

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

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.



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WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Communion from the 1662 Prayer Book, with hymns and sermon.

2nd & 4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book, with hymns and sermon.

5th Sunday: Morning Prayer

Sunday 2nd December

Pendleside Group Ministry Advent Carol Service at St. John's Church, Higham.

Christmas Services at St Mary's

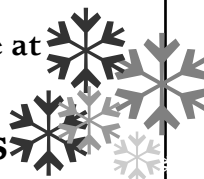
Sunday 9th December St. Mary's Christingle – 4pm

Sunday 16th December Service of Lessons and Carols – 4pm

If you would like to do a reading, contact Chris Widdas on 691850

Christmas Eve Christmas Communion – 10pm

Christmas Morning Family Communion Service – 9.30am



Saturday 22nd December

Christmas Social 7pm

5 Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY BOXES

Will boxholders please let Margery Williamson please have their boxes as soon as possible. Thanks.

CHURCH WARDENS

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Next issue Please have your articles for the **February issue** by **Friday January 18.**

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Dear Friends



What price a hair-cut?

I was looking at a charity flier from Crisis at Christmas. £20.48p gives a homeless person a place on their Christmas scheme.

Among the list of things provided for that money were the obvious, like food and shelter, and the desirable, like free medical, dental and podiatry treatments. And there at the bottom of the list was a haircut. What a wonderful gesture — something as frivolous and unnecessary as tending a homeless person's coiffure!

Compassion can sometimes become patronising. We can be drawn into simply treating the problems of people in need. It is important to remember the uniqueness of the person on the receiving end of charity and their entitlement to dignity. A hair-cut seems to me to be a symbol of exactly that. A simple act which restores and refreshes their appearance.

When Mary, the mother of Jesus, became pregnant she visited a relative. During the visit she was filled with the Spirit and burst into song - a song that has passed into Christian worship as The Magnificat. It is a song which reminds us that God has a particular heart for the people at the bottom of society's heap. It reminds us how far we fall from God's will when we devote our energies to maintain our position on the heap to the detriment of others.

A wonderfully Pickwickian carol which unfortunately isn't in St Mary's hymnbook has a refrain, 'O tidings of comfort and joy'. It seems to me that if the Christmas story is about comfort and joy, then we need to ask what we are doing about it. Can we spread our comfort and joy into the lives of other people? It might cost us, but we would be doing something for other people's dignity.

May I wish you comfort and joy this Christmas, and throughout 2013!

God bless you

John

Rev John Hallows, St Thomas' Vicarage, Wheatley Lane Road,
Barrowford, Nelson BB9 6QS Tel. 01282 613206 Email jhallows@tiscali.co.uk

Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm
Christmas Party "Jacob's Join" Supper
Competition: Best mince pie
Visitors welcome

Wednesday 2nd January Film Night
at 7.30pm. Stall: Unwanted
Christmas goods
in Barley Village Hall
Visitors welcome

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Tai Chi for the Over 50s
Organised by AgeUK
Every Tuesday 1 - 2:30pm
Roughlee Village Centre
Fee £4 per session

Tai chi, also called tai chi chuan, combines deep breathing and relaxation with slow and gentle movements. Originally developed as a martial art in 13th-century China, tai chi is today practised around the world as a health-promoting exercise.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 19th December
Christmas Social

Wednesday 16th January
Ged Collins – The Goldsmith's
Craft through time.
Both meetings
7.30pm Barley Village Hall

MESSY CHURCH

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

Takes place on the third Tuesday of
EVERY month at 3.30pm

FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP
We ask parents to contribute to the cost of
the activities and meal that we have at
each session. MESSY CHURCH is organised
by Mandy Culshaw who can be contacted
by email on: a.culshaw635@btinternet.com

PENDLESIDE DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The accounts of the Committee have now been finalised and show a surplus of £2400. As agreed earlier, this has been divided in equal proportions between the three villages.

Roughlee Village Centre and Roughlee Booth Parish Council shared £600.
Barley Methodist Chapel, including the Barley FOG club, the Table Tennis group, and the Sunday School, shared £600 with the Barley Village Hall
Keep Fit class, the Badminton group, the Pendle Forest History Group, and
Pendle Patchers.

St. Marys Church and St Marys C of E School in Newchurch received £300 each.

The Committee once again thanks all those who gave so much time and effort to this most successful venture. The account will now be closed.

