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The magazine for the village of Pinvin

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October is Harvest Festival time and the village church of St Nicholas as always extends a welcome to everyone to share in thanksgiving for our own local harvest, as well as remembering those around us and further afield who are struggling and need our support. Claire's letter on page 2 reflects on this wider meaning of the Harvest Festival celebration. There is an update from Pinvin Poppies WI on page 4, who are always keen to welcome new members or guests to their monthly meetings, and on the back page you can find news from Dan Boatright about the local highways.

After two and a half years of editing Pinpoint, I will be moving on from producing the magazine. My last issue as editor will be December. Please get in touch if you have news to share or events to tell us about in November or December. Contact details are below.



Melanie

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19th October 2023
We hope to hear from you!

News and messages from around Pinvin



St Nicholas Church, Pinvin

Services: 10.30am on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

All are welcome at all services - do come along.

Dear Friends,

The news that has been coming out of Morocco and Libya in the aftermath of recent devastating disasters has been terrible and difficult to hear. I was completely lost for words as I heard the story of one man in Libya who had lost one hundred and fifty members of his family.

These disasters may slip from the news in time because that is what happens. The next catastrophe will take over. But we can hope and pray that the right sort of aid and assistance gets to those who need it as quickly as possible and that the plight of the people of Morocco and Libya is not forgotten.

All of this is the backdrop to a time of year when we traditionally give thanks for all the good that the land provides for us. We are blessed to live in a part of the world where earthquakes don't happen, and where flooding, when it occurs, is not on the same scale as we have seen in the news. We are blessed to live in a part of the world which is known to be agriculturally rich. The produce that comes off the fields and orchards is plentiful and is enjoyed by people locally and far away.

In October we gather for our Harvest Festival services so that we can stop and give thanks not only for those who look after the land and grow our food, but also to God who is our creator and who enables farmers to work in partnership to make the most of the precious gift of the land around us.

As we say thank you to God for fruit and vegetables and livestock, we also remember those in the farming community who struggle and need extra support. We also remember those big news stories we hear where people live with the reality of earthquake, hurricane, flooding, drought, and failed harvests.

So, we have hearts always full of thanks, but hearts always full of care and concern for our neighbours, whose harvest season may be more challenging than ours.

Please do come and join us at St Nicholas' on 15 October at 10.30 am for our special Harvest Festival service!



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St Nicholas Church Pinvin: Sunday Services

All services will start at 10:30am unless stated otherwise

Trinity Sunday 17	**1st October**	**Holy Communion**
Trinity Sunday 19	**15th October**	**Harvest Festival (for the benefit of Pershore Food Bank)**
Bible Sunday	**29th October**	**Benefice Eucharist Service at Pershore Abbey**
All Saints Day	**5th November**	**Holy Communion**
Remembrance Day	**12th November**	**Commemoration service**

Refreshments will be available after the service.



Now the summer holiday season is mostly passed, I hope many people have had a restful and fulfilling holiday. I'll be having a few days' break soon, once I am not so busy towards the end of this month. The seasonal nature of my current semi-busy period reminds me that our farmers have a very busy time at the moment. Driving home recently at any time up to midnight, I often saw the combine harvesters lighting up the fields as the farmers used all the time available to harvest their crops while the weather conditions were favourable. We celebrate and praise the efforts of our farmers at our **Harvest Festival Service i**n October.

The lack of graveyard grass cutting has continued to vex folks that visit the graves of their loved ones. Paths have been mowed through the churchyard to various graves that have flowers regularly left on them, so that a safe way can be seen. I thank anyone who has joined in with this, and hope that the Parish Council will be able to include the graveyard in their mowing regime next year.

John Kemp - Churchwarden

Churchwarden	John Kemp	07531 234002
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Should any Pinvin villagers like to attend the meetings or be part of the PCC, please contact the Benefice office or any of the above people.

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Pinvin Poppies WI

We meet at Pinvin Memorial Hall on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. We are a super friendly bunch and welcome new members from all over Worcestershire!

As Pinpoint went to print we were looking forward to hearing all about Cotteswold Dairy from Roger Workman, son of its founder.

In October we will be hearing from Rosie Slater, a local beautician, about Winter Beauty and Skincare. I'm sure this will be an interesting session complete with a demonstration featuring some of our members, together with the opportunity to purchase some early Christmas presents.

Talking of Christmas (if I dare mention the 'c' word!), we will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Sunday 26th November at Pinvin Memorial Hall starting at midday. There will be craft stalls, tombola, raffle, delicious refreshments and Father Christmas will be in residence in his very special grotto for the children to visit. I will post more details next month but save the date in the meantime!

Sara Ashton

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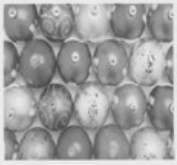
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Local highways news

As we move into Autumn, we think about the weather changing and more wet weather. This summer has been a particular challenge as we have had quite a lot of wet weather already. As you may have noticed the drains have been an issue and highways are about to undertake works on both Spion Kop and Owletts Lane.

In Spion Kop the engineers are booked in for September - October to look at the drainage issues caused by tree roots blocking the drains. It is hoped this will cause minimal disruption but we hope you can bear with them as they address the issue.

Owletts Lane is proving a bit more difficult as the area that was cleared previously appears to have been only one of the problems. Investigations continue as the engineers try to track the full extent of the drain.

You may also have noticed the Vehicle Activation Sign on Upton Snodsbury road is currently missing. When the new pavement was laid there appears to have been an accident. We are working with the workmen to address the issue and will get the sign up as quickly as possible.

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