



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.

DECEMBER & JANUARY

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| Sunday Dec 5 | Advent 2 9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Christingle Service |
| Monday Dec 6 | PCC Meeting 7.30pm School |
| Sunday Dec 12 | Advent 3 9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Lessons & Carol Service |
| Sunday Dec 19 | Advent 4 9.30am Holy Communion |
| Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Social, 5 Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook (from 6pm) | |
| Friday Dec 24 | Christmas Eve 10pm First Communion of Christmas |
| Saturday Dec 25 | Christmas Day 9.30am Christmas Day Communion |
| Sunday Dec 26 | Boxing Day 9.30am Holy Communion |
| Sunday Jan 2 | Christmas 2 9.30am Holy Communion |
| Sunday Jan 9 | Epiphany 9.30am Epiphany Service |
| Sunday Jan 16 | Epiphany 2 9.30am Holy Communion |
| Sunday Jan 23 | Epiphany 3 9.30am Holy Communion |
| Sunday Jan 30 | Epiphany 4 9.30am Holy Communion |

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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: December 8 & January 12

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: December 14 & January 11

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Dear Friends

We've got a new acronym - GWP - to go alongside GNP and GDP. It seems the government is keen not just to measure economic indicators, but also the state of the nation's well-being. That's what the 'W' stands for. The government is also anxious to point out that well-being is more than happiness. It is a raft of factors that contribute to the good life.

I like that idea. The danger with happiness is that it reduces to pleasure and jollity. Like you're only happy if you're having fun. Happiness can also be construed in measurements which reflect the increasing privatisation of society - nice home (with automatic wrought-iron gates) nice car (with privacy glass).

The word 'well-being' challenges us to think about what makes for a good life. I am sure a certain level of material comfort is part of it. But there is more. John Donne the Dean of St Paul's three hundred years ago said in a devotion, 'Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.' He was putting his finger on an important point - my well-being, though personal, is never private. My well-being must have a positive impact on other people's well-being; and my well-being is diminished by another person's lack of well-being. Again in Donne's words, 'I am involved in Mankind.'

Jesus took it a stage further: our ultimate well-being depends on us increasing the well-being of others. In a parable on accountability, he tells how the King will say, 'Come on in to the kingdom prepared for you because you fed the hungry, clothed the naked, housed the homeless, and cared for the sick and for prisoners.'

I don't know whether the government's well-being indicators will pick up on corporate, compassionate action, but that shouldn't stop us.

And my prayer for you this Christmastide is that your stock of well-being will increase even in these uncertain economic times.

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God bless you,

John

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Goldshaw Booth

Coffee is served in a mug bearing the words "Have a Happy Frosty Christmas" in 30c heat and in a country where the temperature has been known to get below zero - back in the 19th century. It is difficult to imagine Christmas when the towering clouds of the late monsoon threaten and dull lightning flashes constantly across the horizon showing starkly in relief the broken-tooth stacks of karst islands. Longtail boats piloted by small men with skin like mahogany and white smiles and thin salt-stained trousers break through the surf, bearing the symbols of commercial Christmas, holly, golden bells, red clad figures with full white beards. The boats carry tourists out to the most exotic islands on earth where steep red rock, climbing into a deep blue sky, is capped by a riot of green, and is fringed with white sand rising from a turquoise sea. For a little while there is a rainbow of colour then the rain comes in and turns the sea to grey and takes the islands back to fairyland. And reminds us of Christmas at home and our grey rain-swept villages and a proper Christmas of dark nights and bright lights and roaring fires and presents under the tree. That's what Christmas ought to be, turkey and mince pies rather than pad thai and singha beer. Although there are advantages . . . as a charming creature with long black hair and a bright smile brings a frothing beer to my poolside bed.

So, back to reality and budgets and the erratic of planning in Pendle. By the time I return we will know the details of the constraints on next year's spending in Pendle - a borough which is setting a good example by cutting from the top - and their effect on parishes like ours, and we will have to see how we can make these work. Our budget in Goldshaw is small enough anyway and a reduction would be hard to bear. It might

be, for example, that the playing fields - our greatest single expenditure - would suffer, maybe we might have to mow it ourselves. In this climate the use of our great force of volunteers would become even more important. There have been some suggestions lately that the volunteers have concentrated on Newchurch but this is where the needs are apparently greatest, where most of the volunteers live, and where those who organise them are based. If other parts of the parish want things doing, they've only got to ask - and to contribute a little themselves. As the financial constraints grow we will have to do more for ourselves - possibly this is what "Big Society" means - and I would not like our parish to suffer because we lack the facilities of our neighbours.

The bonfire was a great success and our Events Committee did a great job and were blessed by perfect weather. Let's hope for the same when Father Christmas comes to Newchurch around 5.30pm on Saturday 18th December, bearing gifts for the children and hot chestnuts and mulled wine for the adults. Do try and be there for an hour or two.

And hot chestnuts brings me back to planning in Pendle; there have been some odd decisions lately and now that we have some idea of what is intended for Spen Brook mill we will have to be on the ball. Please think about what you would like to see there and give us your thoughts at a meeting which we will arrange for January.

A Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year to all the parish.

Bill Mayor

(Bill's piece this month was written whilst on holiday in Thailand)

ROUGHLEE

"Time for a bit of a rant this month."

by Richard Stansfield, Vice Chairman PC

It has already been reported that Alistair McGeorge has stepped down from his role of the FoRA (Friends of Roughlee's Appearance) representative to the Parish Council, and that we are looking for someone to take his place.

