

PINPOINT – THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE PEOPLE IN AND AROUND PINVIN

Produced by St Nicholas Church Pinvin.

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MOTHERING SUNDAY A SPECIAL SERVICE ON 31ST MARCH AT 10:30 AM

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



We are hopeful that some school Children will be taking part in the service.

Our Village Church still **needs younger people** to help steer it into the future, bring new ideas and suggestions. If you have some spare time and a lot of good ideas, please contact any of the PCC members.

Electoral Roll 2019

The electoral roll is the list of names and addresses of the church's membership.

Every person listed on the Roll is eligible to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in Church of England elections.

This year St Nicholas Church is required to completely redo the Electoral Roll. This means that everyone wishing to be on the Electoral Roll **MUST** complete a new application form. Forms will be available in church from mid-February and must be completed before the Church Annual Meeting on April 10th.

Please complete the form as soon as possible and return it to the Electoral Roll Officer, Glen Hurst

Don't give up chocolate in Lent!

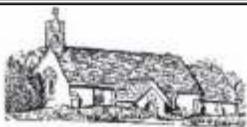
Instead of giving up your favourite chocolate goodies for 40 days in Lent, (don't forget that the 40 days does NOT include Sundays) so why don't you use Lent as an opportunity to take on the 40 day Lent Challenge. For those of you who haven't heard about it, the Lent Challenge aims to get people to do something nice every day until Easter.

It doesn't have to be anything extravagant; it can be as simple as holding the door open for someone, giving up your seat for someone on the bus or just smiling as you walk past somebody in the street.

How much do you know about this season of preparation for Easter?

Here's some Lent trivia to test your knowledge. The answers are on a page at the end.

1. How many days of fasting are there in Lent? When does Lent Start in 2019?
2. What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
6. What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent?
7. On what Sunday during Lent do we celebrate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem?
8. Who helped Jesus carry his Cross?
9. When does Lent officially end?



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

From Claire Lording, our Vicar

Dear Friends

In many different walks of life people get sent on all sorts of courses so that they can then use whatever they learn to improve how they do their job. It doesn't matter whether you're a teacher, sales assistant, nurse, vicar or anything else, we've probably all been on a course that's supposed to develop us professionally. Hopefully the majority of the courses that we go on are worthwhile and do make a real difference.

It's a bit similar to what we do in the Church. Every Lent we try to put together a course that will enable people to stop and think about an aspect of their lives or the lives of others. The idea is that we will somehow grow in our understanding of what our faith might mean to us and how we can better use it in our everyday lives.

This year we are running a course based on the BBC drama series Broken, which starred Sean Bean as a troubled Catholic priest. The course portrays real life at its most gritty and unvarnished, and in doing so raises many questions along the way about how to live faithfully when life is very hard. It will run on Tuesdays, from 5th March, 7.30 pm at Pershore Abbey and Thursdays, from 7th March, 1.30 pm at St Andrew's Centre. If you think this course might be for you, and you are aged over fifteen, please do just come along.

Lent isn't just about courses though. There is also time to think about those closest to us and what it means to be part of a family or community, whatever shape family and community is for you. The Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30 am on 31st March at St Nicholas Church is a great opportunity to give thanks to God for all those closest to us and to think about what it means to be in God's family. Everyone will be very welcome.

Claire



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Harmony

No. this isn't a dating site advert.. It's for men who want the pleasure of singing together in vocal harmony.

Do you fancy singing these songs? They're just some of our repertoire.

Is this the way to Amarillo
(Sedaka/Greenfield) Hallelujah (Cohen)

When I'm 64 (Lennon/Macartney)

For the longest time (Joel)

Take me Home Country Roads (Denver)

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If you'd like to sing with us contact

Colin Pemberton 07766 524833

visit www.valeharmony.co.uk

FROM THE EDITOR

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We welcome contributions to Pinpoint.

It is your newsletter.

William

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Deadline for April issue is

24th March 2019 please !

