

Dear Friends



Christmas celebrations are now upon us, and we will be singing familiar carols. I wonder what you'll make of words, 'Hark, the herald angels, glory to the new-born king. Peace on earth and mercy mild...' Will they ring untrue, especially as the news will continue to be dominated the threat of terrorism at home, and the Syrian conflict abroad?

Peace does seem in short supply. When the heavenly choir sang, Peace on earth to people on whose God's favour shines, were they being ironic? If Jesus is Messiah, what has happened to the kingdom of truth and justice he was supposed to bring in? Part of the answer lies in God's preferred way of operating. I have no doubt that God could impose peace on this planet, much in the same way that Bush imposed peace in Iraq with the troop surge in 2007. Remember that? Of course it was a failure because all it attempted to do was to stop people fighting. Peace is not the same thing as an absence of conflict.

The peace that the angels sang about, shalom in Hebrew, is something much more profound. It means prosperity, happiness, well-being, harmonious living. Its source is God, but it has to be embedded in people's hearts. Like the seed Jesus talks about it can only grow if our hearts contain fertile soil, and if we remove the weeds which make us keep a record of wrongs at a national as well as a personal level.

It is a tall order. But in Jesus I see God's blueprint for the world, a world where we can treat others as we would like to be treated, where love of neighbour and love of enemies becomes the norm. God's will is irresistible in the long-term.

So I wish you God's peace this Christmas, and unending peace in the year to come.

God bless you.

John

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ST. MARY'S

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

BB12 9JR



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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Christingle Service Sunday 6th December
4pm at St. Mary's.

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Sunday 13th December
6pm Joint Carol Service at Barley Chapel with Barley Methodists.

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Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve
10pm Service at St. Mary's.

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Friday 25th December Christmas Day
9.30am Christmas Day Communion at St. Mary's.

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Sunday 27th December
10.30am Carols and Coffee.

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Sunday 3rd January, 2016
9.30am Epiphany

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Parish CHURCH NEWS



December 2015 - January 2016

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promises to be a "good do" with the usual attendance of our School and a young man providing some musical entertainment. Finally as it is the last publication of the year I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous 2016 and thank all of those that have supported our village during the year, whether it be for maintenance, gardening, litter picking (all those things that make our village special) or just attending the many fund raising and community events that we have held during 2015.

Martin Schofield

Roughlee School

Wow, what a busy term this has been. It seems a long time ago now since the fabulous Tour of Britain cycled past the school on the first day of term. Five children provided a live commentary of the event on Radio Lancashire. During October the children participated in a 'Back to the Future week', which included a whole school trip to the Manchester Museum of Science. Our Year 5 and 6 children also enjoyed a vast range of arts, craft and science activities during a celebration day at Barnoldswick C of E Primary School. As part of this topic our Key Stage 2 children participated in a Dragons' Den style competition; undertaking market research, designing and producing a product that the market either required or desired and then pitching their ideas to a set of formidable dragons. Well done to Leo, Jake and Henry who won this competition with their fantastic 'Dimension Teleporter'. We would like to thank Tesco's for providing the prizes and helping to judge the children's vast range of inventions. The children held a lovely Harvest service in church and I would like to thank all our families for their very kind donations. Isabella and Evie were excellent ambassadors for the school when they represented us at the Celebration of Reading event, held at Burnley Football Club. During this event they met Steve Hartley, a renowned children's author.

At the beginning of November the whole school participated in a safety awareness day; road, fireworks and E-safety. The PAIS team kindly visited school and delivered some inspirational and thought provoking acts of worship; this term we have explored the Christian values of Generosity and Compassion. Mr Lavender presented the school with a beautiful bespoke cross, which he hand carved. This cross now takes pride of place on our worship table. The children shared a

special Remembrance assembly in school, observing the two minute silence with the respect it deserves. I was incredibly proud of all our children during this lovely assembly, as they conducted themselves admirably. We also observed the European Silence, reflecting upon the recent tragic events in France. In aid of Children in Need the children came to school dressed as superheroes or wore their spots with pride. Preparations are going well for our Christmas production; Stable Manners. Our production will be held at St John's Church, Colne, on 8th December at 7pm. It would be lovely to see as many family members and friends of the school as possible to share in what will be a wonderful evening of entertainment, as the children explore the true meaning of Christmas. The children will also be entertaining local residents at the Village Centre on 15th December at 2pm, again all welcome! Term will end this year with a special Awards Assembly held in church, St Mary's Newchurch, on Friday 18th December at 9.30am. Children will be presented with a range of trophies, rewards and certificates in recognition of their endeavours and achievements this term. Family and friends are encouraged to join us in church to celebrate all the children's successes.

