

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

December 2018 & January 2019

Happy Christmas



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR



Christmas can mean many different things for people.

As Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu say in the introduction to the Church of England's campaign for 2018,

"We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases."

For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media. But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect.

It says; come as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey.

Wherever you are this Christmas you are invited to follow the star and to be with Jesus. You are welcome. You are deeply known and truly loved.

Mary and Joseph and all those caught up in the Christmas Story were surprised by the astonishing way that God chose to live among us.

Each Christmas we are reminded of God's longing to surprise us with his gift of joy, love and new life. It's the greatest present we can receive and share with others!

You can buy the #FollowTheStar booklet from Church House Publishing or receive the daily prayers and reflections via email go to www.churchofengland.org>followthestar for more details

May Christmas 2018 be a time where you are surprised by God.

In our journeying we find you,
God of the unexpected places.
We find you there-in our doubts
as well as our certainties,
in our fears as well as our courage,
in our questions as well as our wonder,
and in our turning to others to care.
Help us to journey on, looking expectantly to find you. Amen

(Lynda Wright)

God Bless you as you journey this Christmas and beyond.

Julie

Barley Parish Council

The Council has been discussing introducing CCTV at the two ends of the village in order to combat crime. Often this is a knee jerk reaction to crime after the horse has bolted so to speak but in Barley we have very little reported crime so is it necessary?

Clearly it can be a deterrent to criminals and CCTV often plays a significant role in catching the perpetrators of crime. The costs would be around £7k plus monitoring costs and this would provide facial recognition during the day and number plate recognition at night. It would be solely used to assist residents and the police to investigate a crime (after the event) and would not be used to resolve your dispute with the Tesco delivery man over what time he arrived in Barley or any similar event.

Councillors would be pleased to receive your views on this initiative before we invest in such a system.

Planning issues – the Barley Farmhouse Development for 5 No executive houses has received planning approval from Pendle Borough Council and so work can start on building any time soon. From the Parish Council perspective we felt we were able to have a positive influence on the design of the houses. We will all have our own views but I am confident that the properties will be a positive addition to the diverse architectural heritage of the village as twenty first century additions to the housing stock.

The Remembrance Service was a success this year despite some inclement weather. At this special commemorative event, marking 100 years since the end of World War One, I counted over eighty people had attended and the service was both poignant and moving. At a time when Brexit divides the country and we have to listen to nonsense from the extremes of both camps, it was good to see the country and Europeans unified in respecting those who gave everything. Thanks to John Connor for arranging and the Chapel and Barley Mow for supporting the event.

At the time of writing we have had a busy weekend in the village as good weather attracted visitors at the same time we were hosting a major fell race. The Council put no parking cones out and this helped the parking problems but clearly there are inconsiderate drivers out there with a selfish attitude – we see them regularly on the turning circle. Opinion on installing yellow lines will always be divided but I think there is a need at pinch points

but others think that these are only occasional problems and believe drivers will ignore them anyway. The PC introduced single white lines earlier in the year and this is a start, we will no doubt be debating this again – in the meantime we might need more cones.

Finally, on behalf of the Council we wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Derek Heap

Barley Village Hall

CARD MAKING GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday, check with Valarie for classes Tel. 691850

PENDLE YOUNG FARMERS: Monday 7.30pm

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

PILATES 6.30pm Monday

PENDLE PATCHERS 2ND & 4TH Tuesday 1 to 5 pm. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 14th at 10am to 12 noon.

LINE DANCING: Thursday 8pm. Sally-Anne 541303

PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904.

Burns Night Celebration
with Haggis & Piper
26th January 7 for 7.30pm

Barley Chapel

Our family friendly Sunday Service is at 10.30am. Refreshments afterwards and Sunday School for younger members.

Regular Activities

Monday fortnightly Bible Study

Sally Wilshaw 617978

Tuesday Table Tennis Jnrs 6.30 pm Snrs 7.30pm

Ian Bennett 543616

Thursday FOG club 6.30 to 7.30pm

Angie Hargreaves 605090

Minister Rev. David Edmondson 843064

Barley to Bethlehem Sunday 16th December Starting at 6pm from the Picnic Site. Our annual open-air nativity that re-tells the Christmas Story as we process through the village. Please dress warmly and bring a torch.

