

Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter

Hello all,

If you're anything like me, it's getting a bit harder to stay upbeat and positive while the pandemic continues to trundle on, but at least we have now had the good news that a vaccine (or three) is on the horizon, and come the early part of 2021 there is real hope that we can begin the process of putting the effects of this virus behind us.

The decision to allow up to three households to gather for a few days over Christmas has caused a fair bit of controversy. Lots of people will decide to limit their celebrations to their own immediate household, but for others it may well be the one thing that helps them cope with the restrictions ahead.

Unfortunately there will be many families and individuals who will struggle to have a happy Christmas this year. Redundancy, furlough and reduced working hours are all taking their toll. Collections for Morecambe Foodbank are ongoing in our villages, and to keep up to date with the latest news and requests, go to their Facebook page

www.facebook.com/MorecambeFoodbank

Stay safe and well this festive season, and have

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and Happy New Year!

Hilary Rooney

P.S. Have a go at Ken's caption competition opposite, and get your Christmas thinking caps on for a Christmas Quiz on page 4.

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Caption Competition



What's he thinking?

Send your caption to Ken Dunn (kendunn1952@outlook.com) by 23 December. There's a bottle of wine for the winner, kindly donated by Ken.

Contributions for the February/March newsletter should be sent to hjrooney64@gmail.com by midnight on Thursday 28 January 2021



St Mary's Church



A 'Chapel of Ease' in the Parish of Warton, providing a place of worship for the villagers of Borwick and Priest Hutton.

Services and church opening during the COVID-19 restrictions

During the next phase of Covid-19 restrictions from 3 December the pattern of services in our benefice is expected to be as follows:

Sunday 9.30am online. A livestream Eucharist broadcast from either St Mary's, Borwick or St John's, Yealand; this service can be viewed on our benefice [YouTube channel](#).

Sunday 11.00am at St Oswald's, Warton. A public Eucharist with a maximum of 50 people able to attend the service; appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

Wednesday 9.30am at St John's, Yealand. A public Eucharist with a maximum of 30 people able to attend the service; appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

Thursday 11.00am at St Mary's, Borwick. A public Eucharist with a maximum of 24 people able to attend the service; appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

Special services

Advent and Christmas



- ❖ **Travelling Crib during Advent.** This year we will be posting a picture on the Benefice [Facebook](#) page showing Mary, Joseph and Donkey at a location somewhere in the Benefice – you have to guess where they spent the night before! Also, in each picture will be Baarnabas, a wandering sheep – you might have to look hard sometimes to find Baarnabas!

- ❖ **Christmas Carol Service.** This pre-recorded service will be broadcast on our [YouTube channel](#) at 6.00pm on Friday 18 December. It will include readings recorded in our three churches and carols recorded by St Oswald's Church Choir.



- ❖ **Crib Service.** This pre-recorded service will be broadcast on our [YouTube channel](#) at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December. It will include the telling of the Christmas story as we create the nativity scene in the Christmas Crib. People will be able to join in by putting the characters into their own crib at home.



- ❖ **Christmas Day.** We will celebrate this special day with a 9.30am livestream service and an 11.00am public service at St Oswald's.



Our church buildings are open for individual prayer as follows:

St Oswald's: Sundays 8.30am-10.30am
Weds & Thurs 10.00am-4.00pm.

St Mary's: Sundays 12 noon-4.00pm;
Wednesdays 12 noon-4.00pm.

St John's: Sunday 12 noon-4.00pm;
Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
10.00am-4.00pm.

Any changes will be publicised on our website at www.ubwby.org

our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UnitedWBYP

and the St Mary's page on 'A Church Near You'
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/.

You can download a copy of the current church magazine and weekly notice sheet from any of our online platforms.

St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting

At the Annual District Church Meeting for St Mary's, held on 12 October, the following people were elected to office on behalf of St Mary's:

- Churchwardens – Sally Fletcher and Joyce Tombs (also DCC Treasurer).
- Member of the Parochial Church Council – Harry Clarke.
- Member of the District Church Council – Noeline Clarke, Lesley Fairclough (also DCC Secretary).

The Licensed Lay Ministers in the Benefice, Annette MacKenzie and Janet Thompson, are also members of the DCC.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Sheila Barnes who stepped down as Churchwarden.



The Benefice and Social Media

Make sure you keep up to date with all the latest news via one of the following:



Visit us at www.ubwby.org



Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UnitedWBYP/



Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/UnitedWBYP>

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You can now support **St Mary's Church, Borwick** on #easyfundraising! When you sign up as a supporter, **4,300 shops** and sites **will donate for free, every time you shop online**. This includes all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat and many more!

So sign up with #easyfundraising so that your retailers make a **FREE DONATION** to St Mary's every time you shop with them. Simply follow the link below to register. There is no cost to you.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryschurchborwick

Joyce Tombs







Christmas Quiz



Scramble the first letter of each of the answers to find a seasonal wish for everyone.



