



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 OCTOBER

Sunday Oct 5	Trinity 20	Harvest Festival
9.30am Holy Communion		
4pm Choral Evensong with St. Anne's Tottington Church Choir		
Sunday Oct 12	Trinity 21	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday Oct 13	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
This is an open meeting about Childrens' Work at St.Mary's. All welcome.		
Sunday Oct 19	Trinity 22	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Oct 26	Last Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am All Age Service		

ALL SOULS SERVICE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 at 2.30pm

If there are any names that you would like included in the list to be read out during this service please contact the Vicar or either of the churchwardens.

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Next issue Please have your articles for the October 'News' by Wednesday October 15.

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Dear Friends

Greed and fear! Two words I've heard used on the radio recently. Not as you might expect by one of the gurus who air their views on Thought for the Day. But by an economics expert. He was talking about the ongoing rollercoaster ride of world stock markets. He referred to them as the drivers of the market: greed as investors tried to make mega-bucks in the past ten years, and fear as people who borrowed to invest, panic at the thought of losing money and not being able to repay their loans.

I don't profess to understand anything of stocks and shares, short-selling and hedge funds. But it fascinates me that after years of dogma about the market controlling itself, we suddenly have discovered that basic human instincts have been kicking in all along. Flawed human nature cannot regulate itself, it seems, and governments are talking now about regulating the market.

Jesus once said, Where your treasure is, there your heart is also. He was reminding us that earthly treasures are vulnerable to theft and depreciation. It was a challenge about values - what do we really treasure? Where does our heart lie?

The pressure of modern living forces us to be consumerist and materialist. We need an improving standard of living year on year. We need shares and house prices to go up because that provides the equity for our old age. But while we need to be good stewards of our wealth, we also need to step back and ask is it really good for us. Is there more to life than acquisition? Are we taking enough time to nurture those spiritual, emotional and personal riches that lie within us and our relationships?

While I was thinking about greed and fear as drivers of behaviour, I wondered what would be better drivers. Here's a couple for starters: joy and generosity, qualities that enrich us as people, and enrich the people we are in contact with.



God bless you

John

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We begin our new school year with our building work totally completed and looking rather wonderful! What a difference the extra space has made already.

I enjoyed being with my boys but I was ready to come back to school!!

It did seem a little strange having said goodbye to our 'old' year 6 - Abigail, Agatha, Emma, Hannah & Henry. I have heard that they have all settled well in their new High Schools and we wish them the very best for the future. Our little reception children have quickly become a valued part of our school family and Laura, Jack, William, Ben, Daisy, Olivia, Billy & Abby, along with Logan in Year 2 & Jake in Year 4 seem happy and settled.

I wish to pass on my thanks to the local community for their patience during the lengthy period of disruption whilst the building of our new extension took place.

We welcomed two of the Burnley Football Club's Cheerleaders into school on Tues 16th September. They gave the children a taste of what cheerleading involves and they will be returning to school on the 2nd October to run a five week cheerleading course for our Key Stage 2 & year 2 children.
SHC

THANK YOU

Susan, wife of the late Brian would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards, donations, plants and flowers and also for attending Brian's funeral at St.Mary's. Thanks to John for conducting a lovely service and Ronnie for the eulogy. I have had so much support over this difficult time. I thank you all very much.

Susan Fletcher

mothers union

In September our visit to Nelson Town Hall was really most enjoyable.
Our thanks to all concerned.
Tuesday 28th Oct. is our next meeting 7.30pm in St Marys School when Mrs Janet Pollard will be speaking about Icons. The meeting is open to all, as are all our meetings.

WI

On Wednesday 1st October we will be holding our Annual General Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm with a HOT SUPPER. Our WI adviser Mrs Ann Royle will be joining us for the evening. The President for the coming year is chosen at this meeting along with the secretary and treasurer. We look forward to welcoming two new members to the committee.
November 5th Flower Demonstration.

Lancashire Night

Saturday October 11
at Barley Village Hall. £15 includes Entertainment & Dinner.
Tickets from 691850, 864847
or Witches Galore

Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Thursday Oct 2 at Roughlee Village Centre.

Walkers, Cyclists,
Horse Riders etc

If you care about road safety on our lanes, please attend this meeting.

Local History Group

Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Project sharing evening with plans for the future

Goldshaw Booth

The PC has received with regret the retirement of a long standing Councillor Mrs Margaret Sainter. Margaret has been on the PC for 19 years, we shall miss her wisdom and guidance. The PC is unanimous in its thanks to her for service to the community and extends best wishes to both Margaret and Brian for the future.

