



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 2	All Saints Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm All Souls' Service
Monday Nov 3	PCC Meeting 7.30pm School
Sunday Nov 9	Remembrance Sunday 9.15am Act of Remembrance followed by Remembrance Service
Sunday Nov 16	Second Sunday before Advent 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Nov 23	Sunday before Advent 9.30am All age Service
Sunday Nov 30	Advent Sunday 9.30am Morning Prayer 5pm Carol Service at St John's, Higham

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday Dec 7	4pm Christingle Service
Sunday Dec 14	6pm Service of Lessons & Carols

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

November is a time for remembering. We 'remember the Fifth of November' though, fortunately, most of us have forgotten the gunpowder, treason and plot of state paranoia. Nationally we remember the fallen of two world wars and many other conflicts.

In St Mary's Church we remember the loved ones we have lost in our Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Why all this remembering?

Part of being human is to be able to live in three time frames. We can project into the future, we act in the present, and we hold the past within ourselves. The past is important to us. Just look at the popularity of tracing family trees and programmes like Who Do You Think You Are? We collect stories about our forbears, not as much for the information they give us about them, as for who we think we are. So we embroider and embellish to give ourselves appeal. Remembering our past, whether it is great grandparents, or strangers who died in conflicts, is about who we are now. Who we think we are makes a difference to the way we act now and in the future. It is especially important when we remember our nation's history.

T. S. Eliot wrote, A people without history is not redeemed from time, for history is a pattern of timeless moments. Remembering enables us to know ourselves and to make sense of our place in the world. We need to remember in truth and with honesty, even if reminiscences can be painful. We need to think about the effect of our remembrances on the world around us. And we need to hold fast to what is glorious in our past - the evolution of freedom, democracy, human rights and tolerance. If we get the history right, we have a better chance of getting the present and the future right.

It's also important to get the story of Jesus right. Not for theoretical reasons. The story of Jesus challenges us to be realistic about the limitations of human nature, and still be confident about ourselves. We can do this because the story of Jesus is about a loving compassionate God who invites us into a mature responsible relationship with him, who restores when things break down. If we remember this, we can really make a difference.

God bless you

John

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St Mary's Primary School has recently enjoyed celebrating Book Week. We worked with Pendle Small Schools Learning Community to organize an action packed week filled with book related activities. Visitors, including an illustrator, a musician and a library representative came to work with our children.

The Infants read lots of books about pirates and participated in a variety of related activities. Our focus was "Fantasy Worlds" and on the final day of the week, Mrs. Townson and myself, "Aye Aye Captain", dressed up as pirates and the children looked amazing dressed as our motley crew!

The Juniors were studying film narrative. Charlie & the Chocolate Factory was their chosen book and on the Friday they dressed up as one of the characters from the story. Mr. Archer was the Golden Ticket!

SH-C

Saturday November 22 Festive Fair in the School 11.30am - 1.30pm

SOCIAL

Saturday 20th December
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies Evening
7.30pm Spensbrook

mothers union

On Tuesday 18th November there will be a Mothers Union Deanery meeting at 7.30pm in St. Thomas' Church, Barrowford. The speaker will be Rev. Tony Rindl who will tell us about his Jewish roots. There will also be a "Bring a Book and Buy a Book" stall.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 25th November at St. Thomas' at 7.30pm. The talk will be on "The Fourth Wise Man". Everyone is welcome to come along.

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Wednesday 5th November
FLOWER DEMONSTRATION
7.30pm at Barley Village Hall.
Visitors are most welcome.

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY BOXES

It is time once again to empty the collecting boxes.

Please let Margery Williamson have your box by the end of November.
Thank you for your continued support.

Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Wednesday Nov 19 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

will be having 2 meetings in November at Barley Village Hall:
On the 19th November at 7.30pm we will be having a project and planning meeting led by Martin Charlesworth, Countryside Officer for The Forest of Bowland.
On 26th November at 7.30pm, a talk by Dr. Marie Stinson, Leeds Institute of Northern Studies, entitled "Witches and popular belief in the 17th Century"

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BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

Barley with Wheatley Booth

www.barleyvillagehall.org

Parish Council meetings take place on 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: November 12 & December 10

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on 1st Monday of every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: November 3 & December 1

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Barley

By the time you read this I hope Hallowe'en Night has passed us by without any significant incident – it should have done so if the measures implemented around Pendle Hill were successful. At the Ribble Valley end, funfair rides & catering vehicles etc were banned; and traffic management measures severely restricted access to the Hill. In our village a road closure was arranged to control traffic and pedestrians on what may have been a very busy Friday night.

The Best Kept Village competition ended with the awards ceremony in Mellor when John Connor (below right) and myself took great pleasure and pride in collecting the winners plaque on behalf of the Village, it is an honour for us all and is now erected at the bus turning circle.



The Boothman Wood development has long been a source of concern to the Council and the muddy condition of Barley New Road has been a recent irritation, the owner has personally assured us that measures are now in place to remedy the situation (new macadam surfacing and a sweeper attachment for the tractor) and we are monitoring the situation.

The Council has donated £150 to the 'Safe Lanes in Pendleside' group who frequently erect road signs (in luminous yellow) warning of possible hazards around the corner such as tractors, horses and cyclists etc, encouraging careful driving in our community. It is good to support local people trying to make a difference and prevent accidents,

Service of Remembrance

Tuesday 11th November. Meet at the Village Hall at 10.15 prior to a Procession to the Memorial Stone for a 11am Service.

I am sure they have had some successes but we will never know it.

