

Parish NEWS

BARLEY~NEWCHURCH~ROUGHLEE~SABDEN FOLD~SPEN BROOK

December / January 2016 / 7

Seasonal Greetings to all Parishioners



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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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): Prayer Book Mattins

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• SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER – 4PM CHRISTINGLE

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• SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER – 10PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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• SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER – 9.30AM CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

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• SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2017 10.30AM – EPIPHANY “COFFEE AND CAROLS”
BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY THE COFFEE TOGETHER.

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• SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY 9.30AM – EDUCATION SUNDAY

• SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY – 9.30AM - CANDLEMAS

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Articles for the February issue by Friday January 20.

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Roughlee Parish Council & Roughlee Village Centre.

Dear Friends

When my children were growing up we were quite strict about Advent calendars. First it had to be an Advent calendar – not Star Wars or Finding Nemo. Second it had to be chocolate free.

You'd think my two would be rebellious, but no. It was a special part of getting ready for Christmas. It would be hard nowadays finding a religious Advent calendar which was chocolate-free!

We have lost sight of the significance of Advent. Even churches hold carol services before Christmas Day, annoying the purists. But Advent is a stand-alone time in the church's year. It is not just getting ready for Christmas. The Bible readings highlight the return of Jesus at the end of time, judgement, and the perfection of creation. Not terribly festive you might think. But in God's scheme of things, the birth of Messiah is part one of God's restoring his all creation, people included, to the ordered, peaceful existence he intended. The significance of Advent is about contrasting the here and now with God's future.

It means that we should not settle for the moral ambiguities we currently live under, but aspire to goodness and justice in all our dealings. We should live each day as if judgment were just around the corner, avoiding smugness and complacency, and instead acting as if our lives depended on it. Which they do.

Who knows? If we slow down the rush to Christmas, we may find we get more out of it. So have a very happy and peaceful Christmas when it comes!

God bless you.

John

Rev John Hallows, St Thomas' Vicarage, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford, Nelson BB9 6QS
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John Hallows' Retirement Supper Friday January 20, 2017. 7pm

We will be holding a supper to mark John's retirement and to make a presentation to him. All are welcome to attend. There will be a hot supper and the cost will be no more than £10 each. Contributions towards the collection to mark John's 17 years as our Vicar may be given to either of the Churchwardens or to the treasurer, John Parsons. Please let the Chris know if you will be attending in order to manage the catering.

☎ 691850

chriswiddas@gmail.com



Barley Chapel

welcomes everyone. Sunday services are family friendly and are held at 10.30am. Refreshments are provided after the service and there is a Sunday school for younger members.

11th December. 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

18th December. Barley to Bethlehem.

A live Nativity processing through the village. Leaves Car park at 6pm

25th December

10.30am Christmas Day service

Regular activities at Barley Chapel.

Monday (fortnightly). Housegroup and Bible study. Sally Wilshaw ☎617978

Tuesday (weekly) Table Tennis.

Juniors 6.30 to 7.30pm. Seniors 7.30 to 9pm.

Ian Bennett ☎543616

Tuesday (2nd of each month) Ladies

fellowship. Lorraine Goldsbrough ☎694127

Thursday (weekly) FOG club 6.30 to 7.45pm

Christian youth club for ages 7 to 16.

Angie Hargreaves ☎605090

Minister Revd. David Edmondson ☎ 843064

Barley Parish Council

Let's start with some good news. The Council has, with great support from Cllr. Starkie, finally agreed upon the design of an "orientation board" which will direct visitors around the village and local footways, details the location of our various hostelries, the phone box, the defibrillator etc and provides historical commentary and information. We are purchasing two boards and they are in a similar style as those in Roughlee and Newchurch. The draft design is on display in the Village Hall for a couple more weeks so we are encouraging you to have a look and make suggestions if you think we can improve it. In the last 'News' we reported that the Council would be placing some planters opposite the 'post office' to prevent the weekend footway parking, which forces pedestrians out on to the road on a blind bend and which is clearly dangerous. Well the planters proved to be out of keeping with the area and some said that they were a hazard themselves. The consensus of the Councillors who live at that end of the village was to remove them and another, less prominent, position will be found

for them soon. The parking problem is not resolved.

