

Pinpoint

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

From Claire Lording, our Vicar

Dear Friends

If someone says to you, what is your favourite picture of all time, I wonder what comes to mind? Perhaps it's a photo of someone really important to you, or one of a special occasion where you were with family or friends, or it's that photo of a place that really stays with you.

Or it might not be at photo at all. The world has been blessed by so many artists who have been able to capture beautiful things and then share them with the world. So perhaps your favourite picture is a painting that you have to keep going back to look at. I remember when I first saw the Mona Lisa by Leonard de Vinci up close. It's really quite small but totally captivating and I kept going back into the room to see it just once more.

That's what pictures, any pictures, can do to you. They draw you in and can make you think about all sorts of things. They can fill you with awe and wonder. They can raise questions and help you search for answers.

This month sees the start of Lent, when many people choose to get themselves ready for Easter by doing things a little differently. Having time to think and study is something Churches Together in Pershore tries to encourage. This year we are going to be looking at Sister Wendy Beckett's book, *The Art of Lent*, where we are invited to look at all sorts of paintings and think about a different theme each week, such as peace, joy and love. It might be that we start to look at the world around us with different eyes as a result.

If you've never thought about joining a Lent group this might be for you. There's an introduction to the course at 7 pm on 19th February at Pershore Baptist Church. Between now and then people can sign up for a house group. There will be lists at the back of the Abbey or let me know you're interested and I can give you more details.

Claire



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FROM THE EDITOR

This month Parish News on page 3, Church Services page 6, Dog services page 8, Nature Notes on page 9 Pre School page 10-11, Recipe and Children's Corner on page 12

We welcome contributions to Pinpoint.
It is your newsletter.

William

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Deadline 19th February 2018
please !

Notes from Pinvin Parish Council

Following the recent resignation of Nicola Harding, the current Clerk, the Parish Council has appointed Mrs Carole Hirst as the new Parish Clerk. A handover is currently underway to ensure a smooth transition, and Mrs Hirst is at the Nicola's final meeting on February 6th. Carole is already Clerk to two parish councils including neighbouring Wyre Piddle, and brings lots of current experience in local government.



Nicola has done a fantastic job as Clerk for 13 years, and has served the Parish Council and the village with skill and dedication. On behalf of the Council, and I am sure all parishioners, I would to express our sincere thanks to Nicola for all her support, expertise and professionalism. The Parish Council, and the whole village, will miss her. *(Here, here! Ed)*

Carole's contact details are as follows Tel: 07903 377066

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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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St Nicholas Services February/ March

2018

February 4th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
February 18th	10.30 am	Sunday Praise
March 4th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
March 11th	10.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service

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 see Pinpoint, or <http://www.pinvin.org.uk/nicholas.html> for details.

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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Disposal of Christmas Wreaths in the Churchyard

•St Nicholas PCC welcomes the placing of traditional wreaths and other seasonal tributes on graves in the Churchyard during the Christmas period. • However, we do ask that all these be removed by the beginning of Lent. As Easter is early this year, so also is Lent, which commences this year on the 14th February.

•It would be enormously helpful if relatives from each family would remove their wreaths etc. and take them home for disposal in their own domestic black bin collection. • The wreaths must not be placed in the compost heap as they also contain non-compostable material, such as plastic and wire.

•If this really not possible, please place them beside the compost heap (NOT IN IT). • This also applies to plastic wrappings, • containers, fabric bows etc. • The PCC will dispose of them in due course. (Please note that no commercial collections are made from the Church or Churchyard and we have to remove such items in our own cars: last year's total of wreaths etc. was over eighty!)

•Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

•St Nicholas PCC.

St Richard's Hospice

St Richard's Hospice provides free specialist palliative and end of life care and support for adult patients with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones in Worcestershire. St Richard's is an independent registered charity supporting patients from diagnosis, during their illness and the last few days of life. Each year the hospice supports more than 3,000 patients, loved ones, carers and the bereaved.

Did you know:

- St Richard's Hospice have 17 hospice beds in Worcester but care for many more patients in the community. Patients in the community are cared for by our Nurses Specialists and Hospice at Home team.
- Our hospice teams support patients with motor-neurone disease, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, cardio-vascular and respiratory diseases in addition to cancer. We increasingly support people with multiple life-limiting conditions.
- All-encompassing care and support is completely free. This is made possible by the generosity of our supporters contributing to three quarters of our income.
- It is important that patient's loved ones and carers feel supported and reassured. St Richard's Hospice Family Support team provide a wide range of support pre and post bereavement through group work, one-to-one counselling and over the telephone depending on personal preference.

Referrals can be made by a GP, consultant at the hospital, district nurse or healthcare professionals. Patients, or a person close to them, can also speak to our Gateway referral team themselves for information or advice. Contact our Gateway Team for more information on 01905 763963.

