



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 DECEMBER

Sunday Dec 7	Advent 2 9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Christingle Service
Sunday Dec 14	Advent 3 9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Service of Lessons & Carols
Sunday Dec 21	Advent 4 9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday Dec 24	Christmas Eve 10pm First Communion of Christmas
Thursday Dec 25	Christmas Day 9.30am Christmas Communion
Sunday Dec 28	Christmas 1 9.30am Holy Communion

JANUARY

Sunday Jan 4	Christmas 2 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 11	Epiphany 1 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 18	Epiphany 2 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 25	Epiphany 3 9.30am Holy Communion

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Dear Friends

What an outturn to the year! This time last year we didn't think we would see the global economy going into recession, with all the turmoil it is causing. At times like this it is natural to be anxious and cautious. The banks are leading the way with a reluctance to lend and to pass on the reduction in interest rates. There is a strong urge to look after one's own interests. At the same time we are being told that we need to take a few risks. There is a mantra - get the banks to lend and the people to spend.

But it seems to go against the grain. Is it a deep human instinct when times are tough to hunker down and look after ourselves and our families? Some might say it is a survival instinct.

But not according to game theory and evolutionary biology, it seems. I've been reading some work by an American biologist, Michael Novak. He has been trying to work out why some species have a recurring behaviour, which involves a loss to the individual but represents a gain to the whole group. He's come up with an evolutionary principle, which he's called cooperation. That might seem obvious to a lot of us. We know that cooperation works. But in biology everything has to be explained in terms of gain. In the end, Novak believes that competitiveness tells only part of the story, and that cooperation and sacrifice operate even at the level of bacteria. Novak's conclusion is that human generosity and altruism are grounded in our evolutionary roots.

I find it exciting because it has a God dimension. If sacrifice is built into evolution, that's just what you would expect if God is behind it all. The God who is revealed in the Christmas story is a God of compassion and generosity. Coming alongside us in Jesus, God puts his dignity on the line for us. Embracing the fullness of what it is to be human - the good parts, and the bad parts, even a brutal execution - God is prepared to risk everything to get us back.

It's worth celebrating, and in our churches - St Mary's and Barley chapel - we will be gathering through December to hear the Christmas story, and feel the wonder of it all. Do come along and join us.

I pray God's peace and joy will permeate your festivities and the coming year. Happy Christmas!

God bless you



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Friday 14th November and raised £61 for the Children in Need Appeal.

The Fire Service will be visiting school on Friday 5th December to talk to the children about fire safety.

Christmas event dates:

Tuesday December 9

2pm Christmas Concert in Church

Wednesday December 10

6.30pm Christmas Concert in Church

Friday December 12

12 noon The children are to visit Preston Guild Hall to see the Pantomime Aladdin. Thanks to FON for paying for this special treat.

Tuesday December 16

1.30pm Christmas lunch and party with Santa visiting the children

Friday December 19

2pm Carol Service in church after which school closes for the Christmas holiday.

We say Goodbye & Thanks to Mr Mick Hewitt who has worked with us as Site Supervisor for over 5 years, keeping our school clean, tidy and safe. He is retiring at the end of the Autumn term and I am sure that he will continue to be as active in enjoying his family and his golf! We will all miss you.

We wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas. SH-C

SOCIAL

Saturday 20th December
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies Evening
7.30pm at 5 Osborne Terrace

SunDAY Dec.

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YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS at 3pm

organised by the Roughlee Luncheon Club.
Come along and have a good sing!
Refreshments available ~ Roughlee Village Centre
----- followed by -----

Barley to Bethlehem

mothers union

Our October meeting was very fascinating, when Janet explained and demonstrated all about the re production of Icons. The skill and patience needed was really beyond belief. Thank you Janet.

The Deanery event was most interesting. Rev Tony Rindl explained all about his Jewish roots.

Pendle Deanery Presiding member Elizabeth Johnson was presented with a gift token to mark the end of her six year term of office.

In December and January
we have our own get together.