Another point of discussion has been the new lighting outside the Village Hall which is currently illuminating the area from dawn till dusk. This has raised the profile of obtrusive lighting in our dark valley and you can read more about this on the internet at the "Obtrusive Lighting Position Statement - Forest of Bowland" which is easy to find. Through the planning application process the Council has successfully objected to excessive lighting (eg Boothman Wood). Whilst accepting that lighting is essential to enable people to guide their way and provide a sense of security, I would ask that you have a look at this document and support the policy in terms of brightness & period of illumination. Think how the village and hillside would look with more lighting? It is being reported that 'Burnley Football Club in the Community' is about to acquire the Whitehough centre and that will hopefully secure the site as a training facility of sorts and we look forward to hearing of their plans (including lighting!) if the deal is done.

Finally it is with huge regret that we have received the resignation of our Clerk, Vicky Thorp, who has served the Council since June 2008. She has played a huge part in modernising the Council and keeping us all in check and within our legal powers and responsibilities - of which there are many. She has been an excellent servant to the Council and will be missed. We will soon be looking for somebody who has the skills to administer the Council's business and its views, in correspondence and at meetings. We are hoping there is somebody out there who has the skills and wants to get involved in the village. Please contact me if you are interested, my details are listed on the inside back cover.

Derek Heap

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

A warm welcome, with mulled wine and nibbles, is extended to you all to visit the Hall on Sunday 18th December between 2-5pm to our OPEN AFTERNOON to see a display of pictures and memorabilia of the Hall & Village. On view we will have the official paper from 1836 naming the Trustees of the then-to-be-built Wesley Chapel & Sunday School at Barley. In the first minute book it is noted that the staircase for the hall was bought for £16 in 1943. All regular hall user groups will feature small displays to highlight their activities.

LEARN THE TRADITIONAL CRAFT OF DESIGNING AND MAKING RAG RUGS.

Sunday January 22 from 10am-4pm. BVH
Booking essential ☎ 07595 493289

BURNS NIGHT

SATURDAY JANUARY 21. 7 for 7.30pm
A GREAT SCOTTISH NIGHT
3 COURSE DINNER

Please bring your own drinks BVH
Tickets ☎613280 / 691850

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

CARD CRAFT GROUP: 1-3pm Valerie ☎691850

YOUNG FARMERS: 7.30pm

KEEP FIT weekly circuit training: John ☎611517

TUESDAYS

MESSY CHURCH 3.30pm. Dec. 13th.
(No Messy in January)

MYSTERY MAKE & TAKE- 3rd ☎ 07595 493289

PENDLE PATCHERS: Audrey ☎613280

WEDNESDAYS

COFFEE & CHAT 2nd Wednesdays 10am-12.

KNIT & KNATTER 2nd & 4th. 7-9pm

THURSDAYS

PILATES: Mornings Tracy ☎07773 785904

LINE DANCING: 7pm Sally Anne ☎541303

YOGA: 8pm Michelle ☎07710 307563



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 11th Nov.

Former soldier, Kingsman David Plant of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment First battalion visited Barley wanting to pay his respects. It was felt appropriate that he be given the Mayor's wreath to lay. David, from Nelson lost both his legs in Afghanistan in 2010.

Rev. John Hallows officiated. Andrew Stephenson MP, Cllr. Christian Wakeford, BClr. James Starkie and several Parish Councillors also laid Wreaths.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 18th Jan. 7.30pm

Rodney Sumner

"A 19th century mason" BVH

GOLDSHAW BOOTH PC

I am writing this article after attending the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church where I laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. I found the service sober and reflective and hearing the names of the fallen, in past conflicts, moving.