Statutory Notices of the vacancy are posted on the notice boards, any one interested in filling the Vacancy may contact the Clerk, c/o 2 Osborne Terrace Spenbrook.

Seats on Spen Brook road have been renovated by the skill and efforts of Brian Wilkinson; they look much better and are safe and comfortable.

Newchurch came 3rd in the Hamlet class of the BKV competition this year and Spen Brook around tenth; this is a fair result considering the weather and the reduced participation of villagers this year. Our sincere congratulations are due to Barley for winning the Hamlet section and to Roughlee for its commendation in the championship.

It is hoped that a revised Neighbourhood Watch scheme could soon be up and working in the parish. Householders will shortly be receiving a notice asking whether they wish to join. These schemes work very well and engender a spirit of community as well as helping to deter unwelcome visitors. We are very lucky in this parish; apart from visiting car loads of lads who seem intent on leaving as many cans as possible at the roadside, we don't suffer too many of the traumas which inflict other areas. We should be grateful for this and the 'Watch' scheme will encourage our vigilance.

Our Clerk, Carol Donohue, is now the proud possessor of a laptop computer which has been presented to the Parish by general insurance brokers and financial advisors Financial Affairs of Bumley, to whom the PC is very grateful.

It seems that it will not be possible, this year, to carry out the work of

renewal of the toilet block in the centre of Newchurch, nor to the gardens in front of it. This is due to financial constraints but we do hope that the work can be done next year. In the meantime the other projects which are currently in hand are likely to proceed.

The events of the last few months have served to focus the PC's attention on the problems of communication and we have received a number of suggestions as to how this might be improved. These sparse notes and the notice boards have their place but, by their nature are non-reciprocal. If you were invited to a forum at which all matters of present and future interest to the parish were openly discussed, would you come? The idea presently being mooted is to hold an informal meeting two or three times a year when anyone can come and say what they think - within reason, of course - to Councillors; to make suggestions and to hear what the PC has in mind, and possibly to have a cup of tea or a glass of wine. The parish lacks the communal facilities of Barley and Roughlee; it has no pub, so such a forum for discussion might help. What do you think?

Another idea which has been given consideration is that the PC should alert individual householders to anything which, in the opinion of the Council, might inflict upon them, and to suggest that they come to the next PC meeting to hear what's going on. Obviously there are limitations to how frequently this can be done and in the PC's perception of what might be significant, but we'll try it for a bit and see how it goes.

Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

After two years of successive successes it was a bitter pill to swallow that Roughlee had only made third place in the Best Kept competition. Achieving 'Highly Commended' is of course still a major achievement out of the fifteen or so Champion villages in the County. Doubtless we'll be back in the hunt next year. Great news though was that the two caravan parks prevailed again - winning top & second prizes. Congratulations to them and of course to our neighbours Barley on their 'Hamlet' success.

Following last month's news that the Luncheon Club was to be effectively closed, the Parish Council held urgent talks with officers from Pendle BC. A compromise has been reached whereby funding will continue to subsidise the meals. Happily, the transition was seamless and the weekly lunches continue - indeed attendees seem happier now that the 'delicious' meals are prepared locally.

JKS
ROUGHLEE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Roughlee Race Night

Big Screen Races + Supper

Saturday October 25 ~ 7.30pm

Tickets £6 from Pam 614755

Penny Williams

It is with great sadness we report that Penny of Crowtrees Grove, passed away on 29th August. She had suffered from lung cancer and bore her illness with great fortitude. She will be remembered for her indomitable spirit and huge optimism throughout her illness, together with her love of life, love for her family and boundless generosity towards all she encountered.

Penny had great affection for the village and was a past member of the Parish Council and the Village Centre Committee and her contributions to both activities contributed to the resources we all now currently enjoy.

Our condolences go to husband Colin, son Ben and daughter Cassie.

RS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the reception children who joined us after the summer break, we hope that you will have a long and happy association with our school.

Bumley Football Club is, at present, providing an after school club for circus activities. The children are having great fun practising the balancing and juggling tricks they have been taught.

Practices for Years 5 and 6 netball (Roughlee and St. Mary's) are being held each Wednesday from 3.45pm to 4.45pm at Roughlee School up to the October half term holiday. We are planning to form a joint team to play against our neighbouring schools in the Pendle small schools cluster.

We are all looking forward to taking part in the events planned for Book Week in October. The activities will include visits from a children's author, an illustrator and an introduction to Indian dancing and music.

School will close for the half term break at 3.30pm on Tuesday 21st October and will reopen at 9.00am on Monday 3rd November.

CP