Mothers Union members wish all our readers a very happy Christmas & peaceful New Year. kw

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Wed. 3rd December CHRISTMAS
PARTY at 7.30pm. Barley Village Hall.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

Unfortunately the paper companies are no longer able to accept cardboard for recycling. We will continue with the recycling of paper. Please only put paper products (newspapers, magazines etc) in the churchyard hut. Thank you

Local History Group

We will be meeting on Wednesday 17th December 2008 for a Christmas Social Evening,
7.30pm Barley Village Hall.

Our January Meeting on Wednesday 27th at 7.30 will be a glass slide show from 1900 of
"The Yorkshire Dales" by Jim Halsall of Blackburn.
This is a follow up of his very popular show last year.

Parish NEWS

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: December 10 & January 14

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: December 9 & January 13

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

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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: December 1 & January 5

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Barley

A little past, present & future news to end the year: Despite cold & windy weather, the Mayor and over 30 villagers attended the Remembrance Service on November 11th. Refreshments were provided in the Village Hall to warm up those who attended. It is hoped to make this a regular village event. The Parish Council is very grateful for the support of Rev. Hallows who led the service & the British Legion bugler who played The Last Post.

In the Chapel, a spirited production of the musical 'Annie' played to packed houses over 4 days. Mike & Lorraine Goldsborough and team raised £2,600 for 'Kids in Kailahun' which sponsors orphaned children.

Also in the Chapel, a hearing loop system is being installed to assist the hearing-impaired. This has been provided by the Parish Council and should improve the quality of experience at services & events for villagers.

Whilst it's difficult to think much beyond the rapid approach of Christmas, the Parish Council has been discussing plans for future improvements to the Village. In Spring, it is hoped to replace the ugly 'key clamp' fencing at the bottom of Cross Lane with something more attractive.

Work will also be undertaken in the car park once the worst of winter is over. The damage to the car park surface caused by buses turning round will be repaired, with funding from LCC. It is hoped also to replace some of the overgrown shrubbery in the car park with raised beds to match those installed earlier this year.

On behalf of the Parish Council, may I wish all villagers a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to Kim & Paula on the birth of Emily a sister for James at 2 The Bullion, watch out boys on the Bullion - you will soon have a girl to boss you all!

Village Hall

BADMINTON is now being played on Tuesday & Thursday evenings. Under 16's must have adult supervision, contact John for availability Tel. 611517.

CRAFT GROUP: Mondays 1st & 15th Dec, 5th & 19th Jan. 1 – 3pm. This is a small group who make cards for all occasions or bring along your own craft-work or just come and enjoy the company
YOUNG FARMERS: Mondays at 7.30pm
Contact Charlotte 603682.

KEEP FIT: Weekly Circuit Training Mondays 8pm.

WHIST: Every Tuesday & last Sunday of each month.

PENDLE PATCHERS: Tuesday 9th Dec, 1 – 5pm. Due to popular demand meetings in 2009 will be held on the second & fourth Tuesday each month. Tel Audrey 613280 or Dorothy 709780.

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesdays 10th Dec & 14th Jan. 10am to 12noon.

PILATES every Thursday 10-11am. Booking essential – All Welcome – for details contact Tracy on 07773785904.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday (except school holidays) 10am-12 noon. contact Jan tel. 613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday 20th December. 1 to 3pm infants
2 to 4pm children up to 13years. Names to Margaret
Tel 690420, to book your place.

BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION
Saturday 24th January 2009. Join us at 7.00pm for 7.30pm to hear the piper.

3 course meal £13pp -bring your own drink.
Tickets from Chris 691850 or David 613280

