



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 1	All Saint' Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm All Souls Service
Monday Nov 2	Social & Fundraising Meeting 7pm School PCC Meeting 7.30pm School
Sunday Nov 8	Remembrance Sunday 9.15am Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Communion
Sunday Nov 15	2nd Sunday before Advent 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Nov 22	Sunday next before Advent 9.30am Holy Communion
Saturday Nov 29	Advent Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion 5pm Advent Service



FESTIVE FAIR

Saturday November 21
11.30 - 1.30 in the School

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

We seem to do a lot of remembering this time of year. Remembrance Sunday and, increasingly, Armistice Day focus our minds on the past in a sober and serious way. In a more lighted, but deeply atavistic way, Bonfire Night connects us with a past we are scarcely aware of.

All this remembering makes me ask why? After all, we seem to have a knack of living in the here and now without regard for the past or the future. The consequences of our choices mean little in the moment we make them. And yet we can't get away from them.

Current news stories made that clear. The choices made by our leaders to address the banking crisis will be felt for years to come, and they were in response to choices we made in previous few years about how to fuel our taste for consumerism. Our energy choices in the past and even now raise questions about what sort of planet we are going to leave for future generations. But beyond that we don't have much of a joined up vision of what human existence is really about.

That's why remembering is so important.

T S Eliot recently confirmed as the nation's favourite poet since Shakespeare, once wrote, 'a people without history is not redeemed from time'. I take that to mean that the stories of how we were in our past shape our ability to deal with the present and the future. We not only learn from past mistakes, but we recognise the virtues and values which we like to believe say who we are.

And the good news is that in spite of the myopia and self-centredness that characterise our standard operating level, we do believe we should be generous and compassionate people.

It reflects the vision of human nature that runs through the Bible. Paul talks of being caught between two gravitational forces - self-centredness (he used the word 'flesh') which leads to all manner of destruction; and other-centredness, aka the fruit of the Spirit, which results in love, joy and peace. The pull of self is so strong that we need more than a little help to resist it.

Remembering plays its part in this process as well. Every Sunday in St Mary's we remember a powerful story of a death to self-centredness that generated a force for life which affects individuals even now. Calling to mind the death and resurrection of Jesus in bread and wine, hopefully, shapes who we are, and how we live.



God bless you,

John

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SCHOOL

As part of our Pendle Schools Network, we organised a timetable of activities for our children to learn about and consolidate a variety of current environmental issues. This is a very important aspect of learning in schools now as our children are the future and need to be aware of how to protect God's world and ensure sustainability.

Some of the activities were organised through the network and others were planned by school. The aim was to provide our children with a deeper understanding of themselves and others in the world and how we can live in harmony, promoting sustainability.

Our activities included: Global renewables coming into school to talk to KS2 children; KS2 children visiting Blacko School to see 'Cool Climate', showing children it's cool to be green; KS1 had a visit from Leanne Rimmer from Penwortham Environmental Education Centre. She explained to the children how compost is made and why it is important. Year 5 children enjoyed a fun activity morning at Barley Village Hall to round up Environmental week.

Our children enjoyed a day of willow weaving with Joy, a local sculptor from Mid Pennine Arts. We now have three large willow peacocks taking pride of place in our garden.

After the half term holiday we have invited, once again, Venture Productions into school to perform "Big Bully". The production deals in an effective way with the issues surrounding the many problems associated with bullying.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

August 2012 sees the 400th Anniversary of the so called Witches' Trials in Lancaster. The accused were from these parts and there are many local properties mentioned in the records. Events are already being discussed to commemorate it - both in Pendle and in Lancaster. Local groups / Communities may wish / are invited to join in. Anyone wishing to have any input are, initially, invited to email james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk Tel 699262

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"Graphology-Understanding Handwriting" with Silvia Wheatley
Wednesday 4th November
at 7.30pm Barley Village Hall

MESSY CHURCH 6
BARLEY VILLAGE HALL
17th NOVEMBER @ 3.30-3.45 TILL 6
COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN,
GAMES, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Safe Lanes in Pendleside
7.30pm Wed Nov 18 at Roughlee Village Centre.

