



ARTS NEWS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

Dear Friends

In among all the preparations for Christmas in the churches of my two parishes, I am still finding time to keep an eye on the Chilcott enquiry.

Opinion is divided about what the enquiry will reveal. But it illustrates a profound truth. People should be called to account for their actions.

It's there in mythology, for example the Furies, avengers of crime in ancient Greece. It is there in eastern ideas of karma where actions carry a charge for good or bad. It is also there in ideas of judgment we find in Judaism and faiths that draw on its roots. It is important in an age when morality runs the risk of being reduced to whether you are caught or not. I am a great fan of Thierry Henry, but I had difficulty with him trying to pin the blame on the referee for not spotting his deliberate handball in the match against the Republic of Ireland. There is still truth in the notion that some actions are wrong, and we carry responsibility for them.

This season in the Christian Church is known as Advent. One of the themes in Advent is the Final Judgement - a time when God will hold everyone to account for their actions - not just the powerful, but the small fry like most of us. Whatever form this judgment will take, it reminds us that we should keep our choices under the scrutiny of our consciences. It is also a reminder that we do make mistakes and need to be ready to change.

Advent leads up to Christmas. Similarly in Christian teaching, justice goes with mercy. Mercy doesn't mean that God is a soft touch. Rather like a good parent, God patiently shows us how to get it right. The birth of Jesus is the start of the key part in God's project of restoring the world in justice. It is the ground for hope in our troubled world. God's calling each of us to account is the chance to begin again.

Christmas isn't a time for shutting the world out, and enjoying ourselves. It is a time to celebrate God's gifts to us of compassion, conscience and hope.

So have a very happy Christmas and a hope-full New Year.



God bless you,

John

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CHURCHWARDENS

Sunday Jan 31	Candlemas	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 24	Epiphany 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 17	Epiphany 2	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 10	Epiphany 1	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 3	Epiphany	9.30am Holy Communion
Friday Dec 25	Christmas Day	9.30am Christmas Day Communion 5pm Advent Service
Thursday Dec 24	Christmas Eve	10pm First Communion of Christmas 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Dec 20	Advent 4	9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Lessons & Carol Service
Sunday Dec 13	Advent 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday Dec 7	PCC Meeting 7.30pm School	4pm Christmas 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Dec 6	Advent 2	9.30am Holy Communion

DECEMBER & JANUARY

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.



SCHOOL

Many thanks to Friends of Newchurch for all their hard work in arranging the following fund raising events: 16th October Pamper Night raised over £200. 14th November Quiz night raising £271. Without their continued support we would not be able to arrange out of school visits for the children.

We held a non-uniform day on Friday 20th November and raised £55 for Children in Need. The children enjoyed a French themed lunch in October and a Bonfire themed lunch in November. Mrs Greaves, our cook, works very hard to make our lunch time menus more enjoyable for the children.

The children and staff are busy rehearsing for our Christmas Concert which will take place in St. Mary's Church on the afternoon of 8th December at 2pm and on the evening of 9th December at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along and support us. Mrs S Hasler-Gregg

SOCIAL

Saturday 19th 7.30pm "Mulled Wine & Mince Pies" 5, Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wed 16th Dec 7.30pm
Review & photos from Skelleron Mine visit
And Christmas Social.
Wed 20th Jan 7.30pm
Talk by Brenda Hustler
- Genealogy
Barley Village Hall

mothers union

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents Nearly the Goat on Tuesday 22 December at 7pm in St. Thomas Church. A brand new Christmas play for all the family. Box office 612311/614500. Tickets £5. Under 16s £3.

At our November meeting we enjoyed reminiscing over the last 25 years of Mothers Union events in and around the Deanery.

January 13th 2010

is Presidents Commissioning Service in Blackburn Cathedral at 7-30pm
Christmas Greetings and a Peaceful New Year to all our readers.

FILM EVENING

Wednesday 6th January at 7.30pm

Barley Village Hall



Barley Chapel

Carols by Candlelight 13th Dec 6pm.
Please let us know if you need transport.

Barley to Bethlehem 20th Dec 6pm
meet on the car park, bring your own torch. Live nativity through the village finishing in the barn at Hargreaves' farm.

