



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.

WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

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

2nd Sunday: All Age Worship – a service with more modern hymns and sermon for young and
not so young.

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

5th Sunday (when applicable): Morning Prayer

Advent Service Sunday 1st December

6pm at St. Mary's together with St. Thomas', St. Anne's and St. John's.

Sunday 8th December

11am-3pm Christmas Farmers' Fair at Roughlee 4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 15th December

6pm Joint Carol Service at Barley Chapel with Barley Methodists.

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

10pm First Communion of Christmas

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Day Communion

Sunday 29th December

9.30am Carols, Coffee and Mince Pies

Sunday 5th January

9.30am Epiphany – Remembrance Stars will be prayed over in the service.

Next issue Please have your articles for the February issue by Friday January 24.

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WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK

Dear Friends

34 sleeps to Christmas and counting. Well, some children and Asda are. The rest of us are probably just amazed at how quickly Christmas comes round.

My thoughts are turning towards the church celebrations.

Reflecting on the Christmas story I find a conundrum. We celebrate the birth of the Saviour, the Prince of Peace, some two thousand years ago. But when we look at the news all around us, the world still needs saving and the Prince of Peace seems to have been elbowed out by non-stop conflict. So what are we actually celebrating?

One word keeps coming back to me – compassion. We know what that word means. And most of us know what it feels like. Compassion for me is the key to Christmas. It is not simply feeling sorry for someone else. At root it means actually being alongside someone and knowing what they feel like. But even then there is a barrier because how do we really know. People talk about walking a mile in someone else's shoes. But what if we could get inside someone's life. Then we would really know.

Christians use the word 'Incarnation' to describe how God did this. God does not stay on the outside of the universe. Some Christian physicists think he is on the inside through the laws of physics. Incarnation means that in the life of one individual, God gets an inside take of what it is to be human. It is not just curiosity though. It is about transformation. Jesus actually changes what it means to be human. He sets a pattern in how to live compassionately. He makes change a real option – in giving we really receive; in putting ourselves last, we are really first; and in dying, we are really alive.

How many therapists does it take to change a light bulb? One, but the light bulb has to want to change. It's the same with us. If we don't want to be saved, God won't force us. If we are stuck in our anger and resentment, the Prince of Peace won't stop us fighting. If we want it, then God will change us and the benefit will be felt all around. I believe God will eventually persuade all of us that change does make sense.

So, have a peaceful and happy Christmas and unending blessings in the New Year.

God bless you

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John

Parish Dates & Contacts

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 Wednesdays at 7.30pm
in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: December 11, Jan 8 & Feb 12

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

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

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at
7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: Dec 10, Jan 14 & Feb 11

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369
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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 8pm in
Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: December 2, Jan 6 & Feb 3

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Planning Applications

Applications are now easier to find on the Council website: www.pendle.gov.uk under 'My Area'

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cabaret - went extremely well and we've had many compliments since. It was also financially very successful and for that we're extremely grateful for everything we received, in kind; be that the heating system, the gas, the multitude of auction and raffle prizes as well as the attendees who bought their tickets in abundance. Thank you everyone! The team worked very hard and I thank them too. We have/had the Black Cats Boogie and I hope all passes off well with that and the following Sunday we have the Christmas Farmers' Fayre. (See the panel on the previous page) The Marquee company has kindly extended our loan so it will be all under cover.

James Starkie

Roughlee Village Memorial

The Jubilee celebrations of 2012 are sadly a distant memory, however the legacy continues. Each of the three parishes involved shared the financial profit and Roughlee's is still unspent. Couple this with an idea first mooted by Clarice Holmes and then join it together with the commemoration next year of the 100th anniversary of the commencement of WW1. What you've got is the idea of building some form of memorial but not a stone with names on. James Starkie has volunteered to take this forward so if anyone has any thoughts, please contact him.

St. Mary's Primary School, Newchurch

LCC Catering service invited us to be a 'flagship' school for the promotion of school meals on 'Free School Meal' day at the beginning of November. County Councillor Christian Wakeford joined our children to sample one of the delicious school lunches provided by our cook Mrs Barnes. On Friday 15th November we joined in the nationwide fundraising for BBC Children in Need. Children were allowed to come to school in non-uniform for a donation and Billy & Florrie Whittaker baked buns for sale on the day--- yummy!! We raised £83 for the appeal.

Monday 18th November saw the start of 'Anti-Bulling Week'. We invited Burnley Youth Theatre into school who performed 'Adventures of a Stamp Girl'. The children really enjoyed their workshops which involved performing various scenarios.

We are looking forward to our annual visit from the 'Life Education Bus. We find this a valuable service. Highly trained educators provide stimulating and exciting sessions, with age related techniques and strategies, in a purpose built bus!

Our staff & children are very busy practising for School's Christmas Performance 'Prickly Hay' The performances take place in St. Mary's Church: Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

Rural Watch Alert A John Deere 5315 Tractor (chassis No. AT5315L200336) has been stolen from a farm on Noggarth Rd, Fence, sometime between 17/11 and 25/11. Also stolen:- Kubota U48-4, 5 ton Digger. Serial No. 50405. Redrock Plant/Dump twin axle Ag. Trailer. Any info on these, please phone 101 & quote log 305 of 26/11 or email keith.sandham2@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

WI We were delighted to receive a visit from the new Bishop of Blackburn, Julian Henderson, his wife Helen and fellow clergy to Barley WI last week.