Local History Group
Barley Village Hall 18th November
Adam Metcalfe will be giving a talk about the history of Narrowgates Mill

mothers union
Our next meeting is Tuesday November 24 Details will be circulated to all members later.

Barley Chapel
is a family friendly church that meets every Sunday at 10.30am for Worship, and Sunday Friends of God Club for children. 10.30-11.30
The weekly FoG Club for ages 7-16 also meets on Thursdays from 6.30 - 7.45pm
Revd A Turner. Tel 614500

Goldshaw Booth

We lived in Alice Nutter's front garden for 30 years and became quite familiar with her and her nocturnal wanderings; she always left signs of her meddlings – a tree moved here, a wall shifted there. On some misty morning when the fog hung low in the valley a couple of cackling crows would greet us from a branchless tree, laughing at another uprooted bush, another changed river course. We quite enjoyed it but you could see how Roger Nowell got a bit upset when he lost whole fields overnight, and you could quite understand how Alice's continual interference with his land made him get mad and have her carted off to a suspended sentence in Lancaster. Although it's certainly not clear how he afterwards relented to such an extent that he allowed her body to be brought back and buried in the church yard at St Mary's. Possibly he just had it in for Newchurch, but it does seem a bit illogical. Possibly he was getting a back-hander from the Tourist Office who is obviously behind the idea of celebrating her 400th anniversary in 2012. I am not altogether against this, but I do hope that this project does not distract us from the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which, I hope, we will be able to celebrate in June that year. The Golden Jubilee in 2002 was a very successful event which, despite the weather, brought the three villages together and was great fun and very profitable too.

Possibly we could do with a return of Mistress Nutter who might help us pinch a bit of land around Newchurch to help to alleviate the parking problems; she would only need to get us a strip or two, which no-one would notice, and the job would be done. We have lately received two offers of land which should help and for which we are very grateful. The need for additional parking becomes greater each year as more vehicles come into the village. This is not going to stop; Newchurch was not

designed for cars, but we need the things and they have to be left somewhere. Recently the bus was unable to come down Cross Lane, which was a minor inconvenience to a few; next time it might be an ambulance or fire-engine with much more serious consequences.

Our work on the toilet block has been stymied by a lack of funds and will not proceed during this financial year; I am very disappointed by this, having put in, with several others who have been involved, a lot of work on the project. I feel let down by those organisations – this does not include PBC who have been very supportive – by the whole grinding process by which things are dealt in local government where over-specification and red tape restrict progress like a giant spider's sticky web. But other projects remain: the PC decided at its last meeting that it would like to re-design the garden in front of the toilet – a task we could actually afford to do with Pendle's support – but there are as yet, unanswered questions on ownership. And the re-planting of the garden opposite the church gates is now in the hands of the Countryside Officer who has promised his support with both design and funding.

plans for the Bonfire on the Newchurch playing fields well in hand. The fire will be lit at 6pm on Saturday 7th Nov. and there will be barbecued sausages and burgers in baps with parkin and toffee apples and hot soup – should be an excellent do.

building the new barbeque and Martin Lee for the stone. All we need now is help to build the fire on the morning of the 7th and lots of hands to clear up on Sunday – maybe we should ask Alice Nutter. B.Mayor



ROUGHLEE

The Parish Council has received an initial approach from Pendle Borough Council to ascertain our tentative approval to our village being part of the National Cycling Road Race on Sunday June 27, 2010. More details on the website:-

<http://new.britishcycling.org.uk/road/article/roa20090625-road-2009-British-Men-s-Road-Race-Champs-0>

The plan would be to have a circular route from Barley via Annal Cross to Blacko then down Blacko Bar Road through the village to Happy Valley then right back to Barley. This effectively means shutting down the villages for much of the day but it is a major event in the cycling calendar, featuring many of Britain's top riders and coming as it does, the week prior to the Tour de France, interest will be high. It will be a televised event and we felt whilst further information is needed we would fundamentally welcome such a prestigious event in the village. When further information is to hand we will report accordingly.

