- 300 ml / ½ pint tomato juice

1. Put all the ingredients in a blender or food processor (using the chopping blade)
2. Blend for 3 or 4 seconds until finely chopped- machines vary
3. Pour mixture into a saucepan; simmer for 10 minutes
4. Season to taste, serve piping hot

**Enjoy Bonfire Night – but please remember to take care  
of your Pets and Animals.**



**Remember,remember our 5 tips for November**

1. Take sanctuary. Close windows and curtains. Mask the bangs with radio or TV
2. Play Dens. Prepare a safe place for your pet, a cage or carton with soft bedding
3. Beat the Bangs. Walk your dog earlier before the fireworks start
4. Bring the party inside. Provide outdoor cats with an indoor litter tray and shut cat flaps
5. Comfortable surroundings. If you cannot bring hutches or cages indoors, turn the open part to a wall and cover cages & aviaries with blankets to muffle the sound

*Reflections on Guy Fawkes*

## **GUNPOWDER TREASON**

*'A planned bomb attack by religious extremists on a strategic site in central London has been foiled by the security services, acting on secret intelligence. Eight men have been arrested and charged.'* This could be a story from yesterday's newspaper, but in fact (as astute readers may have guessed) it's an account of an event over 400 years

ago which will be marked with thousands of bonfires up and down the land in November.

On 5th November 1605, Guy Fawkes was discovered with something like 36 barrels of gunpowder in a crypt underneath the House of Lords on the day of the State Opening of Parliament. He was apprehended, and under torture revealed the names of his co-conspirators, all Roman Catholics intent on assassinating King James 1 and restoring a Catholic monarchy to England. It's that event which, through the murky mists of time, we commemorate with fireworks, bonfires and - yes - 'guys' on 5th November every year.

Until about fifty years ago there was still an anti-Catholic element in some of the bonfire night celebrations. Thankfully, just as such religious conflicts are very much part of our distant past, so in recent times have we seen that the endless recitation of ancient feuds helps no one - and may even distort history. After all, even in 1605 Fawkes and his companions didn't have the support of most of their fellow-Catholics, and it's very possible that the intelligence that uncovered the plot came from within their ranks.

## **A Better Way**

We are all too aware, however, that terrorism, bombs and assassination attempts are still very much part of contemporary life. There are people in today's world who misguidedly believe that they are doing God's will by killing those who do not share their religious practice or political beliefs. Fawkes and his friends, with the kind of indifference to risk which modern terrorists also display, were fanatically committed to their cause.

They, and their modern counterparts, are a reminder that while faith is a wonderfully good thing; religious fanaticism is a dangerous delusion and violence of this kind is never the best answer to injustice. The real game-changers in modern history have risked their own lives rather than taking the lives of others: people like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Archbishop Janani Luwum, Nelson Mandela, Lech Walesa and Archbishop Oscar Romero.

**'Love your enemies,'** said Jesus. Then there's a good chance you'll change them, and in changing them you may change history.