The Bishop was in Pendle as part of his tour of the Deanery, he visited some of the local beauty spots before arriving at Barley Village Hall where he had home made soup, sandwiches and cake served by members of Barley WI. He and the rest of the group had a great day and greatly enjoyed the lovely scenery and meeting with the people of Pendle.

Wednesday 4th December Christmas Party Entertainment from "Betsy the Scullery Maid" Jacob's Join Supper and Bran Tub at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. **Wednesday 8th January** Film Night at 7.30pm.

Women's Refuge I should like to thank all the residents of Goldshaw Booth who have kindly supported the work of the Refuge.

St Mary's Church and the children of St Mary's school have for some years donated their Harvest Festival offerings to us and, more recently, a local group of ladies have been busy knitting and collecting items such as toiletries.

All their efforts are greatly appreciated; many women and children come into the Refuge with nothing and it means a great deal to them to have basic food and clothing provided whilst they come to terms with their situation.

The Refuge is now known as Safenet Domestic Abuse Services and provides accommodation for 20 families in the main building, 2 safe houses nearby, a telephone help-line and also a drop-in service. Domestic abuse is a growing problem and in making the lives of those affected a little easier you are contributing to a very worthwhile cause. Please do bear us in mind if you are looking for a local charity to support. Many thanks.

Sue Mayor

Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Welcome to this second new style of Parish News, meant to increase the number of contributors and thus the amount of interesting articles. Please send in your snippets, stories and/or photos to your Parish Chairman.

Barley Parish Council We will soon be in our first cold snap of the winter; we are scraping ice from our cars and wondering if there is worse to come. The good news is that accesses to our villages remain on the County Council's Winter Maintenance priority treatment network and so we expect to see a Gritter on our roads when it is freezing or snowing. We discussed the treatment of roads with salt at our last PC meeting and we were informed that run-off water from fields can remove the salt. Salt needs vehicle movements to make it active and it is generally ineffective below -8°C and that only 35% of the road network is actually treated – this should be enough to tell you that we should be extra careful driving in cold rural areas. On top of this, isolated showers cause havoc from time to time by washing off the salt, then forming ice before the roads can be treated again – we had these conditions just 2 weeks ago. The Annual Remembrance Service was again well attended with wreaths 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.

The rumour in the village is that the Barley Mow has been bought by a group intending to develop it as a licensed premise. If so a planning application will follow and we will keep you informed about the developers plans. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to

wish everybody in the Parish a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2014.

Derek

Heap

Barley to Bethlehem Follow the journey of Mary & Joseph. Meet at Barley Car Park at 6pm on Sunday December 22.

Barley Village Hall

We are holding an Open Afternoon on Sunday December 22 between 2-5pm. Come and have a relaxing afternoon before the rush, with mulled wine & cake. All regular hall user groups will feature small displays to highlight their activities. Call in and enjoy our free hospitality.

Saturday 23rd November the hall was used by the organisers for the annual Tour of Pendle – 18 mile fell race. This year we had a record 437 runners, the committee served soup, tea & cakes, the hard work was worthwhile making a considerable contribution to our funds.

Another wedding booked for next year, now making four, again good news as we only have averaged one per year in the past. The committee will "spruce up" the hall in early spring in readiness for these events.

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

YOUNG FARMERS: Monday evenings.

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

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

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 11th Dec. & 8th January at 10am to 12 noon.

LINE DANCING: Thursday 7.30 pm contact Ruth 867438

PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 0777 378 5904. 10 – 11am.

Audrey Weather-

BURNS NIGHT

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY 2014
Barley Village Hall ~ 7 FOR 7.30pm
A GREAT SCOTTISH NIGHT
3 COURSE DINNER
Please bring your own drinks
£15 tickets Tel.613280 or 691850

Church News

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

If anyone would be willing to read a lesson at either of these services, please contact Chris Widdas.

Farmer's Market Roughlee Village Centre - Sunday 8th December 2013 – see opposite.

One third of the proceeds from the Market is kindly being donated to St. Mary's Church.

We will be having a bottle stall at the market and would be grateful if you would donate a bottle of something to the stall.

We need bottles of various contents and values to make the stall interesting.

If you would like to bake something for this event it would also be gratefully accepted.

Please either email john@spenbrook.co.uk telephone 699580 and I will collect or bring your donation to 10 Gorrell Close, Spenbrook.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies (Also known as Christmas Toys Night) Saturday 21st December 7pm Tickets £10 (Adults) Please contact Valerie (691850) If anyone would like to come earlier (between 6pm and 7pm) with young children to see the Christmas novelties please let Valerie know as she can arrange Santa to have left a small gift. No tickets but a donation would be appreciated)

Festive Fair Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported our Festive Fair on November 16th. Just over £600 was raised. This will just be enough to keep the church heating going for a few weeks during the colder weather. It is very important that we keep the building warm to prevent certain wooden stops in the organ mechanism from swelling and sticking.

