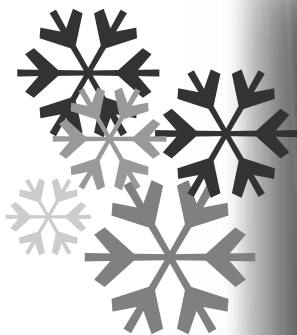


ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH - IN - PENDLE



Parish
NEWS



A Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year to all Villagers

DECEMBER 2011 - JANUARY 2012

Dear Friends

What's the word of the year? According to the compilers of The Oxford English Dictionary, it's 'squeezed middle'! The full OED definition reads: "Squeezed Middle: the section of society regarded as particularly affected by inflation, wage freezes and cuts in public spending during a time of economic difficulty, consisting principally of those on low or middle incomes". At the same time the High Pay Commission has found that top executives' pay has increased by 4000% over the past thirty years with a negative effect on the economy. The usual explanation is that without such high remuneration, these 'top performers' would go and work elsewhere.



It's a feature of modern life worth reflecting on at this time of the year. The way of the world leads us to put a high value on wealth and its acquisition. Christmas shines a spotlight on these values. It's not saying that wealth creation is wrong. A biblical view of wealth sees its value in creating well-being for society. But Jesus is clear that while being a benefit, wealth can also contain hidden dangers.

Idolatry is the number one sin in the Bible. But forget falling down in front of statues. Idolatry is when we put material things higher than our need for somewhere trustworthy to locate our spiritual needs. It seems to me that many of the shapers in society worship high salaries and status symbols. I do worry for their spiritual and moral health that they need to find their security in material things, and to such an extent.

Contrast this with God's modus operandi. A 'chief executive' with no equal inside or outside of the universe, who lays all his privileges aside to experience human frailty from the inside. Not in a palace but in a shack; not as a great leader but as a servant; not in happy old age, but in an early violent death. And why? So that our values might be challenged; that love and selfless commitment might be seen as wealthier options than accumulating things.

The story of Christmas is not a comforting tale for children. It is a wake-up call to all who need to listen. Happy Christmas; and a blessed and 'wealthy' New Year!



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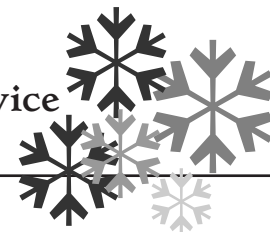
Your Parish Church exists to be the people of God through faith in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, worshipping Him, making disciples and serving others.

SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

	Sunday December 4	4pm	Christingle
	Sunday December 11	4pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
	Christmas Eve	10pm	First Communion of Christmas
	Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Day Communion
	Sunday 8th January	9.30am	Epiphany Service

Saturday
17th December 7.30pm
Christmas Social
5 Osborne Terrace
Tel. 691850 for tickets
£7.50 each inc drinks
and supper



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Next issue Please have your articles for the next 'News' by **Friday January 20.**

Compiled by James Starkie for St Mary's Church and the communities of Barley, Goldshaw Booth & Roughlee.

Funded by St Mary's Church, Barley Parish Council, Goldshaw Booth Parish Council, Roughlee Parish Council & Roughlee Village Centre.

Wednesday 7th December 7.30pm
Decorations for Christmas
Wednesday 4th January at 1.30pm
Film Matinee with
Christmas Goodies
Barley Village Hall

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INSPIRING WOMEN

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday December 21st
Documents and Christmas Social
Wednesday January 18th
Naval History A talk by Bob Hayhurst
7.30pm at Barley Village Hall

BURNS NIGHT

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2012
7 for 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall.
A GREAT SCOTTISH NIGHT
3 COURSE DINNER
Please bring your own drinks
£15 tickets Tel.613280 or 691850

mothers union

May we offer our sympathy to the families and friends of recent funerals held in St. Marys Church
Mrs Doris Holt of Newchurch on Oct 25.
Mr Derek Cornes of Roughlee on Nov 1.
Mrs Edith Procter of Fence on Nov 18.

More than sad to report the demise of our dear friend and member Edith Procter. Edith had been a Mothers Union member for over 50 years, and enrolling member for many years.
May she rest in peace.

Congratulations to Julia & Noel Curry who were married on Nov 4.

Christmas & New Year Greetings to one and all.

Kathleen Wilkinson



Saturday 17 Dec.
'Santa Comes to Newchurch Village'
4.30pm - 7pm

Santa arriving on his sleigh
5pm - 6pm
Presents for all the Children
Carol Singing with St Thomas' Church Choir
Hot Food ~ Mulled Wine
Come and Join in the Festive Fun!!

