

# Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

December 2019 & January 2020

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS



### St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

# Vicar's Letter

## All this fuss for one day!!!

I can't remember ever getting to Christmas Day without hearing at least one person complaining and using the above phrase. As Christmas Day gets closer tempers seem to get frayed and some people long for Boxing Day when it is in their words 'all over for another year!'

Many of us may know about the twelve days of Christmas which end with Epiphany when we remember the visit of the three Kings (don't forget to join us for Carols, Crowns and Coffee on the 5<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm) but how would you feel if I suggested that the Christmas season could be extended for a full forty days ending with the Feast of the Presentation on 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Candlemas) and incorporating the season of Epiphany?

Does this fill you with joy or dread? There's no need to stock up on extra turkeys and mince pies and neither do you need to buy more presents but you may want to reflect more on the baby in the manger during this time but not just as a baby.

Christmas is about so much more than simply the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a truly mind-blowing event which recalls the wonderful mystery of how God dwells among us, in the fullness of humanity, as Emmanuel (God with us) a title used to describe Jesus foretold by the prophets.

The Sundays after Christmas tell the story of what happened after the birth. We hear how the Holy Family became refugees as they fled the wrath of Herod, how the infant was visited by men bearing three strange gifts, the story of Jesus' baptism, John the Baptist tells us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, Jesus begins his earthly ministry and then on Candlemas we return to the infant Jesus being presented in the Temple.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of January many people make resolutions many of which are broken by the 2<sup>nd</sup> January. May I encourage you this year to make a New Year Resolution on the 1<sup>st</sup> December (Advent Sunday). There is a fabulous book called A Good Year (Mark Oakley SPCK) which goes through the seasons of the Church Year.....Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. Your resolution could be to buy the book and find out more about the seasons and in so doing learn more about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This is a book which is useful for those who have experienced many years following the Church year and for those wondering what Christianity all about.

Please do keep the Church Calendar that is with this magazine. Come and join us when you can. This might be every week or once a month but you are always welcome.

As we move towards not just a new church year but also 2020 a bible verse and a prayer for the New Year.

You crown the year with your goodness (Psalm 65:11)

To a troubled world, peace from Christ.

To a searching world, love from Christ.

To a waiting world, hope from Christ.

God Bless

Revd Julie

## Barley Village Hall

Monday 1 -3 pm CRAFT GROUP:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

check with Valarie for classes Tel. 691850

6-7pm PILATES Cathrine tel 07853176011

7.30pm YOUNG FARMERS.

8.0pm KEEP FIT: Monday weekly circuit training,  
Contact John Tel. 611517 for information.

Tuesday 1-5pm PENDLE PATCHERS:

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday Call in and see us.

Tel Audrey 613280

Wednesday 10- 12noon COFFEE & chat:

11th DECEMBER. & 8th JANUARY

Thursday 10 - 11am PILATES

Tracy 07773785904

7.30pm YOGA Michelle Tel. 07710307563

8.00pm LINE DANCING 8pm

Sally-Anne 1541303

The Village hall committee is still looking for a Chairman and looking for members of the village who could help at Special Events. The Hall is maintained and run by volunteers.

MOBILE LIBRARY NEXT VISIT

9th DECEMBER & 6th JANUARY

approx

## 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. Phil Taylor 01282 613165

### Barley to Bethlehem

Live nativity starting at 6pm on Barley car park. Follow the donkey through the village as the Christmas story unfolds. Finishing up in the barn at Wilkinson's Farm Barley to welcome the baby Jesus. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the beautiful candle lit church afterwards.

**Carol Service** Sunday 22nd 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.

7pm 14 Dec

**Roughlee Christmas Boogie**

WITH LIVE SINGER

**JESSICA MARY MUSIC**

**ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE**

PROSECCO ON ARRIVAL

LUXURY XMAS BUFFET

DANCING 'TIL LATE

**TICKETS £25 from [ROUGHLEE.ORG.UK](http://ROUGHLEE.ORG.UK)**  
**or JUDE 07590 627660 / [judithskellorn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judithskellorn@yahoo.co.uk)**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** SUN 1 DEC · 11AM-3PM

CRAFTS, STALLS, SANTA, CAROLS, CAFÉ

**ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE**

## Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

The parish Council is continuing to look at utilising the 106 monies in line with the suggestions from the recent questionnaires. Quotes are being sought by Councillors for the various projects so that funding can be apportioned correctly.

The Spenbrook Mill development remains on the problem site register with Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee. Enforcement Notices and Breach of Condition Notices have been issued to the developer to cease all work outside of approved working hours, to arrange the siting of a secure site compound for site cabins and parking and to comply with the agreed requirements relating to dust control.

The Parish Council website is undergoing a substantial redesign by our newest Councillor, Simon Cronshaw. It is hoped the new site will be accessible sometime in the New Year.