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 23rd December at 6pm at the Chapel.

Christmas Day Service Tuesday 25th December at 10.30am. A short service putting Jesus at the centre of our celebrations. Bring a favourite present to show.

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

On Sunday 11 November at St Mary's Church, the Remembrance Day service was well attended and it was an honour and privilege for me to lay a wreath on behalf of the parish council. The names are read out of the men from the parish who died in the two world wars and it makes me reflect on the sacrifice of the many people that gave their lives in the many conflicts this country has been involved in.

Newchurch and Spenbrook fared much better in the Best Kept Village Competition this year and was Highly Commended in the Hamlet class. Congratulations go to all those who worked so hard, especially during the drought, and it shows a big improvement on last year's result. I am sure we all hope for even better things next year.

Last month I was pleased to tell residents that spring bulbs are available to plant in public areas and can now be collected by anyone from a container outside the toilets in Newchurch. Bulbs were delivered to Sabden Fold and have already been planted which was gratifying to hear. I hope this worthwhile project is as much of a success as it was when it was introduced a couple of years ago.

I am pleased to inform residents that the land drain in the field by Sparable Wood has been repaired and the water is now running where it should be. The work has taken a long time to get organised and has not been straightforward but happily is now complete.

There have been problems with parking outside Douglas Hall Kennels for some time which has given rise to complaints to individual parish councillors from concerned residents. Although the parking by the public has not been illegal, it has often been inconsiderate and, in our opinion, unsafe and therefore this subject was discussed at last month's parish council meeting. Although car parking is not strictly the responsibility of the parish council, it was decided to work with the owners of the kennels in a constructive way and I think that, judging by the parking at the weekend of the 17th/18th November, is much improved. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Chris Burt

St. Mary's Primary Academy

We invited two ladies into school to lead our collective worship. Firstly, Mrs Clark, who told us about Saint Francis of Assisi and how he loved animals and all about his special prayer. On another occasion we invited Ruth from the FOG club. As we have been looking at KINDNESS this half-term, Ruth asked how we could show kindness to others. The children suggested that one way would be by giving flowers.

You are probably aware that one of our KS1 children, Daisy Hooper, took on the enormous challenge of walking up Pendle Hill 52 times in a year to raise money for Pendleside Hospice. She completed the task and went to London to be presented with a finalist 'Young Hero Award'. We are all so proud of her!

Reception class invited their mums, dads and grandparents into school for a 'Stay and Play' PE session. The children had good fun and Freddie's cousin joined in.

We once again Go Velo bikeability returned to school. The instructors helped the children to learn to ride a bike. All abilities were catered for, from just balancing skills for the young ones to on road training for the more proficient. We have two trips organised before the end of this term: Courtroom workshop at Preston Combined Courts for our years 4 to 6 children. The two hour workshop will bring the law to life through hands-on, authentic learning experiences. Pupils will learn about the justice system and explore criminal cases in a real courtroom. They will create, prepare and present a trial, taking on roles such as the judge, jury, barristers, witnesses and defendant. Groups will collaborate to reach an outcome or verdict and debate the best sentencing options.

We are getting closer to that time of year again, yes Christmas. Children and staff will, once again, go to King Georges Hall, Blackburn to watch this year's Pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty. Oh yes we will!!

Our Christmas Fair is on 13th December 3:30 – 6pm. There will be:

Chocolate & Bottle Tombola

Glitter Tattoos and Face Painting

Reindeer Hoopla, Guess the parcels & more games...

Young Enterprise Games hosted by our very own pupils

Mini Christmas Market selling Christmas

Goodies

Cake Stall, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

& Not forgetting...

We have a very special guest in our gorgeous grotto....Ho Ho Ho (Clue)

We shall be serving hot dogs or pie & peas so come along and have your tea with us

We hope you can join with us and help us celebrate this wonderful time of year

We would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Best Wishes

Mrs Pauline Nightingale

Roughlee Parish Council

As Andrew is away, I have been asked to write the report for Roughlee this month. It has been a busy month!