1. I'm slithery and slippery, I chink and I clink. What am I?
2. Mix together dried fruit and nuts, spices, sugar and suet. Place in a warm oven for a few hours, then what do you get?
3. Brenda first, then Kim, did this around their *Abies*. 
4. Now I am an edible treat, once I was a source of heat. What am I?
5. Listen! The heavenly messengers are carousing! 
6. I mark the passing of the days in the last of the dozen portions of the year. What am I?
7. Neil sang about me, and I'm a festive tradition.  What am I?
8. "Ho! Ho! Ho! I hope you've been good this year!" Who am I?
9. My parts are irregular, but my whole is quadrilateral. What am I?
10. Sparkling strands lined up on a string, no better kind of Christmas bling! What am I?
11. Draw near, you unwavering people. 
12. Blinded by a light from the sky, these animal minds followed the astral guide to the horse's dwelling. Who were they?



Send your answer – just the 'seasonal wish' – to me by Friday 18 December for a chance to win a festive table decoration. Names of people with correct answers will put into a hat and the winner drawn by me. I'll let you know you've won, and your table decoration will be delivered to your doorstep w/c Monday 21 December. Good luck!

Open to residents of Borwick, Priest Hutton and Tewitfield only.

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Example only



Memorial Hall News



from Ken Dunn, Chair

Under the enhanced Tier 3 rules announced on Thursday 26 November we are not allowed to host;

- Indoor Sports
- Exercise Classes
- Group activities
- Coffee mornings
- Wedding receptions or other celebrations

In the circumstances we have decided to keep the Hall closed for the foreseeable future.

Let's hope for better after Christmas.

Coffee Mornings



Many thanks to all those who supported our October Coffee Morning. We raised a good sum of money and this year we will be supporting Parkinson's UK in memory of Tom Prew. All monies are accumulated until after the final coffee morning in March.

Obviously because of 'lockdown' it was not possible to get together in November, and it looks as though we have also been thwarted in December. Let's hope for better luck in the New Year!

Maureen Thomas

Lottery News

The Lottery draws have been brought up to date, even the big Christmas prize since, unfortunately, the Christmas coffee morning has been cancelled.

A full list of prize-winners for 2020 is listed below. If you have not yet received your winner's cheque please get in touch with me (Ken Dunn).

Winners	2020	
	£20	£10
Jan	Louise Robinson	Tony Johns
Feb	Diane Adams	Ken Richardson
Mar	Harry Clarke	Jean Johns
Apr	Richard Mellor	Terry Halhead
May	Karen Baldham	Malcolm Houghton
Jul	Sarah Osmond	Peter Simcock
Aug	Keith Brady	Brian Haythornthwaite
Sep	Steve Le Cheminant	Joan Bell
Oct	Sue Corless	Dave Greenwood
Nov	Jackie Thomas	Liz Mackay
	£60	£30
Jun	Pam Beaumont	June Prew
Dec	Carolyn Loveday	Agnes Bainbridge

As you will understand, it has been very difficult to collect lottery subs in cash during the pandemic. If you wish to enter for prizes during 2021 could you please pay your £12 stake either by Bacs, or better still set up a standing order.

Borwick & Priest Hutton Lottery Club
Sort Code: 20-47-61
Account Number: 10067210

For newcomers to our villages, the Lottery Club pays 50% of its takings to the Memorial Hall to help with running costs, and the other 50% is returned in prizes.

Priest Hutton Parish

The next Parish meeting, which will be the AGM, will be on Tuesday 19 January and held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

The Chair and Clerk are both standing down at this meeting. It is therefore important that people come forward to fill these posts in order to avoid our village being "closed down".

Thank you.

Jean Johns

Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish

CRAFT GROUP

I was thinking the other day of the meaning of the word 'craft'. The dictionary says 'A craft or trade is a pastime or a profession that requires particular skills and knowledge.' We tend to think in terms of knitting, sewing, card making etc. But through this lockdown, Colin and I, and many of you I'm sure, have used technology so much more and had to get our brains around it in many different ways. We have watched live concerts and live theatre, which has been brilliant and food for the soul and so much more. So for us we have learned a new craft and are so grateful to all those technicians that have made it possible.

I can't wait for the Craft Group to be able to get together again. I know how much we miss each other but hopefully this spring or sooner will see things turn around. Time for me to put the kettle on, make a coffee, then get on to sewing up the sweater I've been knitting for my granddaughter.

Keep crafting in any sense of the word and keep calm and stay safe. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

Jane Taylor



Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

Following the latest Government announcement with regard to social gatherings it is unlikely that the WI will be able to meet in the near future. This of course will affect the start of our 100th Anniversary year but hopefully, if all is to be believed, we should be able to hold our birthday event in May next year.

Maureen will keep everyone informed by email as to what is happening in the future as and when any decisions are made. In the meantime Dorothy and the committee send all members Seasons Greetings and a wish for a better year in 2021. Please all of you keep safe.

The W.I meets on the second Tuesday of the month (except August). For further information please contact the President - Dorothy Fell - 01524 720067.

Diane Sunderland

Gardeners' Club



Following the news that the lockdown is to continue into next year it is very doubtful that the Gardeners' Club will be able to meet in the near future. Matt will send any information regarding meetings etc. to all members via email. In the meantime Carol and the committee send Seasons Greetings to all members in the hope that things will be better sometime in 2021.

Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Carol Tennant Chairman