The Christmas lights switch on event has been arranged for November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the centre of Newchurch Village. There will be hot mulled wine and mince pies available and Christmas carol singing. All are welcome.

The PC would like to congratulate Bill Mayor, a resident of Newchurch on his recent academic success in gaining a BA honours degree in History. This qualification has taken Bill 6 years of part-time study and at the age of 81 I think is quite an achievement. Well done Bill.

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Bob Donovan

## St. Mary's Primary Academy

What a busy but fun term we are having!

As our reception 'Stay and Play' session was so well received, Mr Whittaker held a 'Stay and Play' session for Year 1 and 2 parents. These sessions have provided a great opportunity for parents to see what their children are doing in class and ask any questions.

Go Velo has been in school teaching our Year 5 and 6 children Level 1 and 2 Bikeability courses. They will be back in school at the end of November to work with Reception to Year 4.

We held a 'Spotty Disco' in aid of BBC Children in Need on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. We managed to raise a total of £100 whilst having great fun. A big THANK YOU to Mrs Lowcock for being our DJ for the evening.

We have been working with a charity called Church on the Street, collecting items to put together Christmas boxes for the homeless. The children have really taken this appeal to their hearts, donating hats, gloves, toothpaste/brushes, energy bars etc to help the charity put together the boxes.

Christmas preparations are well underway. Our infant children have started preparing for this year's Nativity 'Everyone loves a baby'.

Father Christmas will be visiting our children, in school on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. On the same afternoon, we will also be holding our Christmas Fair which will be opened at 3pm with a 'Santa Dash'. The Friends of Newchurch are providing the children with Santa hats to complete the run around school. Please come along and join in the fun.

During the last week of term we are off to King Georges Hall, Blackburn to watch this year's pantomime performance of Cinderella. Oh yes we are!!

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes  
Mrs P Nightingale

### Pendle Forest History Group

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[wendy.stansfield@live.co.uk](mailto:wendy.stansfield@live.co.uk)

Wednesday 18th December

### Christmas Social

Wednesday 15th January  
Presentation by Brian Jeffrey

### The Industrialisation of Altham

(7AD to 1950)

both events 7.30pm Barley Village Hall

Members £2, Guests £3

## Roughlee Parish Council

Yes, Christmas is nearly here and 2020 will soon be with us. This Parish News covers both festive periods against a somewhat uncertain and changing scene nationally. No doubt what happens on the 12<sup>th</sup> December will have a real impact at the local level but the Parish Council will continue with our efforts to look after our wonderful area and village.

First an important announcement. The Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Lunch is to be held at the Village Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is free to all residents of Roughlee Parish aged 65 or older. Invitations have been sent out to all eligible residents that we know fall into this age group and acceptances have been requested by the 1<sup>st</sup> December. However, we may have missed some eligible people, no doubt because you look too young. If you have been missed but wish to attend please contact us as soon as you can. Guests who are younger or who live outside of the Parish are welcome but a charge of £15 will be made.

Whilst on the subject of event please remember the Christmas Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> December and the Christmas Boogie on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

We have recently hosted the Speed Indicator Device (SPID) in the village. This shows that, whilst most drivers respect the speed limit, there are some notable exceptions. Whilst one may expect the odd boy-racer it is more concerning that local people, identifiable by their distinctive vehicles, seem to regard the village roads as part of a Grand Prix circuit. We all know the potential dangers that speed brings on narrow roads with difficult junctions and blind spots so the Parish Council are appealing to all local residents who use our roads to respect the speed limits.

In the last Parish News I mentioned that the Parish Council were looking into what we can do to help tackle the effects of climate change. I asked for thoughts and suggestions on what we could do locally and, somewhat exceptionally, I received feedback and suggestions which we will include in our thinking.

As a digression can I say how much I appreciate feedback on what is included in the News. There was feedback on two issues mentioned last month, one on climate change and the other on the Whitehough beech trees, both were very positive and supportive. Whether you agree or disagree, or think we are

missing important issues, please do let us know what concerns you locally. The Parish Council will always do what it can to address local concerns.

Back to the issue of climate change, you may be aware that Pendle Council have declared a Climate Emergency and have set up a working group to see what can be done in Pendle to combat the damaging effects. As a means of involving local groups, including Parish Councils, a meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November to review what is happening locally and to discuss what additional measures would help. I attended on behalf of Roughlee and raised the issue of traffic in Pendleside and also put suggestions, such as encouraging greater use of the public transport services and possible car sharing, as a means of tackling a real local issue and also contributing to reducing carbon emissions. We will continue to contribute to the Pendle Council working group and to continue our thinking at the Parish level.

Finally, but very importantly, on behalf of the Parish Council may I wish you all a very good Christmas and a wonderful 2020.

