



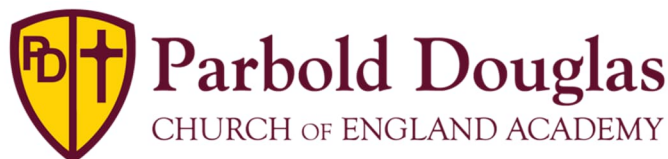
NEWSLETTER

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What a pleasure to be able to welcome you to the December edition of the Newsletter. In my first newsletter as Headteacher, may I start by **wishing you all the most wonderful Christmas** to you and your family on behalf of us all at Parbold Douglas.

This year, at Parbold Douglas we are focusing on the theme of **JOY** – and what a better time of the year to highlight Joy than at Christmas time!

Joy is an integral part of our school community – we believe primary school should be **full of Joy**. From ice pops under the oak tree to discos, from residential trips to collecting 85kg of food for the local food bank – we see our mission is to provide joy for the children and in turn encourage them to be 'Kingdom Builders' out in our community as JOY-spreaders.

The school has been bustling with events throughout the Autumn term and we are getting into the Christmas spirit. This year, we are focusing on how we can help provide Joy, Love and Hope **to those in need at Christmas time**. In partnership with the awesome charity **Stable Lives** in Parbold (mental health charity supporting families in crisis), we are helping them prepare for their Christmas Nativity event. This event welcomes 300 children and adults to take part in a nativity walk, learning about the true meaning of Christmas, followed by an elf workshop and meeting Father Christmas. For many who attend, the presents provided are the **only presents they will get this Christmas**. Through the wrapping of teddy bears and collection of presents, our school community is hoping to provide masses presents for the event. If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome to drop gifts for children or adults off at school **before December 18th**. Further information is on our social media pages. Email Christmas@stable-lives.co.uk if you can help the Charity or know someone who could be supported by the event.

Looking forward into the new year, there many events planned for our school community. You will most likely see us out and about in Parbold on school trips and giving back to the community through litter picks and local campaigns and initiatives.

We also are continuing to grow our school and our nursery. We're excited to announce a **new Reception classroom** and enhancements to our Nursery provision for September 2025. The new build will grow our capacity and improve our offer for the children in our care. It is a very exciting time for our school!

Web: parbold.org **X:** @ParboldDouglas

Facebook/ Instagram: PDAcademy

School: 01257 462007 or admin@pda.lancs.sch.uk

Nursery: 01257 462199 or nursery@pda.lancs.sch.uk

Have a wonderful and joyous Christmas, Mr. Chris Lawson, Headteacher



2024-2025 Season – Autumn Series, The Auditorium, Parbold Village Hall, WN8 7DN

Christmas with Intrada Brass Ensemble - 7.45 p.m. Saturday 7th December 2024

What better way to start the Christmas season than with an evening of festive brass music? The Lancashire-based Intrada Brass Ensemble are old friends of Parbold Music, and we're delighted that they will be performing not only Christmas classics, but some timeless favourites as well. The 11 musicians will play a wide range of music, from baroque through to jazz and pop, by composers as diverse as César Franck, Mel Tormé, John Rutter, Irving Berlin and Chris de Burgh. Be prepared for an evening full of Christmas spirit, and bring your best singing voices if you enjoy joining in! Only a few tickets remain. Please contact the Box office for the last few and returns.

Parbold Music Spring 2025 series of concerts begins on Saturday, 15th February at 7.45 p.m. featuring The Meliora Ensemble www.parboldmusic.org 07768799821 tickets@parboldmusic.org

On behalf of the PCA we would like to thank our volunteer Distributors and sponsors for your continued support this year.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Find us on Sundays at: **Parbold Village Hall, The Green. WN8 7DN.**

www.parboldpicturehouse.org or Telephone: 01257 463878 [Not staffed; leave message]

Sunday Screenings 7.00 p.m. Tickets: £6.00. All seats unreserved. No booking necessary.

Rick's Café open for pre-screening rendezvous at 6.30 p.m.

