



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

Your Parish Church exists to be the people of God through faith in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, worshipping Him, making disciples and serving others.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday Nov 4	All Saints Day	9.30am Harvest Communion 2.30pm All Souls Remembrance
Monday Nov 5	PCC Meeting	8pm School
Sunday Nov 11	Remembrance Sunday	9.15am Act of Remembrance 9.30am Holy Communion
Saturday Nov 17	Festive Fair	11.30am - 1.30pm School
Sunday Nov 18	2nd Sunday before Advent	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Nov 25	Christ the King	9.30am All Age Service

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MESSAGEBOARD

ALL SOUL'S SERVICE
Once again we will be holding our All Soul's Service when we remember those who have departed this life. This will be on Sunday 4th November at 2.30pm. Please contact either Chris Widdas or Kathleen Wilkinson or put the names of those you wish to be remembered in this service on the sheet at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome at this very special and meaningful service.

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY BOXES
It's time once again to empty the collecting boxes! Please let Margery Williamson have your box before the end of November. New boxholders are always welcome thus helping the invaluable work of the Children's Society.

Next issue Please have your articles for the next 'News' by Friday November 16.

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

November has come round again. Apart from the leaves turning on the trees, a reminder of this time of year comes in the form of the red poppies people are wearing.

Remembrance Sunday is particularly poignant at this time. This year has seen a lot of casualties among British armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Even the f-word - failure - has been mooted over Iraq, and senior British military personnel have suggested their involvement in Afghanistan will be counted in years.

At the same time, our attitudes to service personnel has been called into question - the placing of seriously injured soldiers in general hospital wards; the housing of service families; the reactions of people in the pub to returning soldiers.

Sir Richard Dannert, the most senior soldier in the British Army, has spoken about the Military Covenant being broken. He believes that our society requires the ultimate sacrifice from its soldiers, but doesn't give them anything in return. Sir Richard does raise an important question. What are our obligations to people who put themselves on the line for our country? Whether we support the government's foreign policy or not, shouldn't alter our attitudes to the men and women sent out to conflict zones.

Covenant is a word we don't use much in everyday speech. It implies a formal agreement between two parties which governs their relationship and their behaviour. It's along the lines of a legal contract, although it may not be written down anywhere. The philosopher, Rousseau, writing in the years before the French Revolution, spoke of a Social Contract. He believed that for a society to work, people had to behave in the common interest rather than just self-interest. It is not rocket science. For an open society to run smoothly, people have to balance their own needs with the common good. Selfishness, whether it relates to individuals or to groups, is the most destructive force we face.

Covenant is a Bible word. It refers to the relationship between God and his people. The first covenant was made with the Jewish people and resulted in the Jewish Law. The new covenant came about through Jesus and is open to everybody. At the heart of this covenant between God and people is a generosity of spirit. Because God is generous, people can experience forgiveness, and be forgiving and generous to each other.

Covenant is a good word to return to as we gear up for Remembrance Sunday. We have a responsibility to be generous to our servicemen and women, because of their commitment to face danger on behalf of our country. We also have a responsibility to build our society on a covenant of concern for each other, and a spirit of generosity.

God bless you *John*



ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL has had a very busy and productive start to the new academic year, and as we approach half term it seems an ideal opportunity to share with you some of our activities and successes.

September's main events were the OFSTED & RE Inspections which we are quietly proud to say were both very positive. Our school: parents, children, staff and governors were praised for contributing to a warm and welcoming place, where teaching and learning were enjoyed and where the Christian ethos permeated through all aspects of school life.

I would personally like to say a special thank you to everyone who plays a part in enabling St. Mary's to be the success that it is.

On Sunday 7th October the children joined in with the singing at the Harvest Festival Service. Many gifts of tinned and other foods were brought to church, and this was gratefully received by 'Open Door' in Colne.

Mrs Susan Hasler-Cregg

mothers union

At our September meeting Mrs Evans gave us an insight into the Adopt A Child sponsorship scheme "Changing the world - one child at a time." Mrs Evans had been to visit Albania and Guatemala to visit the children, to see how the children's lives have been transformed with the help of sponsorship paid monthly into the scheme to help with feeding and schooling of the children in Bible classes.