Bill Mayor

At the time of writing we are in our first cold snap of the winter and we are scraping ice from our cars and wondering if there is worse to come. The good news is that access to our village remains on the County Council Winter Maintenance priority treatment network and so we expect to see a Gritter on our roads when it is freezing or snowing. The Gritter travels from Whalley Depot on a 60 mile route travelling through Read, goes along the Padiham By Pass to Barrowford, over to Gisburn, along to Rimington and Downham, up to Annel Cross then down to Barley and weaves around our local roads. Whilst this is a comfort to us I would emphasise that the weather is unpredictable, it could freeze before the Gritter arrives and we suffer from water crossing the roadway from fields and washing the salt off – then freezing. Advice is to drive very carefully even if you have seen a Gritter because there could be ice just around the corner.

Planning Update – the application to build a large barn alongside the bridleway between Barley and Whitehough has been rejected for a second time because of the visual impact it would have on a public area in the AoNB. The HM Inspector visited the Barley Green Filter Beds site in November and we await a decision on whether permission will be granted to build three houses or not.

A licence was granted for the Catering Van to trade for 28 days per year on the roadside below Boothman Wood and I understand the applicant was also awarded a licence to trade in Nelson.

At Boothman Wood, enforcement action regarding the removal of the camping pods is expected in January 2013.

United Utilities are charged with “upgrading” the spring water supply to properties around Lower Black Moss

reservoir by connecting their domestic water supply to the mains network starting in early December and finishing in February 2013. This is to ensure the domestic supply meets modern standards. The connection will be made at the Village Hall and it is then hoped to thread the new supply pipe up existing redundant pipes in the roadway so minimising any digging in the road. The pipe will then branch off and cross fields to four properties. The Parish Council has agreed to lease 1/3 of the car park (lower end by recycling area) to the contractor carrying out the works and this should minimise any disruption to residents.

The Annual Remembrance Service was again well attended, with a wreath laid in memory of local people who gave everything. I would like to thank Cllr John Connor for making all the arrangements again and the support from the Village Hall.

I will finish by wishing Happy Birthday to John Lowcock who leaves his sexagenarian years behind and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish everybody in the Parish a Happy Christmas.

Derek Heap

Barley Village Hall

It is with regret that we have had to say goodbye to the Mother & Toddlers after over 25 years and the Whist Group after over 40 years, we say thank to all the people who have kept these groups alive and contributed to the running of the Hall. Both these Groups could be started again in the future should we have a few babies appear or perhaps a whist group to keep our brains active.

The Village Hall Committee is holding an OPEN AFTERNOON in the Hall on Sunday 23rd December 1pm to 4pm, come and have a relaxing afternoon before the

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rush; mulled wine & nibbles will be served. We are very proud of the improvements to the Hall that have taken place over the past year and would like you all to see them.

The toilet lights are now automatic to prevent them being left on all night!

NEW ACTIVITY SALSACISE starting 14th January 11am to 12 noon. Please contact adeleannscott@gmail.com

to show your interest even if this day is not convenient.

We like to make sure that local people and organisations take preference for booking the Village Hall. We try to balance this with letting to those from outside the area who contribute over 50% towards the running costs of the Hall.

Please try to book as far as possible in advance so we can keep this balance to everyones advantage. We already have quite a few bookings for 2013 as a result of the recent upgrade of our facilities. May 23rd 2015 has been booked!

Well done to the Pendle Young Farmers on presenting Pendleside Hospice with £500 from the car parking money collected at the Pendle Witch Event – they did try to collect off the Mayoral car but he gets free parking!!

CRAFT GROUP: 1-3pm. 1st Mon Dec. 1st & 3rd Mon Jan. Check with Valarie if unsure. Tel. 691850

YOUNG FARMERS: 3rd, 10th & 17th Dec. in Village Hall.

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training, Contact John Tel. 611517 for information.

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd Tuesday in Dec. 2nd & 4th Tuesday January. 1 to 5 pm. Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 12th Dec. &

9th January at 10am to 12 noon.

LINE DANCING: Thursday 7.30 pm contact Ruth 867438

PILATES every Thursday 10 – 11am. Tracy 07773785904.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517.

BURNS NIGHT

SATURDAY 26th JANUARY 7 for 7.30pm

A GREAT SCOTTISH NIGHT

3 COURSE DINNER

Please bring your own drinks

£15 tickets Tel. 613280 or 691850

Audrey Weatherill

Barley Chapel

Saturday 8th December

Christmas Fayre

in the chapel at Barley. 11am to 3pm.

* Santa's Grotto; Pre school children can have their photographs taken dressed as an angel or shepherd in the nativity

* Cake stall. * Christmas café serving light lunches,tea,coffee etc.

* Children's choir singing carols

* Tombola * Large Bric a Brac stall

* Donations urgently needed for the Bric a Brac stall and Tombola

Contact Angie 605090 or Margaret 690420

Lots more,(something for all the family.)