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Sunday December 8th 7.00 p.m. The Taste of Things SUBTITLED Cert: 12 125 min

Dir: Tran Anh Hung. Starring: Juliet Binoche, Benoît Magimel.

Modest film but one of the greats of 2024. *****Time Out, Financial Times 'So rich and romantic it will leave you woozy' Time Out A beautiful romance. A cook has worked for a famous gourmet to 20 years and their relationship is one of love but she refuses to marry. The music is played by international pianist Andrew von Oeyen who performed in Parbold Music's May 2024 concert

2025 Season of films starts on Sunday 19th January 2025

Sunday January 19th 7.00 p.m. Thelma Cert: 12 98 min

Dir: Josh Margolin. Starring: June Squibb, Richard Roundtree.

"Granny get your gun!" Scammed out of her savings Thelma saddles up her mobility-scooter, calls up a side-kick and heads out for revenge and restitution. "Revenge has never been sweeter." A witty, smart, charming comedy-drama full of affection for the elders.

See the New Leaflet for the other films in the 2025 series

Talking Pictures - Every Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. Film and Conversation. Contact Chris on 01257 463493.

Spring Season starts on Wed 10th January

PARBOLD'S SUNDAY MARKET – 26th January 2025, 9am – 2pm, Village Hall, The Green, WN8 7DN. Variety of 30 Stalls. - Refreshments Available. Entrance £1. For further details please check out our Facebook page.

PARBOLD COFFEE ASSOCIATION - Next dates 17th December 2024, 14th & 28th January 2025 – Come along to our coffee/tea mornings at Parbold Village Hall.

PARBOLD CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday 1st Dec. 9am – 2pm, Village Hall, The Green, WN8 7DN. All monies raised from this event will support The Coppice Special School, Bamber Bridge. Refreshments Available. For Stall enquiries contact Sue on suehalton10@gmail.com

Please support your foodbank. Can we start by saying a huge thank you to every single person who donates and helps at the foodbank we are so very grateful. We are really busy at the moment. We are absolutely grateful for anything that can be spared. Please spread the word our drop off times at Parbold Village Hall are: Mondays 10am - 4pm, Wednesday 10am - 12 noon, Thursday 10am – 12 noon & 3pm - 7.30pm. Thank you for your continued support!

At **Christ Church Parbold**, there's our usual varied mix and here's a selection of what is coming up in **December & January:-**

Sundays in church - 8am Holy Communion (except 29th December & 19th January) and 1030am worship services.

Wednesday's 1030am Holy Communion at Parbold WI (except 25th December & 1st January)

For families:-

Sunday 1st December 1030am All Age Service - Celebrates the start of Advent with the theme of 'Hope'

Sunday's 8th December, 12th & 26th January - Junior Church for 4-13's at the Hut **and open weekly during our 1030am services** there's our Tots' Corner, Lending Library and Resource Area for pre-school children.

Sunday's 8th December, 12th & 26th January at 6-730pm - Soul Action Cafe Our youth group at the Hut for 12s upwards.

Sunday 15th December – Community Carol Service at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for this all inclusive simple service of carols and readings.

Sunday 22nd December 1030am. Today's usual worship service includes carols and lessons.

Tuesday 24th December – Family Friendly Christingle Service at 6pm. Led by our young people as we celebrate 'Jesus - Light of the World'

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day at 1030am – All Age Family service with Holy Communion.

Sunday 5th January 1030am All Age Worship Service.

Sunday 19th January 930am Muddy Church. An hour of fun and craft activities at the Hut where this month we're be looking to 'Make a Difference in 2025'. **Plus there's our weekly 'Faith Moments'.**

Please contact Geoff for more info: christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com

We are looking for volunteers to support running a rainbows unit based at newburgh primary school. Time and day tbc. Contact is parboldrainbows@hotmail.com for anyone interested.

Parbold Parish Council Notes

Contact by e-mail: clerk@parbold-pc.gov.uk

There were some lovely comments from the judges of this year's Best Kept Village competition this year. In particular, the Jubilee Gardens were described as tranquil and beautiful and were awarded 5th place in the Public Gardens section. The judges thought that the choice of shrubs and plants is lovely and it created a little haven for villagers to sit and reflect upon their good fortune to live in Parbold. Also, Our Lady and All Saints church has been highly commended for being one of the best maintained church and grounds that the judges have ever visited. The judges thought that huge credit should go to the grounds staff for creating such a village gem.