Barley Chapel

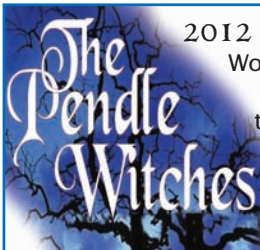
is a family friendly church
that meets every Sunday at 10.30am for
Worship & Sunday FOG Club

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 11th December 6pm

Barley to Bethlehem

Sunday 18th December - 6pm at the car park - bring a torch.



2012 SEES THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SO CALLED WITCHES' TRIALS IN LANCASTER.

Work has been going on in the background for the last two years and many events have been planned, in all parts of Pendle & Lancashire. Roughlee Parish Council authorised James Starkie to develop the idea of an 'Alice' sculpture to be seated on a stone structure near to Crowtrees. Funds have been established and over a dozen designs from artists across the north of England have been received. The funders' commissioning panel also includes Barley author, Kate Mulholland, famous for her book on Alice Nutter. It is now the intention to appoint a small panel of Roughlee-ers who will oversee the final design. Colin Nutter and Bruce Hartley have kindly agreed to prepare the groundworks. The plan is to launch the statue in April as the opening feature of Pendle's contribution to

the anniversary. ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE ANY INPUT IS INVITED TO EMAIL james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk TEL 699262

Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE
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

Next Parish Council meetings at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall.

December 7 & January 11

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	david.weatherill@cibluk.com

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Next Parish Council meetings at 7pm in Newchurch School.

December 13 & January 10

Parish Council Chairman:	William Mayor	Tel. 691369	cambilodia@hotmail.com
Parish Council Clerk:	Position now filled		
Church News Co-ordinator:	Chris Widdas	Tel. 691850	chriswiddas@gmail.com

Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

Next Parish Council meetings at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre.

December 5 & January 9

Parish Council Chairman:	Brian Nelson	Tel. 697220	brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com
Parish Council Clerk:	Carol Donohoe	Tel. 07769 857595	caroldonohoe@msn.com
Village Centre Chairman:	Michelle Harvey	Tel. 619602	m.harvey@cobra-at.com



Councillors

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BARLEY

You may or may not have been aware that an application has been received by Pendle Council to construct three houses on the old filter beds Barley Green. Planning officers are recommending refusal but only on the grounds of design. The documents can be viewed online, using the case number 13/11/0531P. The actual decision will be made at Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting at 7pm Thursday 8th December. Barley Parish Council has submitted a letter of objection on planning, traffic sight lines and listed building grounds and so too have some residents, but this may not be enough!! Please contact Cllr Goodger (T 604301) if you have any comments.

Pendle Council is also holding a public consultation on the Core Strategy, a new planning document that will have a major influence on physical change in Pendle's towns, villages and countryside over the next 15 years. It also indicates where and how much housing, retail and employment development we wish to see in the Borough in the coming years, as well as highlighting those areas we wish to protect from development.

The Council want to be sure that their new policies will encourage development that helps to support the key priorities for the area, and directs growth to where it is most needed. All comments will be carefully considered and the Core Strategy will be amended as necessary. It is suggested that the new policies could have a significant effect on Barley and your consideration and comment would be appreciated. The six-week public consultation ends on Monday 12th December 2011 so it very important to get your views in.

The Show 'Oliver' was an outstanding success. Audiences of more than 150 people packed the chapel in the afternoon and evening. The show raised £1,300 so that the children of Kailahun could have a extra bag of rice at Christmas. The play was produced, directed and starred our local young people, of whom we should be very proud. The next event is Barley to Bethlehem. There are still vacancies for shepherds and angels!! Meet at the chapel at 5.30pm on Sunday 18th December, if you are interested. The actual show will start on the picnic site at 6pm.

David Goodger

Village Hall

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

YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday contact Charlotte Hargreaves. Tel. 603682 or Bev. 604634

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 14th Dec. & 11th January at 10am

MESSY CHURCH 3rd Tuesday of each month 3.30-5.30pm
Next one January 17th 2012

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10-12 noon. Closed school holidays, Contact Tracy tel. 690884

LINE DANCING: Thursday 7.30 pm contact Ruth 867438

PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904.

10 – 11am. Holiday 22nd & 29th December

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517.

WHIST: Last Sunday in month. Jean 615089 Audrey Weatherill

Goldshaw Booth

PARISH COUNCIL

The PC has recently been asked by PBC to prepare a list of its priorities, which is surprisingly difficult to do. How widely should our ideas range? Do we just go for footpath trimming and dog poo avoidance (both current problems) or do we let our imaginations soar. And, if the latter, where is the money to come from? We've surely got to be realistic in these tight times? In the end, we choose projects which are just possible; could we convert the upper gallery of St Marys into a meeting room? (formidable problems and very expensive), the re-design of the playing fields (expensive and difficult to formulate, but possible grant support), re-surfacing of the ginnels between Osborne and Gorrell (problems of ownership, cost and practicality). But, at least, these are interesting projects and would greatly benefit the community. So we'll try. What would you have chosen?

