

Pinpoint

The magazine for the village of Pinvin

Issue 10/10 - December 2023

I hope all our readers enjoy a peaceful Christmas season. We wish you all the best for the coming year.

Melanie



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Pinpoint needs a new editor if it is to continue.

Please see details on page 11

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,

Unbelievably another year is rushing by! I don't know if it's just me, but the year always seems to speed up once Christmas is in sight. Suddenly there seems an awful lot to do before we run out of year. Lists to write and jobs to do, it really does feel as if there isn't enough time.

I imagine that many of you are far more organised than me and have Christmas cards written and gifts bought and wrapped. Using our time well is one of the challenges of being human, and something we will all have our own way of managing.

Jesus did his best to share some time management skills, surprising as that may sound! Jesus had dinner with his friends Mary and Martha and could see how easy it was to get totally occupied with activity and forget to sit down, rest and be quiet. Martha rushes around getting everything ready, whilst Mary sits at Jesus' feet. Jesus says Mary has chosen the 'better part'. It's a great reminder that there is always stuff that will need doing, but don't forget to stop and appreciate what's going on around you.

This Christmas we will all be rushing around again, but perhaps we can find the time to stop and remember the Christ child laid in a manger, the most perfect gift of love from God, who invites us to lead lives that reflect God's love for all of humanity. What things can we do this Christmas that say "I love you" to the people around us?

And as the New Year comes, we can also think about how we use our time all year round. How much time do we set aside for ourselves, for time out and reflection? How much time do we give to others in service, whether that's helping a neighbour, family, or friends, or by having some sort of community commitment or responsibility?

Time is such a precious gift, let's do all we can to use ours well!

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

3rd December	St Nicholas' Patronal Festival, Holy Communion
17th December	Christmas Carol Service
24th December	Christingle celebration, with Christmas Crib
31st December	Joint benefice service - at Pershore Abbey
7th January 2024	Holy Communion

Refreshments will be available after the service.



We all look forward to Christmas, maybe as a few days off work, or as a time for family get-togethers, for giving and receiving presents, and celebrating. But can I interrupt your thoughts and celebrations and pose a serious question? What are we actually celebrating?

Of course, you hear 'it's for the children', or 'Granny likes the traditions to be carried on', but is it all getting a bit jaded? Does the argey-bargey of shopping for all the Christmas gifts and everything needed for Christmas dinner take its toll? Of course, if you throw enough money at the present buying, all the nieces and nephews will appreciate their gifts, (you hope) and there are always hotels and restaurants that could take the strain of the Christmas meal – though again, at a price! Not many of us are that fortunate to be able to afford this kind of Christmas.

But do we all look forward to Christmas? For many, the cost of Christmas is an unwelcome additional strain on their low funds, and the cost of celebrating is likely to use funds needed for daily food and utility services. As I write this, the Children In Need programme is on television, and reinforces exactly the sentence I've just written, mentioning unfortunate children that will not get a Christmas present unless there is a charity that can provide a present, and compassionate help for struggling families.

Many of us feel the real meaning of Christmas has been lost or bypassed in the commercialism of the season, which seems to be no longer the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Let's not be puritans or spoil-sports, and bolt on all the extras if you wish, but spare a thought for what Christmas is really about.

That's worth celebrating!

John Kemp - Churchwarden

Tel: 07531 234002



News and messages from around Pinvin

St Nicholas Church, Pinvin

We would welcome new worshippers at our (usually) fortnightly services. You might remember Sunday School, or going to church when young, and may now wish to explore as an adult what the church means. We join together after each service for a few minutes with coffee, biscuits, and a natter!

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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**FREE
ENTRY**

Pinvin's Christmas Fayre **Friday 8th December 5pm Till 7pm**

Storytime with Mrs Gibbs

A 30 minute Christmas storytime with Mrs Gibbs and her helpers.

£2 per child. 3yrs +
Parents can stay or go for a
socialise / look around.

Tickets will be on sale
through Parent Pay

Santa's Grotto

Santa and his elves are
coming to Pinvin for a quick
drop in to say hello to the
children.

£2.50 per child. Tickets will
be on sale through Parent Pay

+ Lots of fun for everyone

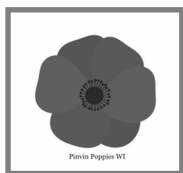
Tombola's, Trades stalls, Children's young
enterprise stalls, Pocket money Stalls,
Cake Competition, Raffle and of course
Yummy Refreshments (Pizza, Hot Dogs,
Teas, Coffee, soft drinks and
adult Drinks)!!



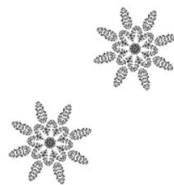
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Pinvin Poppies WI



At our November meeting we all learnt how to make a kimekomi Christmas bauble. Kimekomi is a Japanese technique which is similar to origami but uses fabric and involves pinning folded pieces onto a polystyrene bauble. Two very able members of our Craft Group demonstrated the technique and we all produced some very professional looking baubles plus had a lot of fun!