At this time of year roadside gullies can become full of falling leaves and this can lead to blocked drains and flooding. Please can care be taken when sweeping driveways clear of leaves that they don't end up in the gullies but rather be collected up instead.

The Parish Council would like to wish you all a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT NATIONAL TRUST SUPPORTER GROUP

Tuesday 10th December Following the AGM, The Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, By John Stoddan

Tuesday 14th January 2025 Mervyn Saunders. Talk today is entitled 'Gosh is Auntie really over a hundred'

All our lectures will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month, October to April. The venue is the Toby Carvery (L39 1NN) situated at the five ways junction on the A59 Ormskirk bypass commencing at 2.30pm

For more information contact Fiona Duggan on 01695 570537/07710 543412 or visit <https://odantm.wordpress.com/>

Parbold, Newburgh & District Garden Society

18 Dec Christmas Meeting – Slide Show & Quiz

15 Jan 25 Growing Plants from Seeds

For further info call John on 01257 462514 or David on 01704 821984. E: david_pennington_rufford@hotmail.com

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church Advent and Christmas Services 2024

4:00pm Sunday 15 December: Advent Carol Service with Benediction

10:00pm Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Carol Service followed by

10:30pm Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Mass in the Night

10:30am Wednesday 25 December: Day Mass of Christmas

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE 2024 – THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT

You are invited to join us for a traditional celebration on Wednesday 4th December at 6.30pm outside the Village Hall (please dress appropriately and bring a torch). We will be joined by the Red Admiral Band and our local schools.

Traditional Christmas refreshments will be available from 6.15pm. For more info contact Joan Sanders on 01257 464431.

Douglas Valley Creative Stitchers at Parbold Village Hall 2.00pm for 2.15pm start until 4.00pm.

14th December 2024. Christmas Do (12.00 to 4.00pm) Fun, Jacobs Join etc

11th January 2025. Zoom talk 'Its never too late to be who you might have been' with Zara Day

Visitors always welcome. For more information contact: Sue Chisnall-Sumner 01772 461714 or

E: douglasvalleycs@gmail.com

PARBOLD & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

No meetings in December and January. All demonstrations are held on the 2nd Wednesday afternoon of the month.

Doors open at 1pm and demo starts at 1.30pm. We welcome members and visitors. Visitor's fee is just £7 including refreshments. No floral experience necessary, just come along to enjoy flowers and make some new friends! If you'd like to know more just call Eileen 01704 893124.

PARBOLD WI

The December meeting of the Parbold WI will take place in the hall on **Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 6.30pm**. This will be our Christmas party and is for members only.

The January meeting will be on **Tuesday 7 January 2024 at 7.30pm** and our speaker will be Mervyn Saunders, whose talk will be entitled "Socks, Drapes & Rock 'n' Roll." Visitors and prospective members are welcome.

Upcoming events

Christmas Bingo on Saturday 7 December at the WI Hall. Two sessions: 2.00-4.00pm Family Bingo and 7.00-9.00pm for Adults. Tickets: £1.00 for adults; 50p for children. Tickets are available at the DIY shop. Bingo cards: £5.00 for adults; £1.00 for children.

Pantomime: "PETER PAN" from Tuesday 28 January to Saturday 1 February 2025, including a matinee performance on Saturday afternoon. Tickets: £9.00 for adults; £7.00 for children; available from the DIY shop from Monday 2 December. A donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital has been made, as per the JM Barrie bequest.

If you wish to book the hall, it is available for weekly sessions for classes or for private parties. Please contact Sylvia at sylvia.jwright@btinternet.com or ring the PWI booking line on **07984 274802**.

PARBOLD, NEWBURUGH & DISTRICT U3A

Tues Dec 10th: 1.30pm - Christmas Lunch at Holland Hall, Upholland. (No Horizons meeting in December)

Our bi-monthly meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Hut-on-the-Hill, Parbold. The entrance fee for Horizons is £3.00. For more information, contact Peter Bennett on 07396 381892

PARBOLD AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

All walks meet at Parbold shops at 9.00a.m.