On 17th October, three of us went to the Festival service at the cathedral to celebrate 80 years of the Mothers Union in the Blackburn Diocese. The cathedral was filled with Mothers Union members and the Bishop gave the address. A cheque for £20,000 is to be sent to the overseas section for the training of Mothers Union workers.

On November 3rd all Mothers Union members are invited to a Multifaith Understanding Day at St. Peter's Church, Burnley from 10am - 3pm.

On November 21st there is the Deanery meeting at St.Bartholomew's, Colne at 7.30pm. Our November meeting will be on the 27th at St.Thomas' Church, Barrowford. The evening is about Christmas Legends.

WASTE PAPER

Thank you to everyone who helps with and brings waste paper to the hut in the churchyard. We have received £160 for this half year and St.Mary's School have received a similar amount.

Keep up the good work. This is a valuable source of income and also helps the environment by saving landfill space and recycling resources.

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Our speaker on Wednesday 7th November will be Mrs Chandra Law. She and her husband, Richard, are experts in Malaysian Batik. Chandra is Malaysian and she will explain how girls in Malaysia become skillful in the art of Batik. She also relates her experience on first arriving in England.

This meeting is open to visitors. (£1.50 including supper). Chandra will have some lovely silk scarves for sale - ideal for Christmas.

Barley Chapel

is a family friendly church
who meet every Sunday at 10.30am for
Worship & Sunday FOG Club

4th November - Rev Andrew Turner
11th November - David Wilshaw
18th November - Joyce Bannister
25th November - Mark Clegg

Service of light
Wednesday 31st October
7 - 9pm

The church will be open for prayer
& reflection
Come and be a witness to the light of the world.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Barley to Bethlehem
Sunday 16th Dec - 6.30pm
Put it in your diaries today!

ST. MARY'S NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE

Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

CONTACTS

Barley with Wheatley Booth

www.barleyvillagehall.org

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meeting: November 14

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold, Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meeting: November 13

Parish Council Chairman: Kathleen Wilkinson Tel. 617971 brianwilco@tiscali.co.uk

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Roughlee Booth

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Parish Council meetings take place on the first Monday of every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meeting: November 5

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Barley

Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish is well blessed with woodland, pasture, moorland and fine rural gardens and I am sure we have all enjoyed the splendid autumn display which surrounds us; its given me a lift after a week of sporting setbacks for England!

Halloween Night, believed by the Gaels to be the night when the worlds of the living and the dead overlapped, will lead us into November and you can be sure we will receive visitors from both worlds. We will move quickly on to Bonfire Night which today is heard rather than seen and considered by some to be more terrifying than Halloween. After that everywhere you look it will be the advertising world's countdown to Christmas, and so our calendar is marked for the first two winter months.

However, this year will be slightly different as we will have a new landmark in the village to visually remind us of the 11th of the 11th of the 11th – a stone memorial plaque is to be erected to commemorate five local men who died in World War I and WWII. It will hopefully be in place before the 11th November and the Parish Council will lay a wreath in remembrance.

Many local people attended the fund raising event entitled 'Kids in Kailahun' at the Pendle Inn on 19th October led by Mike Goldsborough. The auction raised £5,500 towards re-constructing a school blown up by rebels in the Sierra Leone township. The auction attracted 120 Pendle people bidding for a range of goodies from a holiday in Nepal to a home made Bilberry Pie. Eight local volunteers will soon head for Kailahun to start construction work and continue the school sponsorship programme.

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Above: L-R; BKV Secretary Jeanette Lowe and Lancashire Life Editor Roger Borrell stood with John Connor receiving Barley's award at the Best Kept Presentations. Next to John is Fred Walker, brother of the late Jack, and owner of Stanley House, Mellor.

Village Hall



CRAFT GROUP: Monday 5th & 19th November. 1 – 3pm. A small group making cards for all occasions or you can try your hand at Patchwork or bring along your own craft-work or just come and enjoy the company. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available.

YOUNG FARMERS: Every Monday – Contact Charlotte 07732 148576

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training - Contact John Tel. 611517

WHIST: Every Tuesday and Sunday 25th November.