In addition to all these amazing events there has also been a lot of changes in school. There has been significant changes to both our curriculum and assessment procedures. We have swapped classrooms in order to provide a better learning environment for all our children and further enhance our Teaching and Learning provisions. Unfortunately Mrs Cocker will be leaving us after 7 years of dedicated service and I entrust you will all join with me in saying a huge thank you and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Miss McDevitt is also leaving us to go on maternity leave, as she embarks upon a new chapter in her life. I'm sure you will also join with me in wishing her all the best as well. The school is currently recruiting suitable replacements to ensure there is no disruption to learning. On a final note I would like to thank the staff, governors, parents and most importantly the children for making me feel so welcome and for all their support. Roughlee Church of England Primary School truly is a very special school, where children come first and I feel very privileged to be a part of it.

Mark Elliott, Associate Headteacher

Roughlee Village Centre

Our spectacular Roughlee Glitter Ball passed off marvellously. Attendees were snugly entertained, wined and dined inside the marquee, whilst gales and rain outside tried their hardest (but failed) to get in! We also made use of the marquee for our Fayre on Sunday 8th. James Starkie

St. Mary's Church Restoration

The Parochial Church Council is delighted to be able to tell you that our Heritage Lottery bid was successful! We have been awarded a grant of £81,400 towards the total cost of the project. St. Mary's Church will pay for the remaining £20,000.

Scaffolding will allow the tower roof to be replaced and other remedial work on the tower and adjacent walls and roof to be undertaken.

Once the work on the tower has been completed and the fabric has had a chance to dry, another dry rot treatment will be applied. The initial dry rot treatment was undertaken when the organ was removed. As soon as the building is declared fit and dry the organ will be rebuilt. All being well we may be able to hear the organ again at Easter. This successful bid required a range of supporting activities. This will allow us to do three things:

- Research the history and heritage of the church in greater depth than we have done before and publish the findings
- Have our website redesigned to give access to church history and heritage as well as all the other information people search for.
- Have a whole range of events during 2016

We have called these events "St. Mary's Church Heritage Year 2016" and our Calendar for 2016 is attached to this magazine. Please keep the calendar for future reference.

I would like to thank the many people who supported this lottery bid. They will be mentioned during the Celebration Event and the Official Opening of our Heritage Year, by Andrew Stephenson M.P., at 2pm on Saturday 9th January 2016 in St. Mary's Church.

John Parsons, Parish Secretary, St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's School

Children & staff are very busy practising lines and prop-making for our Christmas performance of 'Baboushka'. Their singing is wonderful and this should be another fantastic, entertaining event.

The Infant children were very excited when we

took delivery of 7 duck eggs in an incubator, from Bowland Farm. The Infants enjoyed watching and learning about the life cycle of a duckling. Not only did our Infant children thoroughly enjoy this experience but our Juniors and members of staff loved watching them too!! Brian Beresford visited school, a musical educator and former Primary headteacher, to present his anti-bullying workshop. His aim was to spread effective anti-bullying messages through the medium of song. 'Let me be' is already sung in many schools across the UK. The workshop aimed to teach the anti-bullying messages introduced in the song. The children enjoyed the workshop which delivered a powerful message in a fun way.

We look forward to our annual visit from the Life Education Bus. Life Education Centres is a charity providing unique health education programmes. In an age appropriate way they hope to equip the children, with the knowledge, life skills and attitudes they need to make informed health choices.

We are approaching Pantomime time again and this year we are taking the whole school to see Cinderella at the Civic Arts Theatre at Oswaldtwistle.

Our Christmas Carol Service will be taking place in St. Mary's Church on the last day of term, Friday 18th December, at 2pm. Mrs Pauline Nightingale

St. Mary's Social

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & Christmas Novelties Night. Saturday 19th. 7pm £7.50 for adults.

If parents wish to bring children between 4 & 6pm please let Chris or Valerie Widdas know and we ask for a donation towards a small present for each child. Tel 691850



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www.facebook.com/groups/SaveOurCampschool/

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 9, January 13 & February 10

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

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

Village Hall Chairman: Chris Widdas ☎ 691850 chriswiddas@gmail.com

Goldshaw Booth

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

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School.

Next Meetings: December 8, January 12 & February 9

Parish Council Chairman: Kathleen Wilkinson ☎ 617971 chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk

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

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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 7, January 4 & February 1

Parish Council Chairman: Martin Schofield ☎ 691482 roughleechair@btinternet.com

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

BADMINTON & KEEP FIT: John ☎611517

CRAFT GROUP: Valerie ☎691850

PENDLE PATCHERS: Audrey ☎613280

COFFEE & CHAT

Second Wednesdays 10am to 12 noon.

CRAFT CLUB & LINE DANCING:

Sally-Anne ☎0759 549 3289

CRAFTERNOON TEA 17th December & 21 January at 1.30pm. £6 includes materials and refreshments. Booking essential as places limited.