Andrew Walker

### The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for November. Winners were:

- Pauline Nightingale with number 9, winning £25
- Eleanor Kirby with number 12, winning £20
- Joanne Hunt with number 23, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are some numbers still 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](mailto:rosie.hudson08@hotmail.com).

### Christmas **MESSY CHURCH**

will be on the 10th December  
at Barley Village Hall

# Roughlee C of E School

On behalf of everyone here at Roughlee CE Primary School I am pleased to say that our new children have already settled in well to school life. For consecutive years we have been oversubscribed, which is very pleasing. During the October half-term we converted our mezzanine space into a purpose built teaching room/library, in order to be able offer our children further enrichment activities and focused small group and personalised teaching areas.

At the end of the previous academic year 86% of our Year 6 children, who left us in July, either met or exceeded the expected standards in their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. In addition to these outstanding results, all our children throughout school achieved exceptionally well, with on average 90% of children either working at or exceeding their expected 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 skillful staff, governors, parents and more importantly our children. It is a huge privilege to work at Roughlee.

The children have enjoyed a busy start to this term, with visitors from the PAIS Team, Rotary, Soccer School and the Guide Dogs. They also enjoyed celebrating Road Dahl Day by dressing up as their favourite characters.

Damian and Andrew from Soccer Academy have also joined us in school. They taught the children a variety of Mathematical concepts through both theory and practical challenges. The coaches were very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and their behaviour was exemplary.

We have shared two wonderful Harvest Services in church with the children's generous donations going to help local charities.

Members of the Rotary Club have visited school on numerous occasions and I am pleased to state that the following Junior children have been elected to represent our RotaKids Club 2019: President – **Ben Lunney**, Treasurer – **George Walker**, Vice-President – **Maia Blanken** and Secretary – **Khansaa Arshad**.

The PAIS Team led acts of collective worship, linking to this half-term's Christian Value – *Compassion*. The PAIS Team will run an after school club throughout the Summer Term.

Stephen and Emma from 'Life Education' visited school and taught the children the importance of a healthy body and the dangers of medicines, drugs and smoking. The 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 will arrange a fundraising event in the Spring Term to raise money to

twin our toilets with a toilet in Africa. More information about twinning toilets can be found at [www.toilettwinning.org](http://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: **Lewis Jervis, Khansaa Arshad, Noor-Zaman Arshad and Isla Hammer**.

Our staff have attended numerous moderation sessions with our local cluster schools. 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.

Our proactive RotaKids organised a 'Pet Week' in October. The children brought their pets to school and delivered a presentation on how they look after their pet; keeping it safe, healthy and happy. All the monies raised went towards sponsoring a guide dog called Cookie. Later in the term David, Ian and Jeanette and their guide dogs Natalie and Norma visited school.

If you would like to know more about guide dogs or make your donation/sponsor a puppy please visit <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/>

As we continue to refine and develop every aspect of our school, we are currently in the process of designing and installing a new anti-slip soft surface to our outdoor area. The children have been involved in the design. Following a successful School Improvement Evening with staff, governors and parents we are also in the process of changing our school uniform. Again, the children have been instrumental in designing their new uniform, which will include a special and distinctive uniform for our Year 6 children. This is in recognition of their significant contributions to everyday school life. Also, following a suggestion from parents they were invited into school to help the children create two fabulous scarecrows. Both the children and parents had great fun creating Bob (a scuba diver who helped teach the children about the devastating impact plastic is having upon our oceans) and the Gruffalo, which were proudly on display throughout the Pendle Scarecrow Festival.

Preparations for the Christmas Production are in full swing. The children are excited about performing on stage at St John's Church, Colne, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – everyone is welcome to come and watch what I am certain will be a spectacular Christmas production.

Mark Elliott  
Headteacher

# Parish Contacts

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the

## Barley with Wheatley Booth [www.barleyparish.uk](http://www.barleyparish.uk) [www.barleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org.uk)

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

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## Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenbrook) [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

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

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## Roughlee Booth [www.roughlee.org.uk](http://www.roughlee.org.uk)

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

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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

### 2019

1st December	9.30am	Advent Sunday Service
8th December	9.30am	Morning Service
8th December	4pm	Christingle Service (collection for The Children's Society)
15th December	9.30am	Morning Service
22nd December	9.30am	Morning Service
24th December	10pm	Holy Communion with "The Occasional Singers"
25th December	9.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
29th December	9.30am	Morning Prayer

### 2020

5th January	9.30am	Morning Service
5th January	4pm	Coffee, Carols and Kings (bring your own crown)

### MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

Saturday 14th December. From 7pm

Tickets. Adults. £7.50.

Children welcome. Just a donation towards a small gift

At. 5, Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook

Please join us for some Christmas Cheer

### Coffee, Carols & Kings

St. Mary's Church 4pm

on 5th January

Join us for a short service  
and coffee

This and past issues of the Parish News can be found at

[WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK)

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