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 14th November join us 10am to 12noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10am – 12noon. Contact Jan. Tel. 613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm – Contact Ruth 69683

A QUIZ NIGHT is to be held on Saturday 17th November – For tickets ring 613280

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Local History

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm.
The Speaker will be Duncan Armstrong (mapmaker).

Goldshaw Booth

*Newchurch Village wins the Lancashire "Best Kept Village" competition in the Hamlet sector!

*St Mary's Church of England Primary School is "highly commended" in the best kept school competition!

*"Witches Galore" wins "Best Kept Village Shop"!

How about that, then? We must be doing something right!

Parish Councillors are delighted that the efforts made by so many villagers have been recognised and rewarded in this way; it's good to have a clean and tidy village, an attractive and quirky shop and a well-kept school, but it's also nice to be told that others appreciate it, too. And it's also great that our neighbouring villages have been recognised for their own achievements and we send our congratulations to Roughlee and Barley.

What lies behind the "Best Kept" awards?

First and foremost is leadership; in all three villages we have dynamic councils who are happy to lead the way, to set new agendas, to conjure up new ideas and – most importantly – to make sure that their vision is fulfilled.

Secondly is the co-operation and enthusiasm of the parishioner;; ideas have to be implemented and, without the efforts of all of us in tending and tidying, cutting and cleaning, they would fail.

And, thirdly, it is the recognition that we live in somewhere special, somewhere which is worth looking after, somewhere where the natural beauty of the landscape encourages and enhances our activities.

We have these virtues; let's encourage and nurture them - and appreciate them: AND WE'LL WIN AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

Newchurch village centre alterations

The project to improve the landscaping and signage at the junction of Cross Lane and Jinny Lane has gone to Pendle B C for planning consent and councillors are awaiting permission to go ahead. Plans and elevations



Above: Maureen Stopforth from Witches Galore with Parish Council Vice Chairman Dr. Ruth White and Chairman Kathleen Wilkinson at the Presentations at Stanley House, Mellor.

have been posted in the village and we hope that the ideas have met with approval; if anyone has not seen the plans, please ask any councillor.

Funds are in place: the project has received support from Pendle B C, Lancashire C C Small Sites, and the Ribble Valley Tourism Environment Fund, and tenders for the work, which should take about four weeks to complete, have been received. The work, which is essentially stage two of a five stage plan to improve the village, will cause a bit of an upheaval at the junction and we hope that villagers will not suffer too badly, but it's all in a good cause.

Councillors need to know that their ideas are understood by and acceptable to the community; if you have any comment, suggestion or observation: please let us know!

Sparable Field Project

Plans are afoot to develop wetlands and wild flower areas in the playing fields in conjunction with the LCC Green Partnership Awards Scheme: more to follow!

We want villagers to be involved in this exciting plan and would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to be involved. BM



Above: James Starkie and Parish Council Chairman Brian Nelson with Danny & Shirley Belshaw from Pendle Valley Caravan Parks.

Below: Blacko, Newchurch & Roughlee winners.

Twelve months ago we published large pictures of the event, with no apologies - so it's the same again as we print the pictures of this year's BKV awards, at the presentation held recently at Mellor: This time acclaiming Roughlee as the Champion Village in the whole of Lancashire! In addition to the The Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society Rose Bowl, we received a certificate and gift vouchers to be spent on plants, plus a framed painting kindly donated by Lancashire Life. Talking of which, did you see the November issue? An excellent write up and paintings in five whole pages on Roughlee!!



ROUGHLEE

To celebrate our success, we are holding another event to commemorate this:-

Awards Night

Second Friday November 9 at 8pm

Some Refreshments will be available but you are welcome to bring some more!

Especially commissioned by Lancashire Life was this delightful painting of Crowtrees by Gordon Wilkinson.



Come and see the Trophies first hand!

The Editorial in Lancashire Life picked out various parts of the Village - Crowtrees & Old Hall being two of them.

A special welcome to ALL, and from those parts too!

The circular plaque has already been installed into the central garden area - many have asked what we will do next year - build a bit more wall being the answer!

Tickets for the Ball have been selling extremely well this year and are close to selling out. The date is Saturday Nov. 24 and tickets may still be available from Pam on 614755, priced £35.

Finally, this year's date for our Seniors luncheon is Tuesday December 11 at 1pm. Invitations will be sent out at the end of November. JKS