At a meeting with LCC engineers recently, they refused the PC's request to complete their job of replacing the old worn out pavement between Spen Brook and Newchurch, started in 2015. They have to refuse similar requests from other local councils, which, a few years ago they could have accepted. They cited lack of funds and it was a situation they found very depressing. It really is down to us to take on some of the jobs previously completed by LCC. This can be, for example, by clearing the grass growing over the old pavement previously mentioned, by voluntary labour or by employing outside contractors where using volunteers is not appropriate. Employing contractors for jobs that used to be completed by LCC or Pendle Council will have to be paid for by the PC. We obtain our income from you, the tax payer. We do not have any other means of raising money and so if you wish to hear details of how your Parish Council is managing your money, come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 13 December in the School when next year's budget will be set. We have now received the judges report on the Best Kept Village Competition which will be displayed on the noticeboards. Speaking of which, villagers can look forward to a new noticeboard in Newchurch village sometime in the new year. This will be paid for with a grant awarded to us by Pendle Council. Residents will hope to see the results of the many bulbs that have been planted when they flower next Spring. This project was instigated by Cllr. Chris Hudson and the planting was undertaken by him and other volunteers.

It was also good to see the success of the Bonfire Night gathering. Our thanks to the organisers and to everyone for taking part in these village events.

Christopher Burt

Coming up at Roughlee Village Centre

QUIZ NIGHT ~ FRIDAY DECEMBER 9 FROM 7.30PM £1

Christmas Eve

70s night with Jacobs join buffet. Bring your own drinks, optional 70s fancy dress.
From 7pm. £1 ~ Glen ☎07849 774438

CELEBRATE HOGMANAY 2016/17!!!

Music with a 60s theme from 7.30pm. £7.50
incl. P&P supper. Bring your own drinks
Susan Fletcher or Joyce ☎693500

ALL Villagers Welcome!

ROUGHLEE

It's that time of year again and this 'News' covers both the Christmas and New Year's festive periods. From the Parish Council we hope you all have a wonderful time.

Invitations have now been sent out for the Annual Lunch on Thursday 15th December. If you are over 60 and have not received an invitation please let us know. The school children will be singing for us and other entertainment is planned so we want to see you there.

November saw Remembrance Day. Wreaths from the Parish were laid on the 11th at the village memorial, a quiet and dignified occasion, and at St Mary's on the 13th. The church was full for the Act of Remembrance. We have now seen the Judges Report Sheet on the Best Kept Village Competition 2016. As previously reported, Roughlee did not win but the Report Sheet was complimentary in every respect with no suggestions for improvement. I suppose this means that, if we are to compete in 2017 we must carry on with the good work but do it better!

No definite news on repairs to the riverside path at Thorneyholme which continues to deteriorate and is potentially dangerous in wet weather, so please take care. Further problems with this path have emerged further along where it joins Barley New Road at the Whitehough Bridge. The unstable surface of the path at this point has got dramatically worse in the past few days and looks very dangerous. This has been reported to Lancashire Highways who will, hopefully, take action to remove the danger.

I have recently been interviewed by consultants acting for the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership who are looking to improve access and recreational opportunities in the area.

Improvements to the riverside path and Heys Lane byway are on the agenda so we shall see what emerges.

To date we have no further news regarding the Bay Horse pub. It is still hoped that it will re-open around Easter. Meanwhile the Parish Council has agreed to look at the possibility of seeking its designation as an Asset of Community Value. There is a process to be followed and it is for Pendle Borough Council to list the building as an Asset if the criteria are met.

Perhaps the big news from the Parish Council this month is to report that James Starkie has announced his retirement. Although James will continue to chair the Village Centre Committee and to attend our meetings as the local Borough Council representative, his retirement represents the end of an era for the Parish Council.

James has been a very active member of the Council for a very long time, certainly decades, and the many improvements to the village during that time are a tribute to his efforts. The landscaped areas, Alice and the war memorial are but some of his successes achieved through a process of encouragement and involvement of villagers. This is very much at the heart of his philosophy which is to engage with the village community to bring about a sense of belonging and pride in our beautiful area. We shall endeavour to continue this approach.

James' retirement means that we now have a vacancy on the Parish Council. It is now open to local residents to express an interest in joining the Council, which means we must invite formal expressions of interest. Notices have been posted on the Parish notice boards so, if you live in the Roughlee Parish area and would like to join the Council, please write to our Clerk, Mary, before the 5th December.