Sunday December 9th

Carols by candle-light in the chapel at 6pm

Sunday December 23rd

Barley to Bethlehem

Live nativity. Meet on the main car park at 6pm. Follow the donkey through the village as the Christmas story unfolds. Ending in the barn at Wilkinson's farm. Bring a torch! Followed by coffee and mince pies in the chapel.

Angie Hargreaves

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are very pleased to announce that our school has been awarded with our second Green Flag after the Eco Council gave a super presentation to the Assessor. We were highly praised and a fitting comment was made in our visitors' book.

We are very proud to have also received our second Race Equality Award. Jane Richmond, Teacher Advisor for Cohesion, wrote this in our visitors' book: 'I came back into this school to re-assess them for renewal of the Lancashire Race Equality Mark. The Learning Environment is outstanding and is such a positive example of excellent practice in Race Equality.' Once again we had a visit from the Lancashire Life Education Bus. The aim of the highly trained educators is to work with children between the ages of 4 and 11 to equip them with the life skills they need to help them make healthy choices. Age related sessions throughout the day were designed to increase a child's sense of personal self-worth and encourage positive attitudes towards themselves and their health.

Following half term 20 of our children started an after school Street Dance course run by the Sportscool Group. This will run for 5 sessions.

On Thursday 15th November our school was used as a Polling Station for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election. During the day we had a whole school trip to

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Halifax. Firstly the children had a guided tour of Halifax Minster and then on to Eureka. They had a fun and informative day including a focus hour in the Global Garden gallery and lots of discovery time with 'hands-on' activities in other galleries.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

PARISH COUNCIL

We had expected the outline application for the development of Spen Brook Mill to be scheduled for the meeting of B&WP in December; but it has been delayed until January. We hope that all those interested will have looked at the PBC Planning website and will find there some explanation of how the application has progressed; throughout the process the Parish Council has been involved with the developer and his agents, and with Planning Officers. The PC now has to agree on what our argument should be when we address the six Borough Councillors who constitute the B&WP committee. Our survey in September showed that all who responded wished the site to be developed; it also showed that fewer houses than the 30 which are proposed would be the local choice. Unfortunately, the number of units is not something we can influence: an applicant can apply for whatever he wishes. The logic is therefore

that if 30 is too many, we should request declinature; this might leave the mill undeveloped; this is contrary to the wish for progress indicated by our survey. A bit of a quandary.

We hope that we will be able to hold another public meeting before the hearing to attempt to resolve this difficulty; in the meantime, please look at the website. What happens at Spen Brook will change the hamlet, but will also have an effect on the whole of Pendleside.

If you are interested in the speed and capacity of the broadband service in the parish, please come to our next meeting when the MD of Boundless Communications, Mr D Burnes, will be giving a talk on how the service can be improved.

Parking in Newchurch is difficult for us all; we can only hope that everybody shows consideration for others – and this includes through traffic which sometimes speeds through far too quickly. There is little the PC can do to alleviate the problem although we are very much aware of the problems and take every opportunity we can of bringing the matter to the attention of the Lancashire County Council and other bodies.

All your Parish Councillors wish you good cheer and happiness over Christmas and prosperity and good health in 2013.

Bill Mayor

I find myself writing this on a dark, damp, dreary November afternoon, but not to worry the days start pulling out in just over 3 weeks, so spring is on its way! Is this delusion, wishful thinking or just the after effects of attending another very successful village ball, I will let you decide. Well done and thanks to the Village Centre Committee and their many helpers for organising this.

Tuesday the 11th of December sees us holding our annual Seniors Christmas Lunch at the village centre, and if you are 60 or over and have not yet received your invitation to the lunch please let me know immediately and we will rectify this.

Pendle Young Farmers have had an exceptionally successful four months with Issy Hartley (their current secretary) competing in national finals as far afield as Gloucester, Stafford and Malvern where she came 5th overall in the Young Stock Person of the year, 25th in the National Floral Art Final, 7th overall in the Beef Carcase and live national Final and 3rd overall in the Lancashire “A” intermediate team, all of which is very impressive given that she is competing in an age group beyond her years. Who said that the youth of today can't achieve anything?

At our last PC meeting a representative from our local constabulary was in attendance, keeping us up to date on our local crime figures and asked if anybody in our Parish was interested in joining the Rural / Farm / Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, if anyone out there is interested, please let me know and I will pass your details on to the relevant people.

Finally as this is will be the last edition of the Parish Mag for 2012, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and prosperous new year.

Martin Schofield