There will be coffee and mince pies in the Chapel afterwards.

Short service on Christmas morning 10.30

Come and show us what Santa brought you!

Revd A Turner. Tel 614500

Building Bridges Pendle in partnership with Pendle Community Network

Families & Friends Festive Celebration 2009

Come and join in our 5th annual Family Festive Celebration

Bringing people together from the rural and urban areas of Pendle. Presenting a unique opportunity to get to know each other by sharing stories, enjoying interactive games and a three-course meal of foods from all around the world.

Saturday, 12th December 2009
Barley Village Hall
BB12 9JU
FREE ADMISSION 5-8pm

Please reserve your seat
Tel: 719703
or email office@buildingbridgespendle.org.uk

ARTS IN 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: Dec. 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10

Parish Council Chairman / Parish News Co-ordinator:

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Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 andrey.weatherill@cbiluk.com

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sadden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: Dec. 8, Jan 12 & Feb 9

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

Parish Council Clerk: John Parsons Tel. 699580 john@spenbrook.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: Dec. 7, Jan 4 & Feb 1

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

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BARLEY

On Sunday 20th December I hope you can get involved in two events; Christmas Carols at the Village Hall at 2pm (Tickets £3 including drinks & mince pies. Contact Margaret 690420 or David 604301) with the Burnley Alliance Silver Band, followed by the Barley to Bethlehem nativity procession starting at 6pm on the car park – come and watch and sing-a-long.

A public meeting to discuss the application to convert the old Waterworks at Barley Green to seven private properties was held at last week's November B&WP planning meeting, local residents' concerns were heard and the Parish Council lobbied to improve traffic safety & car parking facilities and to have the highway adopted by the County Council. The committee felt that some of the detail in the application had arrived too late and was it was deferred for further consultation.

The developer at Boothman Wood was granted planning permission for 3 fishing huts and an admin building. He also informed the meeting that the haul road had now been removed and the woodland would be reinstated.

REGULAR EVENTS are as normal, plus COFFEE & Mince pies: Wed. 9th at 10am to 12 noon INDOOR BOWLING interested? Tel. JOHN 61517 NOW CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 19th December 1pm to 3pm infants 2 to 4pm juniors. Tickets from Margaret. Children living in Barley, Newchurch & Roughlee welcome.

Andrew Weatherill

GOLDSHAW BOOTH

We were to have Bill Mayor's contribution sent in from Mexico but, unfortunately, Bill has returned early due to ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery.

There has not been a great deal of sun over Goldshaw Booth recently. However, the wind and rain did not deter people from attending the Bonfire Party. It was a great evening. The fire took a bit of starting but looked magnificent. The traditional soup and sausages were very welcome on the cold night. Having bought two pieces of parkin I ended up eating both – probably one too many but it tasted good. Thanks go to all the people organising, cooking and helping with the evening. I hope that it becomes a regular event.

My other recent excursion in the wind and rain was the Pendle Forest History Group visit to the Rimington lead mines. It was such a wet day that I resorted to wearing over trousers meant for a six foot man – not the fashion statement of the year. The day was led by staff from Lancaster based Oxford Archaeology North, experts in interpreting the landscape. The aim of the day was for the group to receive training in field surveying techniques to enable us to construct a picture of the area through time – no digging involved. It was a fascinating day – we spotted mine shafts, pondered over adits and spent time gleaning information from spoil heaps. The site, so rural now, would have been a noisy, bustling place with the lead containing rock being dug out then broken down to release the weighty metal.

The winter weather means that further outdoor history has been postponed until the spring. I can't wait. However, the indoor programme also has much to offer. The recent talk about Narrowgates Mill was an engrossing hour. It was a fascinating insight into the ups and downs of the Mill – multiple changes of owner, expansion in good times and low profits in the down times. Interesting, in these wet days, was the number of times the mill was flooded. Hopefully, December and the New Year will bring better weather.