Notes from Pinvin Parish Council

The next Pinvin Parish Council meeting is on
Tuesday 5th March
at 7.30 pm at Pinvin Memorial Hall



Pinvin Memorial Hall
Annual General Meeting.
Will take place on the 3rd April.
At Pinvin Memorial Hall.
Starting at 7P.M.

Members of Pinvin Parish Council & useful contacts

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07548670303
pinvinpreschool@gasc.co.uk
www.pinvinpreschool.org



Opening Times
Monday – Thursday 7.45am – 6pm
Friday 7.45am – 5pm
Holiday Club
Wednesday – Friday 8.30am – 4pm

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February has been another busy month here at Pinvin Community Preschool. The visits to Pershore Leisure Centre for fun in the pool have continued and prove very popular with the children. Chinese New Year on February 5th was celebrated by the children and staff who were given the opportunity to try traditional Chinese food which we also shared with residents of Stonebow Care home during one of our regular visits. Reverend Claire Lording once again made us very welcome when we visited Pershore Abbey earlier in the month, the children are always impressed by the splendour of the building which must seem very large to them!

As we are a registered charity fundraising is always high on our agenda and this year, we are planning a joint venture with the Air Ambulance and Stonebow care home in Peopleton. The Vale golf club at Bishampton will be the setting for our Masquerade ball on June 28th which will include a 3 course meal, silent auction and music for dancing. Tickets are available at a cost of £35 for tickets purchased before 30th April from Hana at preschool.

Parenting Group

We recognise that but stressful job with no rule book!

The best support we have found is to just have the opportunity to talk with other parents to gain ideas and strategies from each other.

We would like to pilot a parenting group where we aim to support each other in a safe and caring environment. Topics discussed will be led by you or it may just be a chance to catch a breath and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Please come and join us to;

‘Talk & Laugh it and Sharing it together’
Every Tuesday 2-3pm
Younger siblings welcome.

Volunteers

We are appealing for volunteers to come and read to the children as part of our focused improvement plan which is committed to promoting early an hour and feel this would be literacy skills. If you have a spare half something you would enjoy, please come and speak to us.

Stay and Play At Pinvin we have a weekly open morning where you can come along with your child for a play and chat with the team. We can offer advice or support and a cuppa! This is open to all of our current families and for new ones too.

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March	17 th	10.30 am	Sunday Praise
March	31 st	10.30 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 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.

Pershore Abbey & Benefice Office, Alveston House, 11 Broad Street Pershore WR10 1BB
01386 552071 - office@pershoreabbey.org.uk www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

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Any members of the church Electoral Role can be elected to be part of the PCC. Any villager can help with the running of the church in many different ways, so please come and see how YOU could join in.

Wreaths and Flowers in the Churchyard

Lent begins on 6th March, Ash Wednesday. Please would families be kind enough to remove Christmas wreaths etc. by this date.

It would also be most helpful if each family could take their wreath home to dispose of in the next black bin collection. Wreaths cannot be put in the compost heap because they contain non-compostable items such as wire, ribbons or plastic.

Any other floral tributes etc. should then be kept within six inches of the headstone.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Parochial Church Council

St. Nicholas Church-Parochial Church Council

Vicar-	Rev Claire Lording	01386 552071
Churchwarden	Hilary Roffey	01386 556629
Vice Chairman	Rob Mustard	01386 552735
Secretary	Jill Mustard	01386 552735
Treasurers	Sheila Dobell & Clive Kately	
Electoral Roll Officer	Glen Hurst	
Committee Members	Stella Elliott, Claire James, Richard Collyer	

Should any of the Pinvin Villagers like to attend or be part of the PCC, please contact any of the above people.

General Enquiries should be directed to the Parish Office at

11 Broad Street, Pershore WR10 1BB Tel 01386 552071



Social Car Scheme drivers urgently required.

Are you a car owner? Do you have a few hours to spare? – flexible times/days to suit you

We are looking for additional volunteer drivers for our social car scheme which provides a service for local people who cannot travel to hospital, medical or other appointments. Fuel expenses are covered.

Interested then please drop in for a chat, we are near to the market in Pershore.