LCC have rebuilt the wall at the end of Wellhead and tidied the roadsides throughout the parish in anticipation of winter; there is no more news on Spen Brook Mill and I do urge you to have a look at the new "Core Strategy" proposed by PBC to replace the existing Local Plan and its proposals on housing and planning which may give us more say on what happens locally..

Bill Mayor

GOLDSHAW EVENTS COMMITTEE

– the two events held in quick succession were both a great success, the first a meal at the Barley Mow, followed by Bonfire Night. The weather was kind to us on Bonfire Night and over

200 people attended all enjoying pie and peas, mulled wine and toffee apples. Thank you to everyone for their support.

NEXT EVENT: 'Santa Comes to Newchurch Village',
17 December – see advert for further details.

Bob Donovan

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Prayers are with Miss Susan Procter, school governor, as she comes to terms with the sad and sudden death of her mother Edith. Edith Procter was Headteacher at St. Mary's Primary School from January 1963 for over 10 years. A service was held in Church on Friday 18th November.

Raising money for charity: Children in Need: Harry & Sophie Wilkinson sold buns that they had baked with their Grandma and raised £31 for this appeal. Well done!! We held a non-uniform day on Friday 18th November

Events up to Christmas:

Friends of Newchurch held their annual Quiz Night, raising much needed funds for the school. KS2 children enjoyed: Bikeability, Tag Rugby & Football events. KS1 children enjoyed a wonderful 'Story Telling' session with Sue Allonby. Christmas Concerts "Momentous Messages" 6th & 7th December. On the 9th December the whole school is going to Burnley Youth Theatre to watch the 'The Snow Queen'. "16th December, Carol Service in St. Mary's Church.

Year 4 have been working with our Extended Services Co-ordinator, Donna Lancaster on a topic called 'Adopt a Friend'.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

ROUGHLEE

I am pleased to inform villagers we now have a new Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy that existed. Stuart Milligan from Croft House Farm has agreed to join us. Stuart has lived in the village for many years and we look forward to his added contribution to the Parish Council. This is a good time to remind all villagers that the Parish Council meets the first Monday of each month, subject to not being a Bank Holiday, at the Village Centre at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

The Annual Seniors Christmas lunch is to be held on Tuesday 13th December at the Village Centre. We are again pleased that the Mayor of Pendle, Councillor Nadeem Ahmed will be attending. The event is free to all villagers over 60 and invitations have gone out to residents we believe fall into that category, but we may not have covered all. Please if anyone would like to come and are residents over 60 please let me know on 697220 and we will accomodate them. Vice Chairman Colin Williams is organising this year's event and once again there is a 3 course meal followed by entertainment from the pupils of Roughlee School. A local entertainer has agreed to come along and treat us to a few "old and seasonal" songs. The last Saturday in November saw the Annual Village Ball organised by the Village Centre Committee. May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Parish Council to congratulate them on an excellent event with close to 140 villagers and friends in attendance - it was a great success.

Plans for next years Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Monday June 4th are now moving along extremely well. As I have mentioned before it is planned to have a procession from the Village Centre to Happy Valley where we would join

the processions from Newchurch and Barley for a joint procession to the Event Field. Perhaps residents can give some thought how they can get involved in this over the cold and dark evenings of this winter. Further details of plans will be outlined over the next couple of months so please watch this space!!!! Finally on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to wish all villagers, their friends and families a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Brian Nelson

SCHOOL The older juniors have been training for the tag rugby tournament with Mr. Archer and the children of St. Mary's. We wish them all the best and hope that they will be as successful as in previous years!

Along with the other schools in the Pendle Network Learning Community (PNLC), we enjoyed a week of events at the beginning of October, each with a Pendle theme. The junior children visited Queen Street Mill in Harle Syke and learnt something of our local heritage in the cotton industry. Other events included: a canal art workshop; a presentation by Building Bridges; the town crier; rag rug-making and a Victorian classroom experience.

As part of our work in helping our children to understand how they learn, we joined the staff and children of St. Mary's, Newchurch for a workshop entitled "Your Amazing Brain". The children took part in activities which helped to illustrate how the brain works on different levels and showed what had to be done to achieve successful learning.

And so we look forward to starting practices for "Stargazers", our Christmas Nativity play.

Carolyn Potts

It is with deep regret we report the death of Derek Cornes of Middlewood Farm. Our sympathies go out to Gertrude and family.