

Pinpoint

The magazine for the village of Pinvin

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In this month's issue, Councillor Dan Boatright updates us on traffic issues in the village and reviews some of the suggestions he has received. Our vicar, Claire, has been to the General Synod meeting and reflects on the outcome and her own role at St Nicholas. On page 3 you can find the church services at St Nicholas right through to the end of May - there are some temporary changes to the first and third Sunday services at St Nicholas so you can get these dates in your diary in good time.

A new club will be using the church from Wednesday 8th March - you are invited to enjoy a cuppa and chat whilst working at your own craft activities, so do get in touch with Nikie if you are interested (see page 5). If you have ideas for other Wednesday activities the church would like to hear from you too. Lastly, there is news from the Pinvin Poppies WI on page 8. Have a good month,

Melanie



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19th March 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
DIFFERENT IN APRIL AND MAY THIS YEAR - SEE RIGHT!
All are welcome at all services - do come along.**

Dear Friends,

Do you ever get asked what you do? For some that can be an easy question to answer. For others it might be more complicated. I get asked this question a lot. So, Claire, what is it that you do? It's often hard to know where to start. Most people guess that I can be busy on a Sunday, and that I take baptism services, weddings, and funerals. And some might know that I go into our schools to lead collective worship and share in the life of the schools as a governor. My parents often pull my leg and say that I also seem to attend a lot of meetings!

I do all of that, and most of it locally. I also have responsibilities in the diocese, the wider family of the Church which our parish belongs to. But I also have national responsibilities as I am an elected member of something called General Synod. This is a big meeting made up of people from all over the country. General Synod makes decisions about all sorts of things, including what happens in our churches. It also has discussions about current topics that are important for all of society, including climate change, the cost of living crisis, gambling and young people, to name just a few.

General Synod met in February and many of you will have read about what we did. We discussed the idea of the Church being able to bless same sex couples in churches. This proposal was passed, for which I am very thankful. But the reality is that whilst lots of people up and down the country are pleased by this news, there are many for whom this is difficult news. Sometimes it is just hard for everyone to agree because our consciences won't allow it, our understanding of God and faith won't allow it. If that's the case, then we need to be able to find ways to disagree well and to be kind to one another.

And I suppose that's another thing that I hope I can do. To give people the space to share what they think about same sex blessings and all sorts of things. I want to listen well and encourage others to listen well too so that whatever we feel about any issue we can journey together, loving and respecting one another at all times.

Claire - Revd Canon Claire A Lording

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St Nicholas Church Pinvin: Sunday Services

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

Lent 2	5th March	Sunday Eucharist
Mothering Sunday	19th March	Sunday Praise
EASTER Sunday	9th April	Easter Sunday Eucharist
St George's Day	23rd April	Sunday Praise
5th Sunday in Easter	7th May	Sunday Eucharist
Rogation Sunday	14th May	Sunday Praise
		See the lambs on the farm!
7th Sunday in Easter	21st May	Sunday Praise

Refreshments will be available after the service.

On 19th February we held our special service in support of the **Pershore Food Bank**. We exceeded what we previously provided, with more food, toiletries and money.

Many thanks to all the villagers who supported this very Christian effort.

As you can see above, the next three months are a very busy time for the church.

We hope to welcome villagers and newcomers to the village - **we need your support**, as we commence **fundraising** to carry out repairs and necessary maintenance. It's not just money we need, we need some time from people to get involved and support the many tasks involved in looking after a church. **If you have experience of fund raising, we need your help!**

A new craft club and cuppa morning starts in the church from Wednesday 8th March. Please see page 5 for more details. If anyone would like to start another activity in the church on Wednesdays, please contact any of the PCC members.

Mothers don't forget **YOUR SPECIAL DAY** on Sunday March 19th.

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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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Worcestershire County Council

This month I met with the Highways liaison team and the traffic safety team to discuss the current issues on Main Street during school drop off and pick up. We witnessed a number of situations that were clearly an issue and the two teams will discuss them. Unfortunately there is no easy fix at this stage.

I know there are a number of suggestions people have made in the past. Several are unfortunately not possible. Firstly, the road cannot have a weight restriction applied. I have had this discussion several times and the Highways team would not be able to create a suitable alternative route for several businesses. It would also be very difficult to police as some farm vehicles would be exempt and would still pass through. As a result, the police would not support this approach. It is also not possible to add traffic calming measures on the road. The council currently does not add infrastructure to the road unless there is evidence from incidents where someone is injured. Currently there are none reported to the police, so the road is deemed safe (as frustrating as this is, near misses are not reported, recorded or considered - the law needs changing but that is for another time!).

The idea of a 20mph zone through the village is being considered. The parish council wrote to the county council some time ago and they are currently undergoing a review of the use of these zones. These reviews do take time but as soon as we hear more we will report back.

A number of people have suggested opening the car park of the village hall. At the moment this is impractical as it would require volunteers. They would need training and insurance so it will cost money. The hall car park cannot be left open all the time as we have had issues of illegal encampments on the site in the past and it costs thousands of pounds to have them evicted. People would need to be willing to take ownership of this task and the school does not have the resources to do this. The village hall is run by a very small number of dedicated volunteers who are not available to do this. The hall is a charity and relies on the hard work of a small number of people- if people are able to get involved in the running of the hall, I know they would appreciate your input. Please email them at pinvinvillagehall@gmail.com if you are able to help.

The other area that we are looking at is finding ways to reduce the number of car journeys to school. Parents and the school are campaigning for better bus services from some neighbouring villages and we are hoping that will be successful. We are also looking at ways to promote walking and cycling to school.

Dan Boatright - County Councillor

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Pinvin Allcrafters

Welcome to a new **Craft Club Get Together and Cuppa Morning** at
St Nicholas Church

to start on **Wednesday 8th March**
10.00 to 11.30am.

If you can easily carry your project and sit with it over a cuppa with other
like-minded individuals, then please come along.

To get an idea of numbers of people interested, please email Nikie:

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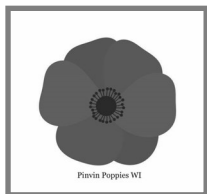
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Pinvin Poppies WI

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!

For February's meeting Pinvin Poppies put on their dancing shoes and enjoyed a line dancing session under the expert guidance of Zoe from ZAM (Zoe's Active Movement). We had a fantastic time learning four different line dance routines, exercising our bodies, doing the steps, and minds, remembering them!

Our Book Club, Craft Group and Gardening Club continue to be very popular with lots of plans for the coming months

Sara Ashton - President of the
Pinvin Poppies WI

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Pinvin Poppies WI
invites you to a talk about
Gardening for Pollinators
by **Fiona Gibson, Gardener & Bee Keeper**
with **Ed Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers**
Wednesday 15th March @ 7.30pm
Pinvin Memorial Hall

Visitors and new members are always welcome.
For more information please take a look at our
Facebook page: Pinvin Poppies WI,
or contact pinvinpoppieswi@gmail.com

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