Contact Information:

Pershore and District Volunteer Centre, 1 Billing House, Pershore WR10 1EY.

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or visit our website www.pershorevolunteers.org

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This feature in the Pinpoint is about people in our village-

In “The Chair”

In the Chair this month is Mrs Stella Elliott

Stella, you are not originally from Pinvin or Worcestershire. For people who don't know you, please can you give us a brief background to your life before Pinvin?

Well, where to start? – I was born in India; my father was a Judge working for the British government. He sent us back to the UK after Independence in 1947 and followed in 1949. We lived in Birmingham. He retired in 1964 and my parents went to live in Cleeve Prior where they had family ancestors. I went off to Oxford University to study, gaining a BA and a MA qualification and then began teaching.

What made you want to teach?

I started teaching in residential schools – various subjects. I enjoyed these experiences very much and realised that this was the way my career should go. So, I carried on studying: at Bromsgrove I got a teaching diploma and then a further degree in Librarianship at Aston University. During this time frame I bought a house in Worcester, married Richard and got a position teaching at Kings School in Worcester, thereafter for many years was a Sixth-Form Tutor/Librarian in Droitwich.

I have had lots of fun during teaching. I also taught prisoners at Long Lartin Prison in the evening, which I found very interesting and most challenging but also rewarding. Richard also taught computer sciences at Long Lartin, then both of us taught First Aid to the prisoners as we were qualified Instructors.

What brought you to Pinvin?

A friend of Richards who lived in Pinvin was moving home. We wanted more room, so we looked at his house and the village, liked it all and bought the house and have lived here since 1975.

What are the biggest changes you have seen in Pinvin?

The village was a lot smaller then, it had three pubs and Richard used to enjoy playing cribbage in the pub team. The village has grown significantly both in housing and industry. The biggest change has been the speed and volume of cars and mainly heavy lorry traffic through the village.

Have you been involved in Pinvin village life?

Yes in 2009 I was invited by Nigel Dakin to join the PCC at St Nicholas Church. Later I became a Church Warden and I stayed as Church Warden for about eight years before health issues forced me to retire.

Do you enjoy a style of music in general, have you a favourite singer/musician?

I like all kinds of music; my favourite singer is Buddy Holly.

When you were small did you enjoy singing/join a Choir – do you have a favourite hymn you enjoy singing?

Not been in a choir - can't sing! But I do like lots of hymns.

What part do you think music plays in worship?

Can be meaningful, time to reflect and be very emotional.

When you are not working, how do you like to relax?

I am not good at relaxing but I love reading, mainly military history, especially about Alexander the Great and similar books. Watching TV documentaries.

If you & your husband go out for a special meal What would be your perfect menu?

We rarely eat out, mainly because Richard loves to do all the cooking and he is a very good cook ! I prefer any of his meals to going to a restaurant!

What's your favourite film?

Don't go to cinema very often; Gone with the Wind has such a broad canvas: it has Slavery, the Civil War and is a poignant Love Story. It has everything.

Do you read the Pinpoint and find it of use to you, are there any further topics you would like in the magazine?.

Yes I always read it. It is interesting to find out what is going on.

Are there any topics/discussion points that you feel could improve the community spirit of the village?

Perhaps readers might contribute articles about their journeys, a favourite hobby or pet? Could we start up some clubs such as a choir, or develop a music group?

Thanks to Stella for taking The Chair this month

Nature Notes

Twelve months ago there was lying snow, and a week of frosty temperatures through the day. This week we can shed overcoats, so it is somewhat easier for our wild friends. Two bright yellow Brimstone butterflies have appeared, a tortoiseshell butterfly has emerged from hibernation in the garage, a large Bombus bumblebee drones by while even the odd hive bee and hoverfly try their luck with the opening spring flowers.

Blackbird males are strutting across the grass, hoping their posing to impress the females is noticed. Robin song is now developing well, having been formed of imperfect phrases during the winter. The local hedgehog has had only fitful hibernation, appearing to munch on proffered supplements. There is already green tingeing on some sheltered hawthorn, and many other shrubs await bud swelling rain to go with the rise in temperature. Provided the arctic air is kept at bay for a couple of weeks, we and the wildlife may be lucky this time. Already the chug and whine of lawnmowers is heard through the village.