If you would like a guest speaker for a social or community group to hear more about our care and support please get in touch with Alice Spearing, Engagement Officer aspearing@strichards.org.uk or 01905 763963.
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Nature notes

Red sky in the morning, shepherds warning; but what to expect when pink edges the clouds morning and evening? Probably the very mixed weather we have experienced recently. The one especially cold night in December killed a golden wattle tree in the garden, a shame as there were numerous flower buds readying for the spring. Hungry birds show up at first light for the refilled containers (please remember to clean them regularly to prevent the spread of avian diseases) and despite their hunger there is a definite pecking order. Blackcaps seem to be masters on the fat filled coconut, with clouds of roseate long-tailed titmice queuing for their excited turn. On the floor blackbirds strut to prove who is more macho even though there is plenty of food for all. In the background over the field a lone grey heron flaps majestically past, hopefully not raiding a garden pond. The morning light seems still slow to appear, as if the sun is having a lie-in, but the afternoons do seem a little longer, which is very welcome.

There are 25 hearts in the Children's Corner illustration.

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Belated "Happy New Year" and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2018 from everyone here at **Pinvin Community Pre-School.**

Nativity play

Our Nativity play which was held on the last day of term prior to the Christmas break was slightly different to previous years. The children were very amused that it was the staff and not them that played the various characters to tell the Christmas story, especially Zoe starring as the donkey. By the end of the performance however most of them had chosen to put on their costumes and join the adults on the stage playing the parts of kings, shepherds or sheep!

After the story and carol singing there was hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies on offer which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all those who supported us and a special thank you to Hilary and Mike for making St Nicholas church available to us.

Re-branding

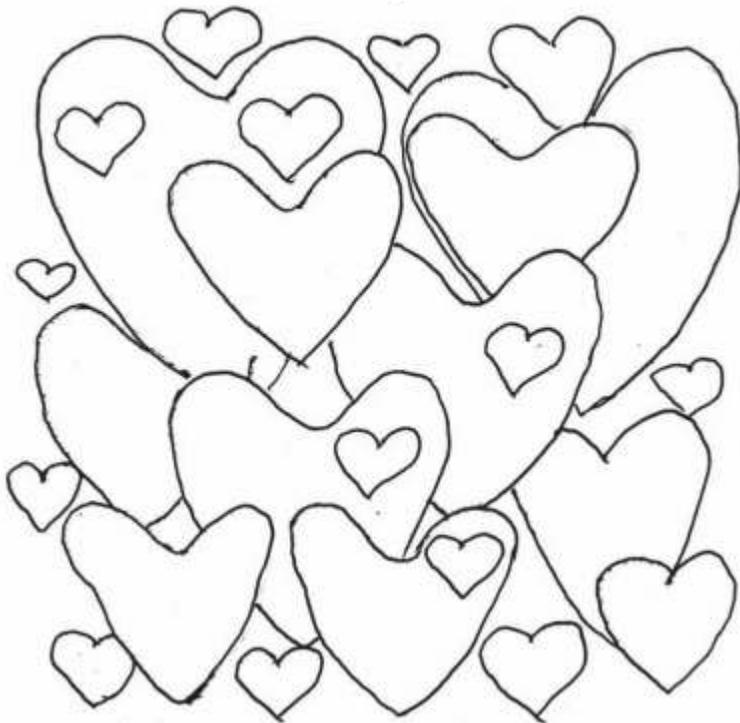
Pinvin Pre-school celebrated its 25th anniversary in June 2017 and over the years has evolved to now include breakfast and after school club, forest school, and last year for the first time, holiday club. To celebrate this significant milestone we will shortly be launching our re-branded uniform, logo and advertising material following input from staff along with new tag line "Nurturing Hearts and Minds" which we think captures our intent to provide the very best start for your child.

Thanks also go to "Blue Whale Design" and "Knights Tailoring" who brought our ideas to life.

Forthcoming events

During 2018 there will be our usual catalogue of events for the whole community so please watch out for information over the next few weeks and months.

Children's Corner



How many Hearts? Count them & colour in

***What's Cooking?* CRISPY POTATOES WITH CHEESE**

750 g / 1¾ lb potatoes

2 red onions

6 Tbsp oil

100 g / 4 oz mature cheddar

2 Tbsp chopped fresh basil

Salt & pepper

1. Peel potatoes and slice very thinly using slicer on a food processor or a sharp knife
2. Cover with cold water; allow to stand for 10 minutes
3. Peel and slice onions. Drain potatoes and dry on kitchen paper
4. Heat oil in a large frying pan on medium heat. Fry onions for two minutes. Add potatoes and cook for 15-20 minutes, turning frequently until golden
5. Grate cheese. Add basil to pan and stir in. Sprinkle cheese over the top. Cook for 2 minutes without stirring. Season and serve