AW

Goldshaw Booth

We are in danger of setting a precedent; for the third month running Martin Hartup, our local community police officer has had to inform the PC that there has been no reported crime in the parish. I hope that we can continue this trend and that it continues for many months to come; it is another reason to be proud of the delightful places we live in. As I write the sky is blue, the sun hot, a wren twitters in the hedge and my five pet crows sit in the elms waiting for a morning crust; on such a morning as this you can really believe that "God is in his heaven and all's right with the world" although Richard Dawkins might question the first part of that statement and quote the Douglas Adams response about fairies. (Ed: there will be a small prize for those who recognise this allusion.) But it is a lovely day and made more poignant by the words which we have heard so often in the last few days: "at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them." Let's hope, as a new star arises in the west, that we shall hear these words less often and that fewer lives will be wasted on pointless wars. OK; sermon over. What's happening in our world? It's ticking on quite well (I hope that's not a hostage to fortune) and, for a change, there are no big, contentious issues. That doesn't mean that we're not doing much; there were 13 separate items on our agenda at the last meeting, not including the usual things like minutes and financial stuff, all of which have to be considered and argued about – and even, sometimes – concluded. These include new notice boards for Spen Brook and Newchurch, cutting back the trees and bushes on Spen Brook road, parking in Newchurch, signposts in Sabden Fold, the Sparable field project and the

'upper kingdom' centre improvements. So there's quite a bit going on. We have now planted marsh and pond plants around the "wetlands" below Sparable Wood and scattered a variety of iris and other seeds; a wild flower mix will be put down early in January and then we just sit back and wait and see what happens. We hope that, given a period of drier weather, the water level will fall. If not, the outlet level will be lowered when we do the tidging up next year. Do have a look at our work sometime and enjoy the various uses to which we have put this incomparable asset, our playing fields.

Two things to be noted: we have been considering how to improve communication in the parish and would like to be able to use email. There are problems here: data protection being one – but it's worth pursuing. If anyone is at ease with the idea please email to caroldonohoe@msn.com just simply "add to PC list" and the technology will do the rest. And the other thing is . . . wait for it and watch this space . . . On Friday 20th March 2009 an unprecedented event will take place at the school to which all parishioners are invited . . . keep this on your calendar and do not go away on holiday or have the in-laws round or other such exciting alternatives . . . keep this one free!! More to follow . . . I wish all my readers an enjoyable Christmas holiday and a happy and healthy 2009. The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 9th December. BM

ROUGHLEE

They say that emulation is the sincerest form of flattery and it is with this mind that I copy the musings of ex-resident - the self-named scribe 'Mayor of Roughlee', whom I note has not taken his monica to the higher kingdom of t'Kirk. I refer to the monthly writings of colleague, William A Mayor - Bill to his friends - who seems to fill his piece with all manner of reflections, which, at their last Parish Council meeting, were actually congratulated!

So, in Roughlee we have a situation that befits being addressed in a similar fashion - that of the desire (or not) to attend the annual Seniors Luncheon. Those who have just reached the magical age of 60 are happy to receive their NoW bus cards, allowing them rights of passage throughout the land. However, when it comes to attending this marvellous, free, function they back off, they're not that old. The Seniors who do attend know what a 'good do' it is - this year's event on Tuesday Dec 16 at 12.30 is already well subscribed but we can always accommodate a few more! So the challenge is; to all aged over 60 - forget your pride and your prejudices - book yourselves in and start to enjoy the company of our more experienced and wiser citizens!

(Any complaints about this piece addressed to Mr W Mayor, c/o Newchurch....!) JKS

SCHOOL
This month has been very theatrical! Story Magic Company performed 'Sophie and the giant onion' - a reworking of James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. Mid-Pennine Arts have been into school with a music workshop as a follow-up to the 'Best Friends' production last month and of course our own preparations for this year's Christmas production- 'Papa Panov'. There will be 2 performances on the afternoon and evening of Monday 8th December. The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle have accepted an invitation to join us for the afternoon beginning at 2pm.


David Wilkinson from Pendle Youth and Children's choir gave a morning activities of singing and listening games to the pupils at the beginning of the month.

Mediquip 4 kids came into school to raise awareness of their charity which provides equipment and resources for local hospitals. The children are being encouraged to maintain a healthy lifestyle, for which they get sponsors, whilst raising money at the same time.

This year the children will be singing a selection of Christmas Carols and songs to Roughlee Senior Citizens at their annual Christmas luncheon before enjoying their own Christmas party at the Village Centre on 19th December. CP

2 Charity Events at Roughlee Village Centre on Saturday December 6

Mayoress of Pendle
Fund Raising Committee



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Seasonal Greetings to all Villagers

from Roughlee Parish Council
& Village Centre Committee