The Remembrance Tree

is available in St. Mary's Church for those who wish to hang stars in memory of anyone they wish. It will remain in church until Epiphany

when the stars will be taken down and used in prayer during the service.

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council The first application for permission to develop Spen Brook Mill - for commercial use of the mill and 30 houses - has been turned down after appeal. A speedy judgement following the Inspector's visit on 11th November was critical of the proposed design and layout. He put a strong emphasis on the site's situation within an AONB and in the Newchurch and Spen Brook Conservation Area. He classes the proposals as a "major" development and argues that, as would be required under AONB rules, this is not "in the public interest". There is, to my mind, a slight uncertainty arising from the use in his ruling of the qualifying phrase "given the layout of the 30 dwellings". This might be interpreted to imply that an alternative layout and number could be acceptable. This is interesting in the context of the new proposals for the site under 13/13/0531P now being considered by PBC. A public meeting to discuss these new plans was held at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm on 26th November. It wouldn't be unfair to say that more people are now in favour of development but that there are still mixed views.

There is no news yet about the future of the Newchurch toilets; the PC have received a number of letters, from the Church, local businesses, and from walking groups, arguing against closure which will be put before PBC when discussions start. The PC have, in the interim, started to think about the site, should there be closure; we do not want the block locked up and abandoned. It could be demolished, with the garden extended or made into a car park: any other ideas would be very welcome.

During the next year or so work will be done in thinning out the Sparable woods to encourage the growth of the surviving trees. This will have to be done by local labour after the trees have been marked although PBC may be able to help with work experience labour and we could use the Community Service which has done a great job in the churchyard and the playing field. There could be lots of logs available!

Our parish councillors send their very best wishes to all our constituents, trusting that you will have a happy Christmas and a healthy and successful 2014.

Bill

Mayor

Local History Group

Christmas Farmers' Fayre Sunday December 8, 11-3

! Arts & Crafts ! Stalls ! Santa Grotto ! Carol singing
! Birds of prey display ! Christmas trees & Wreaths
! Café ! Bar ! Enquiries to Glen 07849 774438

Profits to be split equally between St Marys Church, Pendleside Ho



www.pendleforesthistrorygroup.co.uk

7.30pm Wednesday 18th Dec - Christmas Social
7.30pm Wednesday 15th January 2014 – Richard Matthews "The Water Wheel at Read"

MESsY CHURCH

January 21st 3.30pm in Barley Village Hall.

Roughlee Parish Council Well, It's the last magazine of the year, time seems to be passing by so fast these days. The year during the village has seen a few changes with the changing of the guard at the village centre. The village fayre was a magnificent success despite the weather of the day and morning before, followed by an equally enjoyable duck race, sheep racing and wine tasting event. Thanks must be passed onto the committed band of volunteers who make this happen, we must however, not forget the sterling work over many years of those that stood aside this year to take well-earned rests.

We were once again unsuccessful in the BKV competition, however the judges were impressed and complimentary about the colourfully planted and well-tended areas of our village, once again and not for the last time can I express my thanks to those that tend these area's in their own time and often at their own cost.

Planning applications have come to the forefront of our monthly parish council meetings this year on more than one occasion. This is like being a referee at a football match where we can never please both sides. We base our comments / decisions as a team on our local knowledge, whilst trying to consider all opinions, ideas and that sometimes life has to keep pace with the times we live in. Thank you to my fellow councillors for their honest thoughts and ability to keep emotions out of the decisions we make.

Tuesday the 17th of December is the date that has been set for our "Seniors Christmas Lunch".

This is open to all villager's and is free to the over 60's, this year's event will be attended by the Mayor of Pendle and it is he who will provide some of the entertainment on the day, together with the children of our Village school singing festive songs. If they are as good as last year it will be an event not to be missed. Formal invitations have been already been sent out, and if we have accidentally missed inviting someone, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can rectify this. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to you all for attending our functions and making our village a very nice place to live (please do not spread this too far and wide). Have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Martin Schofield

Roughlee School

On Wednesday 6th November, a group of junior children from Roughlee School had an early start to the day when they went to Pendle Vale College to try out the climbing wall. The children were led by Mr Neil Stewart from Pendle Vale, here is what they said;
Mr Stewart was funny, he called us little squirts. Isabella, age 8.

When I got to the top, I had to touch the top, then I got pulled to the bottom. Henry R, age 7. I liked the easy course best because I got higher than I did on the hard course. Henry M, age 8. It was really fun, I really liked it. Lilly, age 9.

I learnt that going sideways is called traversing and falling backwards and landing on your feet is called abseiling. Francesca, age 9.

It was really exciting and scary but the helmets and harness kept us safe. Imogen, age 8.

Over the course of the half term, all junior children will have the opportunity to take part in climbing at Pendle Vale as part of the PE curriculum.

Roughlee Village Centre

This article is being written between our two 'Ball' events. The first - the black tie dinner