Next walks: **Dec. 1st, Jan. 5th** and **Feb. 2nd**. Next walks details are published on www.parboldonline.info. See 'Walks' page and 'Events' calendar. For more information contact Jimmy Kelly on 01257 463057

APPLECAST ECOCENTRE, Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh, Lancashire, WN8 7SF

Family night. Friday 20th & Saturday 21st December 2024. Visit to Santa - Children's Disco - Licensed Bar - Petting Corner - Arts & Crafts. Pre Booked Tickets ONLY. Children - £15.00. Adults - £5.00. Booking details coming soon!

For further information please email mary@applecast.co.uk T: 01257 463012

Visit Santa at Applecast on 21st and Sun 22nd. Meet Santa in his Grotto – choose your presents from the Elves workshop. Access to our Christmas wonderland. Just £13.50. Booking details coming soon.

PARBOLD WILDLIFE GROUP

The group will be holding an Open Evening on **Tuesday 14th January at 1930** in the Village Hall studio. Come along and find out more about the group and its activities, including our programme for 2025. Light refreshments will be available. Admission free. The Open Evening will be followed by the group's AGM (members only).

We are also planning our annual Quiz Night and hotpot supper for **Saturday 22nd February**, starting at 1930 in the WI. Tickets will be available in the New Year, but call 01257 463849 to register an interest.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT PARBOLD LIBRARY

Crafty Knit and Natter Thursday **12 December** 1-3 pm. Love to craft, knit, crochet? Enjoy a good natter? Bring a current project and have a brew and a natter. Free event. No booking required.

Children's Christmas Party Saturday **14th December** 10.30 -11.30 am. Join us to celebrate Christmas with our reindeer themed party. Get festive by listening to a reindeer story, join in some Christmas songs, play fun games and make a reindeer puppet. Santa will also be calling in! Suitable for ages 5-8. Free. Booking required – either call into the library or book online.

Information on all events and booking forms (where necessary) can be found at - <https://bit.ly/3AHgxfi>

Need to Print Something? The following printing services are available in the library: From a library computer. Once you're logged in, simply print as you usually would. You will be given a price and further instructions once you're sending an item to print. From your own smartphone, laptop or tablet at home or anywhere else On your device, go to: <https://bookyourpc.lancashire.gov.uk/netloan/>

Full instructions are provided for submitting, paying for and retrieving your print job.

Friends of Parbold library are hosting Peter Turner - Mister Ree at Parbold Library, The Common, Parbold Thursday **5th December** 2024 6.00pm - 8.15pm. Tickets £7 adults, £5 children

Please Note - All children to be supervised by accompanying adults. Tickets / further information available from: • Parbold DIY Store • Maggi Huyton 01257 464215 / 07704 655734 or contact one of the Library staff on 0300 123 6703 for more information

Red Lion Railway Circle

10 Dec and 7 Jan- The Red Lion Railway Circle is for anyone interested in railway photography or railways of any sort - past, present, home or abroad. We show railway pictures at our meetings from 7.30 to 10.30pm between September and May at the Red Lion, Newburgh - so if you are interested come along and perhaps bring some slides or a memory stick. Contact: John Sloane 01257 462641 North West Branch Locomotive Club of GB

Lancashire County Council is our Lead Local Flood Authority

If there is an immediate risk to your life or you are trapped by floodwater call 999 and follow their advice.

Environment Agency Floodline - 0345 988 1188 - To report a flood or if your property is at risk of flooding from a reservoir, river or coastal water.

United Utilities - 0345 6723 723 - If flooding is from sewers or burst water mains.

Lancashire County Council telephone: 0300 123 6780

West Lancashire Borough Council Tel: **01695 577177**

www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/emergencies/flood-awareness.aspx

As soon as possible notify WLBC including the location of the site and the issues it is causing. Please call 01695 577177, to report emergencies. Private drains, Floods caused by private drains are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Please send information for the February 2025 Issue by 16th January 2025 to:
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