The response to date has been disappointing, which begs the question whether there is sufficient concern that people have about the appearance of the village. We have all enjoyed the success and the prestige that has been gained by our participation in the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition, and our thanks go to all those who helped us achieve that success, but should we continue to enter? If we are to, then is it not our intention to win it, or else why have we bothered. And if we then do enter, do we not have to put some effort into it. You may have views as to whether we should enter, or not. Either way, it is your village and you have a right to say how it looks, and be seen by others. Are you now prepared to make those views known and do something about it?

In a similar vein, we are also seeking a new member of the Parish Council. This is not an onerous task, meeting just one evening each month, and we endeavour not to take ourselves too seriously, albeit that there are times when serious decisions have to be taken.

It is more than likely that we will be faced with some of those decisions soon, as we learn the effect of the Budgetary Review. It is almost certain that there will be less money to be spent, and we do not accept that the solution has to be an increase in the precept, that is an increase in the rates we pay. It may however mean that some facilities will have to be cut. This could affect things like: the amount of work the Village lengthsmen can

undertake, the provision of the annual Senior Citizens Lunch, or the production of this Parish Newsletter. If you want to make a difference, have a say and even be part of the decision-making, then come and join us. You will be most welcome.

Finally, don't forget that the Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch which will take place this year is on Tuesday 14th December, at 12.30 for 1pm. If you are over 60, and would like to attend and not yet received an invitation, please let Brian or me know asap.

With that in mind, and at this time of the year, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On behalf of all who attended, I would like to thank the Village Centre Committee for an excellent Village Ball once again. This is for the village a superb social event which requires a lot of preparation and hard work, but year on year it seems to get better and I am sure everyone enjoyed it.

Brian Nelson

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NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

Our prayers are with Mrs Davenport, Alan and Peter as they try to come to terms with the very sad and sudden death of Mr Colin Davenport. The children and staff held a collective worship to remember Mr Davenport and asked God to give guidance & strength to the family. We send all our love to Mrs Davenport and the boys.

On the morning of the 11th November Carol & June joined us from the RSPB. This was the first visit of an ongoing project and the topic was 'Wildlife in the Forest of Bowland'. As well as interactive activities about the landscape and habitats, the children enjoyed making felt. We held a non-uniform day on Friday 19th to raise funds for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

School is very busy this half term preparing for our Christmas Concert - 'Jesus Got Talent'. This will be held in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 7th December 2pm & Wed 8th December 6.30pm.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

noticeboard

Safe Lanes in Pendleside

Have you missed our safety mirrors at the top of Harpers Lanes on Noggarth Road? We would like to replace them but this will cost around £300. Please help with your donation – no amount too small.

Cash or cheques payable to Safe Lanes In Pendleside to Sheila Clegg at Cravenlea, Noggarth Road, Fence BB12 9PP please

Thank you for your help and support

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday
January 26 at Roughlee Village Centre.

Wednesday 5th January
New Year Lunch ("Jacob's Join").
followed by Film Matinee
Stall: Unwanted Christmas gift
"bring & buy" at 12.30pm
in Barley Village Hall



Local History Group

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Barley Village Hall
Wed 15th December
Review Water Meetings and Christmas
Social.
Meeting afterwards will be on 20th
January.

Barley Chapel

We are a family friendly church that meets every
Sunday at 10.30am for Worship, and 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

mothers union

Our November meeting a trip down memory lane brought lots of laughter.
Arrangements for December and January
will be made by contact.
Christmas and New Year Greetings to all
readers.

BARLEY

Barley to Bethlehem Sunday 19th December

Village Hall

Regular Events as normal, plus

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT:
Saturday 18th December 7.30pm with
Burnley Alliance Silver Band. This
event is in aid of Pendleside Hospice &
supported by Barley Parish Council.
Tickets £3 inc. mince pies & drinks,
obtained from David Tel. 604301, Chris
Tel. 691850,
Margaret Tel. 690420

BURNS NIGHT:
Saturday 22nd January 2011 Haggis,
Piper & all the rest.

ST. GEORGE'S DINNER: Saturday
16th April, NOTE 1 week early because
of Easter.

Audrey Weatherill

The village Christmas tree is now in position and sparkling brightly with the addition of new tree lights installed by the Parish Council. It provides a colourful scene in what has been a very harsh start to the winter! Fortunately the roads have remained passable with care, following the gritting by LCC. In these harsh economic times we are very grateful for the continuation of this service. In respect of finance the Parish Council has been informed by Pendle Council that there may be a reduction in the financial contribution from Pendle this year. This shortfall will be made up by the income from the car park but may mean that there will be fewer maintenance projects undertaken in the village next year. The Christmas season has begun in earnest with the members of the chapel putting on a production of Christmas Carol. All three dates were well attended and there wasn't a dry eye in the house at the end of the performance.!

Other events to watch out for include the Carol service in the Chapel and the ever popular Barley to Bethlehem which takes place on Sunday the 19th of December. Please check the notice boards for the times and dates. Also on Saturday the 18th of December there is a Brass Band concert in the Village Hall. Residents and visitors will be most welcome!. In the event of the continuation of the bad weather we ask that all residents are mindful of their elderly neighbours particularly those who find it difficult to get out in the snow and ice.

Finally we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all residents.
John
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