Ruth White

ROUGHLEE

As Christmas approaches the Parish Council will once again be hosting the Seniors Lunch. This event takes place on Tuesday 15th at the Village Centre and we will once again be proud to welcome as our guest the Mayor of Pendle Councillor Marjorie Adams. The time is 12pm for 12.30pm. This event is open to anyone who wishes to attend and is free to residents of Roughlee who are 60 years of age & over. Invitations have been sent out to people we know fit the free criteria but we are aware that there are some people who may be eligible to go and we are not aware of, so if you wish to go please contact me on 697220 and book in. There will be a splendid 3 course lunch, plus entertainment and the regular visit of the schoolchildren, so please join us if you can.

I am sure most people are aware of the confusion around the Pendle Forest Caravan Park on Pasture Lane in the Village regarding a 12 month licence. Pendle Borough Council is adamant that only a seasonal 8 month licence exists and are currently pursuing the matter. We await their conclusions.

Works around the Village continue, even at this time of year. The whole stretch of tubular railings on Blacko Bar Road has been painted and the Lengthsman continues his duties with other cleaning & tidying duties. What a fantastic night! The heating worked a treat, the meal was great and the entertainment provided by Gavin Young from opera singing, to jokes to dancing. We hope to book him again for next year. Over 130 attended what many have said was one of the best ones ever and it raised over £1000 for the Village Centre running costs. The evening included a raffle and a silent auction for a signed Burnley football shirt alone raised £400. Thank you Burnley Football Club for the donation. Organising such an event in a tent (albeit a very grand and luxurious marquee) at the end of November is ambitious to say the least. It is all done with the help of many villagers, so a big thank you to everyone involved in supporting and organising this event.

Michelle Harvey



Important information from your Borough Councillor James Starke.

National Road Race Championships 2010 As mentioned in last month's issue, British Cycling, the national governing body, has now awarded Pendle these races, comprising two events, for Elite Men and Women, featuring the highest level of competitors including Tour de France stars and Olympic Champions & Medalists such as Nicole Cooke, Emma Pooley, Bradley Wiggins, Mark Cavendish, and Cofe's own Steven Burke. Subject to technical assessment, the men's field is likely to number up to 200, with the women's up to 100.

Consultations, with positive feedback, have been held with Barley & Roughlee Parish Councils. The first meeting of the Organising Committee has now taken place and included representatives from British Cycling, Lancashire Constabulary, Sky TV, LCC Highways, Fenine Events, Sponsors, Pendle BC, and of course, me - to make sure that the views and concerns of the community were represented.

The first point that has to be made is that it will be a MAJOR event in the British sporting calendar - a bit like bringing the FA Cup Final to Pendle! It basically involves shutting down a 7 1/2 mile circular route for the whole day on **Sunday June 27, 2010** from the centre of Barley, up Barley Lane to Twiston crossroads, right onto Black Moss Road and Wheathhead Lane to the top of Blacko Bar where there will be a sectioned-off part of the A682 with traffic lights. From there it comes down Blacko Bar Road, past North Farm, through Roughlee to Happy Valley, where it turns right up to Barley New Road and back into Barley. Just like the TT in the Isle of Man, the whole of this area will be closed to traffic from about 8am until the races finish about 6pm. Diversions with temporary signage and signalling will be put in place. Special arrangements will be made for the emergency services who will have access at all times.

On the Saturday there will also be 'Pendle Pedal' which will use the same route. This is more of a fun event without the road closures, BUT, it may be necessary to temporarily close some or all of the roads for parts of the Saturday to ensure safe set-up and allow practice sessions, etc.

Residents are therefore requested to consider how this will affect them and what plans they will need to make to decrease the inconvenience.

Sections of road will have barriers placed across them to prevent vehicle movements and this infrastructure will start to be put in place during the previous week. The Star/Finish area will be held on the road opposite Barley picnic site. The car park will be used as the base and it is possible that a grandstand & giant TV will be placed in this area.

At the moment, it is thought that 'park & ride' buses will be used to bring spectators in. Temporary car parking, campsites, mobile toilets and other related facilities will need to be arranged. There will also be the opportunity for villagers to provide refreshments, stalls, and similar facilities. Marshalls from the community may also be used and there is the possibility of live television coverage using several fixed cameras and a helicopter.

Further information and discussions will continue over the next six months. As your Councillor, I am here to represent the residents first and foremost, so please contact me with any concerns or issues.

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