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Lent Quiz Answers

1. Lent lasts for 46 days. But Sundays during Lent are not "prescribed days" of fasting. If you don't count the Sundays, you have 40 days of Lenten fasting. 6th March
2. The word Lent is a shortened form of the Old English for "spring season".
3. Ash Wednesday. The name comes from the tradition of putting a small cross of ashes (indicating repentance) on people's foreheads at Ash Wednesday church services.
4. Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras
5. Pretzels. Thought to have started as a kind of Lenten bread made only from water, flour and salt.
6. St. Patrick (celebrated on 17th March)
7. Palm Sunday
8. Simon of Cyrene (in North Africa). Read Mark Chapter 15
9. At sundown on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday

What's Cooking? CELEBRATION BUNS

For Mum on Mothers Day or for Easter treats

Paper cases

12 hole bun tray

125 g / 5 oz self raising flour

1 level tsp baking powder

125 g / 5 oz margarine or butter

125 g / 5 oz caster sugar

2 large eggs

Butter cream icing;

125 g / 5 oz butter

250 g / 10 oz icing sugar

1 Tbsp milk

For Mums buns; red food colouring, sugar pearls or sugar flowers

For Easter buns; 1 Tbsp drinking chocolate, 1 chocolate flake and mini eggs

Sift flour & baking powder

Beat margarine or butter until soft; beat in sugar, flour & eggs

Spoon mixture into the bun cases and bake for 18-20 minutes at 180°C /Gas 4

Beat butter for icing until creamy, add icing sugar spoonful at a time, add milk & beat well

For Mum, add a tiny drop of food colouring, add a little more for brighter pink

For Easter add drinking chocolate to the icing; beat well

Put icing into a piping bag with a large star nozzle

Pipe icing onto buns. A swirl on each bun with pink icing; Top with sugar pearls & flowers.

For Easter pipe a nest shape on each bun. Break flake into pieces, sprinkle on to look like twigs;

Top with mini egg

Children's Corner



- BLOSSOM
- DAFFODILS
- EASTER EGGS
- GROWTH
- HOT CROSBUNS
- LAMBS
- LENT
- MAD MARCH HARE
- MARCH WINDS
- MOTHERS DAY
- SIMNEL-CAKE
- SNOWDROPS.

Have a Laugh

Parking the Car.

A man was driving down the street in a panic because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking space. Glancing up to heaven he said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me somewhere to park I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life".

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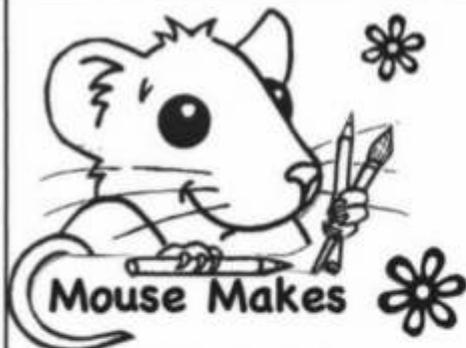
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The 4th Sunday in Lent
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Mothering Sunday.

Originally families would
get together for a special
service at the 'mother'
church, often at the local
cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday
is celebrated as a family
day, a time to say '**thank
you**' to our mothers and
to all who look after us.



There are many wonderful Mothers
in the Bible, look up the Bible verses
and find out who they are....

- Matt 1:16 M _ _ _
- Num 26:59 _ O _ _ _ _
- Luke 1:57-60 _ _ _ _ _ T _
- 1 Sam 1:20 _ _ _ _ _ H
- Genesis 4:1 _ _ E
- Gen 25:21-26 R _ _ _ _ _
- Gen 21:1-2 S _ _ _ _ _



Thank you Mum
for all you do,

For all your
love and care,

For helping me
as I grow up,

For all your
loving prayers.

For teaching me
about Jesus,

Of how he loves
me too.

Thank you Mum
for loving me,

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