This month Pinvin Poppies WI is looking forward to supporting the **Pinvin schools' Christmas Fayre on Friday December 8th 5-7pm**, having just enjoyed our own Christmas Fayre at the end of November. We will have a table selling various craft items so come along and say hello and buy a Christmas gift perhaps.



Our Christmas celebration

will be on Wednesday 20th December @7.30pm. We will all enjoy a glass (or two) of mulled wine plus nibbles whilst the excellent Phil Collins (the actor not the drummer!), aided by his friend Mike, will be entertaining us with their Dickensian Christmas show.

Looking ahead to our January meeting, we will be getting sporty (for us) and enjoying a **Skittles evening at the Coach and Horses**.

Finally, Pinvin Poppies WI would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!










Sara Ashton

President of the Pinvin Poppies WI

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Pinvin Poppies WI
invites you to a
Dickensian Christmas
featuring Phil Collins
Wednesday 26th December @ 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

Pinvin Poppies WI 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! Members can also attend our interest groups which include craft, books and gardening.

We love to have visitors too, so please come and join in at one of our meetings - we will give you a warm welcome!

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invites you to an evening of
Skittles
Wednesday 17th January 2024 @ 7.30pm
The Coach & Horses, Pinvin

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What's on in the local area



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL CLOISTERS

7 December 2023 to 14 January 2024



The sparkling Christmas trees are always innovatively and individually designed and decorated by local schools, charities and organisations and are a wonderful sight to be enjoyed by all the family. And it promises to be especially spectacular this year with even more trees than ever!

Booking is not required (except for large groups and schools), so just turn up and enjoy the avenue of glittering Christmas Trees displayed in our atmospheric medieval Cloister!

Open 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Saturday (last entry 4.30 pm) and 1.00 to 3.00 pm on Sundays (last entry 2.30 pm). Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Contact telephone: 01905 732900




The Pershore Shed

Coming soon to Pershore!
We are currently looking for a venue but...
If you would like to be part of it, we are meeting regularly, so contact us to find out how you can be involved.

 For more information please contact us on
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 or email referralthub@ageukhw.org.uk

Pershore Dementia Café

FREE entry
10.30am-12.30pm
Every third Tuesday of the month.
Pershore Civic Centre,
Queen Elizabeth Drive,
Pershore. WR10 1PT.
No need to book - turn up!

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Monthly, fun and meaningful activities from history talks, games, and quizzes to musicians, arts, and crafts. All for free!




Registered charity no. 1080545

 www.ageukhw.org.uk
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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

Upton Snodsbury Village Hall, Church Lane, Upton Snodsbury, WR7 4NH
Sunday 10 December - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Lots of stalls including:

Soft toys, hand crafted items, tombola, pictures, costume jewellery, scarves and evening bags, soy wax candles, Greek and Indian snacks, vegan makeup, handmade semi-precious gemstone jewellery, dog treats and recycled glass products.

For more information email: helen@ashmeadnaturalproducts.co.uk

FRIDAY FILM CLUB

Classics of the cinema from 1930s to 1960s - followed by refreshments!

Pershore Library, 32 Church Street, Pershore, WR10 1DT Tel: 01905 822722

Monthly every second and last Friday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, Free of charge, small donation for refreshments. All welcome. (Second Friday showings include subtitles).



PERSHORE ABBEY CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION MORNING

Saturday 02 December
10:00
Pershore Abbey

Come along and help dress
the Abbey Christmas Tree

All ages welcome!

Refreshments will be served

We look forward to
welcoming you



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15:00
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Pinpoint pages



Thank you

As outgoing editor of Pinpoint, I would like to thank everyone who has helped make the magazine possible over the last two and a half years. I am especially grateful to regular contributors including Claire, Glen and John, Keith, Zoe and Dan, Tiffany, Cynthia and Sara as well as the many others who have sent in details of events.

The team in the Abbey office have printed the magazine on time every month without fail in spite of the challenges of technology - thank you to Gail, Elizabeth and Fiona for all their hard work.



The Pinpoint distributors have been out in all weathers making sure the magazine reaches our homes. Thank you to Ken and Debbie for collecting the Abbey Link magazines and packaging Pinpoint up for distribution, and to Lil, Jill, Janette and Liz, Jayne and Malcolm, Anne, Conryn, Pauline and Dawn, Hilary, Gosia, Trevor and Fiona, Adine, Nicky, Allison, Chris and Jane for getting the magazines into our homes.



Thanks must also go to our advertisers, many of whom have stayed with the magazine for many years, to the parish council for their grant that helped Pinpoint restart during the pandemic, and to Jayne at St Nicholas for looking after the funds and paying the bills.

And last but definitely not least, thank you to everyone who reads Pinpoint and supports village life in Pinvin.