Further to my comments last month regarding garden refuse dumping close to the village centre I am pleased to say the residents involved have spoken to me and I am content that there was no intention to "dump", but all their waste was in fact bio-degradable. They

have agreed to deposit their garden rubbish through the normal means.

We now await the pending seasonal closure of the 2 caravan sites within our village and wish all our "summer residents and regular visitors" a pleasant winter break and our good wishes for the festive season to come.

Brian Nelson

Elsewhere in this issue, mention is made of the forthcoming anniversary of the 'Witch Trials' of 1612. The Parish Council has discussed this and is now investigating the possibilities of marking the event by erecting some form of public art.

DIARY DATE: The Seniors Lunch will take place on Tuesday December 15. Invites and more information next month.

THE BALL
ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28
7 FOR 7.30PM CARRIAGES AT 1AM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT NEW CHOICE OF MENU
DRESS: FORMAL THEME: DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER
TICKETS £36 FROM PAM ON 614755

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 the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: November 11 & December 9

Parish Council Chairman / Parish News Co-ordinator:

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: November 10 & December 8

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 the 1st Monday of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: November 2 & Dec. 7

Parish Council Chairman: Brian Nelson Tel. 697220 brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com

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BARLEY

The events of 1612, when ten local people were hanged for witchcraft at Lancaster, are indelibly connected with our Hill and much is done all year to promote tourists to visit the area. However, on Halloween, 'the big one', they become "revellers" and are discouraged. In our village a road closure was arranged to control traffic and pedestrians with a considerable police presence, just like last year on what may have been a very busy Saturday night. We may again have hosted a big non-event and I hope the revellers are really 'tourists' and left the area in the condition they found it and the health they arrived in.

Moving on, the Best Kept Village competition ended with the awards ceremony in Mellor with Cllrs David Goodger and John Connor collecting the champion's plaque on behalf of the Village; it is an honour for us all. We now have two winners plaques mounted on the wall of the bus turning circle. (Photo below with our friends from Roughlee, Cllrs. Denis Todd & James Starkie together with the Mayor & Mayoress of Pendle).

The Remembrance Day service will take place again at the memorial stone. All parishioners are invited to attend. Proceedings start at 10.30am on Wednesday 11th November at the Village Hall with free refreshments.

Planning applications continue to dominate council business. In August I reported that planning permission to further develop Boothman Wood had been granted subject to ten conditions being met and that the Council were generally satisfied with the outcome. However, the developer has not delivered on all the conditions and is seeking to overturn the condition requiring him to remove the illegally constructed access road in the wood. The council will be lobbying to retain

this important condition and to protect the woodland and natural wildlife habitat.

United Utilities will soon be submitting a planning application to convert the old water-works building at Barley Green to seven riverside cottages. Preliminary plans have been prepared and a copy passed to the Parish Council for information. Six 3 Bedroom and one 4 Bedroom cottages are being proposed with parking and garage facilities. Issues of appearance, parking and communal maintenance will probably be issues to be debated. Finally, BBC's Countryfile visited the area last week focusing on the usual Halloween themes, the graveyard in Newchurch, views of Pendle Hill from Barley, images of witches and advice on mixing potions etc. then introduced us to the delight of sheep cheese and the latest excuse for a skive, nature deficit disorder...I don't think it will be one we can use to miss work! The cast were fed and watered at the Pendle Inn including the new presenter, Julia Bradbury, who made quite an impression on Nathan from behind the bar!

Derek Heap

Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS are as normal.

FUTURE DATES

Children's Christmas Party Saturday 19th December.

Sunday 20th December Christmas Carol Concert with Burnley Alliance Silver Band 2pm