The Hallowe'en Festival opened with Witch Wines on the evening of 27th October. The event was lively and well attended. Glen provided the commentary as a number of wines from Majestic Wine were sampled. Lots of visitors enjoyed the Scarecrow Festival on 28th, along with the locals. At the Village Centre there were refreshments and children's games, and 'Stone the Crows' danced for us. Staff at the Bay Horse wore fancy dress and had a busy day. A good variety of scarecrows were displayed throughout the village and Meg was brilliant as a terrifying witch, a truly scary scarecrow who came to life and gave people a fright! Congratulations to Members of the WI who put on an outstanding display in the bus shelter at Happy Valley. Their 'WI Scream Tea' was judged the best entry. Congratulations also go to Darcy and Jessica Bell, and Bailey and Kate for scoring full marks in the Hallowe'en Treasure Hunt.

In the middle of the month some 20 locals were treated to an intriguing performance in the Village Centre, 'Osun's Story'. We were entertained by a combination of story-telling and brilliant musicianship that was enjoyed by all. Due to clashing events a lot of people missed out on seeing this performance. In order to bring cultural events such as this to the village we need to maintain audience size. Thanks to Simon Cronshaw for organising the event and to Spot On for their continued sponsorship.

The Roughlee Christmas Boogie on 8th December replaces the Roughlee Ball this year, and sees the return of popular female singer, Abi Scarlett. Tickets are priced at £25 and includes a luxury buffet and prosecco on arrival. If you haven't got your tickets yet you need to be quick - they are selling fast! The annual Christmas Fayre is being held on Sunday 2nd December and will feature carol singing, a Santa Grotto, arts & crafts, stalls and a cafe. Please come along and give your support.

Invitations have been sent out for our Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch which is being held on Wednesday 12th December. Please respond by 1st December to let us know if you are able to attend or not. This popular event is free and open to Roughlee residents aged 60 and over. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact either Nigel (07913 805871) or Gail (696997) by Monday 5th December.

Gardeners in Roughlee will be interested in Barry Jackson's free offer below. Please contact Barry if you would like a tree.

As this is the last Parish News before 2019, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mary Reed, Parish Clerk

I have for free the following: 1 horse chestnut (6ft); 1 beech (18"); 1 birch (2ft); 2 Sorbus vilmorinii (5ft) - these grow to only about 15ft and have pink/white berries. My only request is that they are planted where everyone will be able to see them. I also have a number of 4" high Sorbus seedlings, some pink berried, some yellow, if anyone wants to grow them on. Contact me via email (thebarryj@gmail.com) or phone 699570 or just visit Barry Jackson

The 100 club draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for November.

Winners were:-

- Lesley Muffitt with number 15, winning £25
- Phillipa Watson with number 95, winning £20
- Marilyn Clarkson with number 70, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are now only 2 numbers available! Anybody wishing to get involved with the fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on 07790 167590, or e-mail her at rosie.hudson08@hotmail.com.

Pendle Forest History Group

joan@spenbrook.co.uk or
wendy.stansfield@live.co.uk

Wednesday 19th December
7.30pm Barley Village Hall

Christmas Social

Roughlee C of E School

Wow, what a busy term we are enjoying. Damian and Andrew from Soccer Academy have joined us in school. They taught the children a variety of scientific concepts. The children learnt about their own heart beats, the effect exercise has on their heart rate, parts of the human body and the importance of eating a healthy diet. The children also learnt about forces & friction, electrical conductors and light & shadows during the football simulations. The coaches were very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of the importance of fair testing. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and their behaviour was exemplary.

We shared a wonderful Harvest Service in church with the children and staff from St Mary's. Thank you to the children and families who supported our school and church. Connor, Natasha, Kian, Lewis, Gabriel and Maia were fabulous

ambassadors for our school and led parts of the service admirably.

Members of the Rotary Club have visited school on numerous occasions and I am pleased to state that following a rigorous election process the following Junior children have been elected to represent our RotaKids Club 2018: President – **Jamie Roach**, treasurer – **Declan Goff**, Vice-President – **Hishaam Ali** and Secretary – **Kia Brown**.

The PAIS Team led numerous acts of collective worship, linking to this half-term's Christian Value – *TRUST*. The PAIS Team have also very kindly offered to run an after school club, exploring the bible through drama, arts and crafts.