Melanie



Pinpoint Finance 1 January to 31 December 2023



Income and expenditure	£
Income from advertising and donations	415.00
Less: Expenditure on paper and printing	(527.47)
Shortfall at 31 December 2023	(112.47)
Pinpoint funds	£
Funds held at 1 January 2023	193.82
Less: Shortfall in year	(112.47)
Funds held at 31 December 2023	81.35



Pinpoint needs a new editor!

Are you interested in Pinvin life and the local community? Would you like to help make sure that news and events reach all the homes in the village? If so, maybe you could be the new editor of Pinpoint!

This is a volunteer role and requires a commitment of around 8 hours a month to produce 10 issues of the magazine every year. Although it is done by one person at present, it would be ideally suited to two or more friends who could share the tasks between them.

Pinpoint magazine is supported by St Nicholas Church and the Parish Council.

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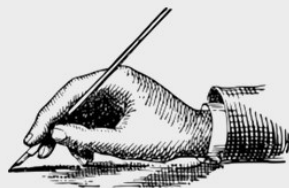
Phone: 01386 552071 (Benefice office)

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The logo for Pinpoint magazine. It features the word "Pinpoint" in a bold, sans-serif font. Above the letter 'i' is a stylized graphic consisting of a horizontal line with a dot at each end, resembling a compass or a stylized 'i'.



About Pinpoint

Pinpoint is a not-for-profit community magazine which welcomes news, events, memories and articles. It is delivered free to the village of Pinvin. We have benefited from the support of the Parish Council, St Nicholas Church, Pershore Abbey, our advertisers and our volunteers in producing Pinpoint.

Any opinions expressed in Pinpoint are those of the authors and do not constitute advice or recommendations to others. Thanks to Freepik for some of the images used this month.

News and messages from around Pinvin

Worcestershire County Council



Highways and potholes

We are entering the time of year where we will start to see colder spells. This often creates a lot of potholes as the water gets into existing cracks and expands as ice to break up the road. The quicker we report them, the quicker we can get them patched. You can report all potholes, drainage issues and over-hanging vegetation on the link below. If it is taking longer than you would expect, let me know and I will chase it.

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/tell-us-about-road-highway-or-travel-route-issue>



Walcot Ford

You may have noticed on social media that a number of people have got themselves trapped in the water on the ford in recent months. The council have now updated the signs and it should be clearer to all that there is a danger in crossing when the water is high. I am now pursuing whether it is possible to add turning circles to allow those who drive down to the waterside to change their minds more easily. This is a longer process so I will update if this idea can be progressed.



Under-age Vaping

You may have noticed there has been a lot in the news lately about the health issues being caused by under-age vaping. There have now been several instances of young people being hospitalised because of the lung damage that vaping has caused. It is illegal to sell vapes to under-18's and if you are aware of businesses selling them to young people you can report this to Trading Standards. There is also a selection of resources on the link below to help parents and businesses understand what can be done to support those who are affected.

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/business/worcestershire-trading-standards-services/trading-standards-age>

Thank you to the Pinpoint Team

Finally I just want to say a big thank you to the team for their hard work this year. Melanie has done a fantastic job as editor and I hope someone can find the time to keep up the publication. Huge thank you to all who have delivered, it really is appreciated.



Dan Boatright - County Councillor

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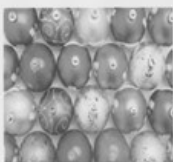
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Sauces and condiments, long-life milk and fruit juice, cleaning materials

CHRISTMAS FOODSTUFFS WELCOME: especially tinned turkey, ham and salmon

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www.pershore.foodbank.org.uk

Tuesdays 11.00 to 13.00 and Fridays 13.00 to 15.00

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Pinvin

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Pinvin in the Past

Journeys

When I lived in Birmingham I used to enjoy travelling on the double-decker bus to Evesham: upstairs front seat being first choice. It was a very twisty route and we were glad of the rail between us and the window to hang on to. The same route was taken when my very much younger brothers were children and we wanted to take them for a trip. They loved to go on the boats in the children's boating pool or play with a ball on the grass.

During the long summer school holiday my grandmother's brother (who also lived in Birmingham) would sometimes take us in his shooting brake to have a holiday with their mother in Pinvin – not out of his way as he often went fishing at the brook and, after another fishing trip a few weeks later, would collect us and take us home.

BUT, the trips I enjoyed most were on the trams. Oh, how they lurched as they trundled along. We could get on a bus from close to our house in Birmingham and catch a tram at the Bristol Road to the Lickey Hills – like a fairground ride as it travelled up and down the hills en route. There were passing places along the way just as on single track railway lines. When we reached the terminus some children on board would move the backrests of the seats (thinking we were doing something we shouldn't) not realising it was saving the conductor a job so the seats were facing the correct way for the return journey.



Those trams are now only in museums (except for places like Crich tram museum where they still run a short distance) but the buses continue. Let us hope that Pinpoint will be like the buses and able to continue.

Cynthia Johnson