Andrew Walker

Roughlee Village Centre

The last two major events of 2016 - the Ball and Christmas Fayre - were successful & enjoyable and together have raised over half of our yearly income needed to keep the Centre open. Thanks to all concerned for their input. The casual second Friday gatherings have morphed into quizzes, which are proving to be very popular. What has been nice to see at these Friday night openings has been new faces coming to join us. The Village Centre Committee is a dedicated group of people, but, even by their own admission, some are getting old! We are lucky to have a willing team of volunteers that turn out to help with specific tasks at different events.

All are welcome and their help is much appreciated. That said the Committee is always seeking new members, with new ideas. We meet in the VC every first Tuesday at 7.30pm. James Starkie

REUBEN BURTON TRUST FUND

A fund for former pupils of Newchurch and Roughlee Schools undertaking a course of study at University or other Higher Education Centre. £100 each was awarded to Emma Wilkinson & Abigail Padgett this year and £100 each to Emma Wilkinson & Ruth Hallows last year.

St Mary's Church Social

•Mulled Wine & Mince Pies at Mr & Mrs Widdas' home, £7.50 per ticket. If anyone would like to bring children they may do so from 6pm. We would appreciate knowing so that there can be a small present ready for them.

St Mary's School

What we have been enjoying so far this term: Our Roald Dahl Day was a huge success. Children and staff enjoyed learning about this wonderful author and how, through the techniques he uses, brings his characters alive to the reader. The Bethany Family Choir from Africa visited school and we all enjoyed an inspirational performance. We learned about the important work that is done by the Project whose aim is to help the most underprivileged, deprived and vulnerable members of society, especially orphaned children, providing education where possible and carrying out their work with love, commitment and compassion. We celebrated 'Black History Day' recently. Each class had fun learning about an important

character who stood up to have the right to be treated as an equal in society: •Rosa Parks •Ruby Bridges •Barack Obama's story For Children in Need Day the children were asked to wear something spotty and give a donation towards this worthy cause. We raised a fabulous £60.

The Infant children were very excited when we took delivery of 9 hen's eggs in an incubator, from Bowland Farm. The Infants are enjoying watching and learning about the life cycle of a chick. Not only is it our Infant children who are thoroughly enjoying this experience but our Juniors and members of staff are loving it too! The Christmas Fair raised at least £450! (still counting). We would very much like to thank everyone who gave their time, and contributing their wares free of charge. The collaboration of **FoNG** and the church made for a successful Christmas Fayre. Thanks to you all.

It is that time of year again and all the children will be going to see the Dick Whittington Pantomime at King George's Hall in Blackburn. We are looking forward to our end of term Christmas events: A Nativity play performed by KS1 and our Christmas Carol service in St. Mary's Church on the last day of term.

Kind regards & Seasons greetings Mrs P Nightingale

Friends of Newchurch Group

Last month's 100 Club draw on behalf of School has taken place. Winners are:

- 1st prize, £25 – Jane Dewhurst (parent)**
- 2nd prize, £20 – Maddy Eames (associate)**
- 3rd prize, £15 – Vicky Morley (parent)**

Anybody wishing to get involved with the school fundraiser, please contact Rosie Hudson for available numbers on 07790 167590 or email her at rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com

Wednesday December 7

Christmas Celebrations with a Burning Brightly Activity.

Wednesday January 4

WI goes to the Movies with a Feature Flick both at 7.30 in Barley Village Hall.



Isabel Gertrude Cornes

late of Middlewood Farm, Roughlee.
Gertrude died, aged 97, peacefully in Marsden Grange. She was the much loved wife of the late Derek. Condolences to Roger and Margaret.

Parish Dates & Contacts

Parish News Co-ordinator: John Parsons ☎ 699580 john@spenbrook.co.uk

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 14, January 11, February 8 & March 8

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Village Hall Chairman Ian Middleton ☎ 501303 iansallyanne@icloud.com

Goldshaw Booth

~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School.
Next Meetings: December 13, January 10, February 14 & March 14.

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Parish Council Clerk: Sheila Grindrod ☎ 693857 sheila.grindrod@btinternet.com

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 7pm in Roughlee Village Centre: December 5, January 9, February 6 & March 6.

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