Finally, I would like to welcome Derek Oldham as our new Parish Councillor. Derek lives in Whitehough, heralds from the Huncoat area and has just completed his quest to climb the hill 55 times this year; he will bring enthusiasm and professional skills to the Council. DH

Village Hall

The local Groups will be holding their usual meetings in the Hall in November.

A Patchwork and Quilting Group is being formed at the Hall which will meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 1pm until 5pm, there is a possibility of an extension into the evening. This will be an informal Group with a small charge to cover rent and equipment such as irons, ironing boards and electric extensions. This is not a teaching class but members will pass on their skills to help each other. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November at 1pm - all who are interested are most welcome.

For further information please contact Audrey tel. 613280 or Dorothy tel. 709780 AW

QUIZ

with a difference

Our Quiz Master has some surprises! SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

7 FOR 7.30PM PROMPT

£4 each including a HOT SUPPER

Bring your own drinks.

Tickets from David 613280 or 604301

Goldshaw Booth

The Parish has a new Councillor, Mr Barry Starkie from Gorrell Close, to replace Mrs Margaret Sainter who retired last month. Barry and his wife Lynn have lived in the parish for nearly thirty years, in both the higher and lower kingdoms, Newchurch and Spen Brook. He is thus entitled to wear both crowns, like the later Pharaohs of Egypt, and will bring the wisdom of both realms to our deliberations. He has been a regular attendee at meetings and so knows the problems and the personalities involved and will contribute a level head and a wry sense of humour.

Humour is an attribute in short supply at the moment as the financial world falls into tatters and we all become shareholders in some of the most dubious businesses which have ever exploited the western world but I was delighted to hear that the Icelandic banks had had their assets frozen and that the Origami bank had folded, but even this was capped by the report that the Communist Party had demonstrated outside the Bank of England against the nationalisation of banks. I also heard that Obama had been barracked and the McCain was in for a mbeating and that his prospects of the Presidency were palin.

On a damper note, we are going to start the planting of the wetlands on the playing fields soon so if anyone likes splashing around in muddy water get in touch with me or Val Blamire. And the long awaited thinning and replanting of Sparable Wood will definitely take place this winter; once again, if anyone has any views on how this might be done, please let us know.

When I was young a "casey" was sixteen panels of tough leather which absorbed water like sponges and were sewn together in a roughly spheroid shape. It had an aperture which gave access to a bladder which could be inflated with a bicycle pump and then laced up with coarse leather strips which were designed to hit your forehead when you attempted to head the ball. Today's footballs are beautiful things, light and impervious and round and I was

surprised to find one abandoned on the playing fields last week. If anyone wants it back, let me know.

There has been some comment lately on communication and we have been considering ways in which this might be improved. One interesting suggestion was that we should use email to keep everyone informed and up-to-date in a way which these notes cannot attempt. To this end we will start to collect email addresses from parishioners some time in the new year.

Additionally we hope to finalise ideas for a discussion forum at the next PC meeting as mentioned last month: if you have any thoughts on topics for this social occasion, the PC would be glad to hear of them.

We still hope to do the work on the garden opposite the church gates in Newchurch before the winter and the Council intend to replace some of the villages' signs and also the council notice boards in the near future.

The Speed Indicator Device idea seems to have been dropped for the time being and our Community police are being trained to use a radar gun so if you see someone lurking in the trees on Spen Brook road it will cost you £60. We are going to improve sight-lines above Gorrell Close by cutting the trees back to make leaving the Close safer – and to enable you to see the police in good time.

As winter approaches and recession threatens there are challenges ahead and we must "plot and plan as best we can" as Nanki-Poo remarked, and some ideas hitherto impractical or uneconomic may become attractive. How about switching off village lights at midnight, or powering street lights by hydro-electricity, or all clubbing together to negotiate discounts from power companies? You read it here first! The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on 11th Nov. BM

ROUGHLEE

Despite the weather the Village still looks fine and more works have been carried out recently;- another section of dry stone walling on Jinny Lane (now complete) and the long awaited resurfacing of Stang Top Lane.

A new attraction has seen the introduction of 'tai-chi' at 1.30pm on Tuesday afternoons. Already proving popular, it is open to all.

There has been a lot of concern at the erratic opening hours of the Bay Horse of late. The latest news we have is that the lease has been taken over again, a temporary manager is in place and that new, local, people will be installed within a couple of weeks.

Looking forward, Roughlee's premiere event - The Ball - is just around the corner and from early feedback, looks likely to be another major success. The entertainment has shifted up a gear and promises to be "outstanding". Please reserve your tickets - either individually or in tables of 10/12, with payment 'up-front' to Pam at the Caravan Park, on 614755.

The next date in the calendar is the Annual 'over 60s' Lunch on Tuesday December 16.

SCHOOL

Book Week was a great success! The children were kept busy with different visitors enriching the usual curriculum. Friday saw us linking up with St. Mary's by video conference as we all dressed up as book characters for the day.

This term we will be involved in an Arts project with Mid Pennine Arts starting with a visit to Burnley Mechanics to watch a theatre production entitled "Best Friends".

Some of our junior children are also participating in the production of "Joseph" by Marsden Heights Community College in November.

Once again we are making shoeboxes of gifts as part of Operation Christmas Child which will be sent out to children in distress all over the world.



THE BALL
ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29
7PM FOR 7.30PM CARRIAGES AT 1AM
Theme: Winter White & Silver Tickets £38
FORMAL ~ DINNER BY CLASSIC CUISINE