PILATES: Tracy ☎0777 378 5904

YOUNG FARMERS: ☎ 0789 659 8811

MESSY CHURCH

Third Tuesday 3.30pm in Barley Village Hall.

Barley Chapel

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 13th December at 6pm

Barley to Bethlehem

Sunday 20th December

Meet at 6pm on Village car park.

Follow the donkey through the village as the Christmas Story unfolds. Ending up in the barn at Wilkinson's Farm to welcome baby Jesus.

Coffee and mince pies will be served in the beautiful candle lit church afterwards.

In case of adverse weather conditions ring 694127 or check the Barley Chapel Facebook page.

Short Christmas Day service 10.30am

Led by Mark Clegg. Bring along your favourite present and thank God for His gift to us of Jesus Christ.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

December 16th – Christmas Social

January 20th Alison Armitage

"Wills and inventories"

7.30pm Barley Village Hall

GOLDSHAW BOOTH PC

An offer to erect Christmas lights in front of the toilet by Carl Ryder was accepted by Councillors. Cllr. Chris Hudson agreed to organise the rockery area lights at Spen Brook. Dog fouling. Cllr. John Parsons reported that people are still taking dogs onto the Playing Field and surrounding field areas and not cleaning up after their pets. Council agreed that if the situation does not improve Pendle Council will be requested to make some watchful visits.

Christmas gifts for the over 70's. If you a resident of Goldshaw Booth and come into this category please phone Kathleen on 617971. Millennium Garden, spring bulbs are being planted in that area over the next few weeks. Discussions and suggestions for resolving parking issues in Spenbrook are ongoing. The Parish Council Vacancy is not yet filled. Seasons Greetings to all readers. Kathleen Wilkinson

ROUGHLEE

Our attempts to recruit a replacement Clerk for the Parish Council appears to be falling on deaf ears, so once again I ask if there is anybody out there who like to step up to the plate and volunteer for this part time role. This position is one of importance and requires attendance at one meeting per month (usually the first Monday) with the main task being to take minutes, prepare and distribute them before the next meeting and dealing with any correspondence as it appears mainly on Email. It is a paid position, reflecting the hours worked (it will probably pay for some nice holidays). So if you are interested, please give me a call, stop me in the street or try to "blag" a drink out of me in the pub whilst feigning interest. Previously we have asked for volunteers to help to tackle our Himalayan Balsam problem, we have some response to this,



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Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Barley Parish Council

The good news is that the funding bid by the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership team has been successful and just over £2m of funding has been set aside for the area by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The scheme aims to reconnect people from both sides of the hill to their landscape and to their past and it will restore important wildlife and landscape features, tell the stories of radical people from the past, explore the geology and heritage of the hill and hopefully inspire people to enjoy and respect the area. The initial funding is of £156k will soon be with the Forest of Bowland AONB through its Landscape Partnership and the next task is to progress plans over the next 18 months to unlock the full £2m. Securing a wide range of programmes will boost the economy, the environment and the culture of the area. Barley PC has a seat on the Partnership Board and we will keep you informed as programmes and plans are developed.

Last month the PC prepared Building Inspection and Legionella Reports and that has identified some works we need to undertake in the toilet block to ensure safety and improve the amenity. All the light fittings have been replaced with LED lamps with sensors and that has significantly enhanced the lighting and will reduce our electrical costs – if you choose to read your newspaper down there you will no longer need a torch but you will have to move occasionally to trip the sensors – and with some new locks fitted in the ladies I am hoping we do not have to hear any more renditions of "Oh, dear what can the matter be"; one lady locked in has been enough! 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 Christmas tree is now lit and has grown about a foot this year allowing more lights to be fitted by John & Peter and it looks just fine, it is slowly starting to dominate the garden area. Pendle BC had owned and erected the star on the Village Hall in previous years but they do so no longer. The star has been gifted to the PC and we would like to thank John and Richard Hargreaves for erecting the star for us. On that note on behalf of the PC I will wish you all a Happy Christmas.

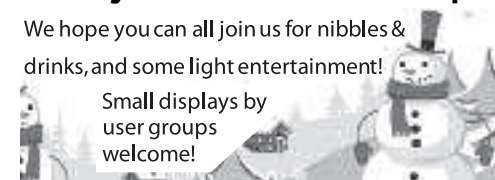
Derek Heap

Barley Village Hall Christmas open day celebration

To say thank you to all the clubs, religious groups, charities, running groups, young farmers, and everyone else who has used our Hall this year, we're having a mini celebration!
Sunday December 20 from 2pm

We hope you can all join us for nibbles & drinks, and some light entertainment!

Small displays by user groups welcome!



BURNS NIGHT
SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY 2016
7.00 FOR 7.30pm
Please bring your own drinks
£16 tickets Tel.613280 or 691850