The whole school visited Gawthorpe Hall and participated within three different workshops focused on the centenary of Remembrance. Our children all designed and made their own authentic WW1 postcards and devised pieces of expressive poetry, comparing life before, during and after WW1. They also learnt about the Shuttleworth family, who lived at Gawthorpe Hall. The trip then concluded with an authentic WW1 drill sergeant teaching the children basic drills and explaining what life in the trenches was like. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Stephen and Megan from 'Life Education' visited school and taught the children a variety of life skills, ranging from the importance of a healthy body and mind to the dangers of medicines, drugs and smoking. The children's highlight was of course meeting Harold the Giraffe. Stephen and Megan both commented on the impeccable behaviour and outstanding enthusiasm to learning our children have.

The children enjoyed a different act of worship with Reverend Julie this month, as they celebrated National Toilet Day. The children learnt about the importance of good toilet hygiene and how poor sanitation can adversely affect various parts of the world. The Rotakids have decided to arrange a fundraising event in the Spring Term in order to raise money to twin our toilets with a toilet in Africa. More information about twinning toilets can be found at www.toilettwinning.org, including the toilet song our children thoroughly enjoyed singing.

The children wore their spots with pride, in aid of Children in Need. They all looked superb! The winners of our design your

own spotty outfit competition were: **Hugo Spencer, Elif-Leyla Kus, Hishaam Ali and Amalie Moffat**.

The winners won prizes and also the opportunity to design and create my own spotty costume, which I wore with pride. Thank you for your continued support and donations, we raised a spotacular £60.81, as we continue to think about others.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their well-deserved Autumn disco. Thank you to all those who helped make this a success for the children and also to Gail for allowing us to use the Roughlee Village Centre.

Our staff have attended numerous moderation sessions with our local school. As part of our continued participation within the Pendle Network Learning Community. They have focused on Mathematics, Writing and RE. I am pleased to state that the teachers from the other schools all agreed with our staff's assessments, which is indicative of how well they know our children. I am also pleased to announce that we have just published our excellent results on our school website (www.roughlee.lancs.sch.uk), which show that 100% of our children left Roughlee at the end of Key Stage 2 at or above age related expectations. Our results also show that throughout school our children consistently outperform children nationally. This is a testament to all the hard work of our dedicated and skilful staff, governors, parents and more importantly our children. It is a huge privilege to work at Roughlee. Preparations for the Christmas Production are in full swing. The children are excited about performing in stage at St John's Church, Colne, on Tuesday 11th December 2018 – everyone is welcome to come and watch what I am certain will be a spectacular Christmas production.

As we continue to refine and develop every aspect of our school, we are currently in the process of designing and installing new signage to the exterior of school, further promoting our already very evident Christian distinctiveness. If you have any concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact school. Mark Elliott

7pm 8 Dec

Roughlee

Christmas

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LIVE SINGER

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Parish 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.uk

Council meetings are held at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday in the month

Parish Council Chairman	Derek Heap	692264	derekheap1@googlemail.com
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Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenbrook) www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7pm in St. Mary's School on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Parish Council Chairman	Chris Burt	602449	christopher.burt81@btinternet.com
Parish Council Clerk	Jennifer Sutcliffe		clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7pm in Roughlee Village Centre on the 1st Monday of the month.

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St. Mary's Church

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St. Mary's Church

Our 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 & 4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book with hymns and sermon

5th Sunday (when applicable) Morning Prayer

MESSY CHURCH is held in Barley Village Hall at 3.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

Christmas at St. Mary's

There will be a 9.30am service on each of the 5 Sundays in December.
(Sunday 30th will be Morning Prayer)

Christingle will be at 4pm on Sunday 9th December

Holy Communion will be held at 10pm on Christmas Eve, 24th December with
"The Occasional Carol Singers"

Holy Communion 9.30am on Christmas Day

The Carol Service this year is on
23rd December at 6pm in **Barley Chapel**.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies (Toys Night)

Saturday 15th December from 6pm at 5, Osborne Terrace

£7.50

(If a child is coming please let Chris know so he can arrange a surprise tel. 691850)

Candles, Coffee and Kings

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WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK

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