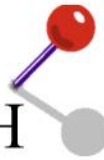




ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

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.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday Feb 3	Candlemas	9.30am Harvest Communion 2.30pm All Souls Remembrance
Monday Feb 4	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Wednesday Feb 6	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Service
Sunday Feb 10	Lent 1	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 17	Lent 2	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 24	Lent 3	9.30am All Age Service

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Dear Friends

On a notice board outside a church in west London, the vicar had put up a sign, "If you are tired of sin, come inside!"

Someone had written underneath, "If not, ring Paddington 2781."

Sin is one of those words that either makes us think of jokes - there are loads about confession - or we switch off. It's the sort of religious jargon that doesn't really connect with how we think about ourselves. It conjures up the killjoy aspects of religion. Some people perceive Christianity as against everything that is enjoyable.

There may be some truth in William Blake's poem where dark-gowned priests take away spontaneous joy. But there may be other ways of thinking about sin.

One of the Hebrew words behind the word 'sin' in the Old Testament actually comes from archery - missing your target or falling short of the mark.

This image helps me understand sin because it resonates with how I approach choosing right from wrong. Deep down I know what is good for me - I don't need rules except as confirmation that people in the past, with God's inspiration, have summarised their own experience.

On the basis of this I set myself standards in my behaviour, targets if you like. I try to do the things which will not only glorify God, but which will do other people, and me, good. And truth be told, sometimes I hit them, sometimes I miss. The old archery imagery reflects my record.

Not only that, it is something I can relate to. On the wall in my study hangs a medal I won for archery - not such a great achievement as it was simply a competition at one annual cadet camp a few years ago. I came third, losing only in the final shoot to a paratrooper, and an army nurse. Not bad for a padre.

When you miss the target or fall short of the target, you don't move the target. What you do is you feed that experience into your next shoot: hold your breath as you loose the arrow, or adjust your sights, or elevate the bow. Next time you will be more likely to hit the target.

I'm sure most of us experience times when we miss our moral targets. And most of us know the dissatisfaction when we do, even though not many of us would use the word 'sin' to describe what we have done. And perhaps we don't need to. It is enough to have those targets about doing the right thing, and to mind when we fall short.

This month sees the beginning of Lent - the time when churches talk about sin and repentance more than usual. Even if that sort of vocabulary doesn't resonate with us, we might still find this season a useful time to revisit our moral armoury. Think about the values that inform your standards of right and wrong. Think about how you score on those targets. And if you are like me and sometimes miss, don't move the target. Work on your technique.



God bless you *John*

ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The run up to Christmas was very busy and exciting. The concert, play performances in church, and the associated events went well.

The children were taken to see 'Jack & The Beanstalk' at Preston Guild Hall on the 13th December. This was a great success enjoyed by children & adults alike. Following our Christmas Play performances the retiring collections raised £191 and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity. This was split equally between our two chosen charities; Cancer Research and the NSPCC.

Well rested, the children and staff have returned to school to start 2008 with enthusiasm for our Spring Term activities and learning.

Last week many of our children were involved in Education Sunday and contributed songs, prayers and readings. This was a lovely service.

On Saturday 26th January we took part in the Big School Bird Watch, where children were able to view and count the local bird life.

Best wishes for 2008 from all at St. Mary's C of E School.

Mrs Susan Hasler-Cregg

ST.MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th February at the home of Joan & John Parsons.

mothers union

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm in St.Thomas' Church when Jude Buksh will tell us all about SWIP (Schools Work in Pendle). This should be a most interesting evening.

Women's World Day of Prayer
Friday 7th March at St.Anne's Church, Fence.
More details later.

Our condolences go to Susan, Ian and Neil and families on the untimely death of Peter Brown.

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Wednesday 6th February is a "hands on" night when Valerie Widdas will demonstrate card making. Bring a pair of small sharp scissors. After this experience you may wish to join the card making /craft group.

Barley Chapel

is a family friendly church
who meet every Sunday at 10.30am for
Worship & Sunday FOG Club

FRIENDS OF NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

VALENTINES BALL

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16
AT BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE & DIAMONDS

3 COURSE MEAL WITH COFFEE & MINTS

TICKETS £25 FROM

BEV 604634 OR ANGIE 605090

VICTORIAN DAY IN NEWCHURCH

SATURDAY MAY 24

SEE GOLDSHAW BOOTH PAGE FOR
MORE DETAILS

ST. MARY'S NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE

Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Barley with Wheatley Booth www.barleyvillagehall.org

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall.

Next Meetings: February 13 & March 12

Parish Council Chairman / Parish News Co-ordinator:

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold, Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School.

Next Meetings: February 12 & March 11

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on the first Monday of every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre.

Next Meetings: February 4 & March 3

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Barley

Simon Halliday, otherwise known as the Loft-Wizard, is a villager well known to those who frequent the Inn. He is a runner who has just completed an astonishing feat – in 23hrs 56 mins, he ran and climbed forty two mountains over a 74 mile route ascending 28,500 feet. He did it on 22 December, the shortest day of the year, having also completed the same challenge back in the summer. Yes, he did it twice last year!

The route is known as the “Bob Graham” after a Cumbrian who first completed the route in 1932 and is a grail to fell runners. Very few take it on and Simon joins a small elite brotherhood of those to complete a summer and winter round. He started running from Moot Hall on Keswick High St at 4am and endured snow, rain, sleet and wind on peaks such as Skidaw, Helvelyn, Scafell and Great Gable before a sprint finish to ensure he completed in less than 24hrs, comfortably done with over 3 minutes to spare! A 9-strong support team of Clayton Harriers and local villagers including Simon Clarke, Mick Lee, Pete and Kaz Riley and Chris Turner provided food, water, clothing, encouragement and company. Well done to Simon and all his team.

United Utilities have written to residents in the Ogden Clough area announcing that they will not be progressing a barrier on Ogden Clough access road.

The Parish Council are seeking a Clerk, with details posted on local noticeboards. If you are interested contact Derek (692264) or John (611517) by 10th February.

Finally, the Parish sends their deep condolences to Sue Brown and family on the sad loss of Peter.

DH

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 4th & 18th

February. 1 – 3pm.

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm - Contact John Tel. 611517

YOUNG FARMERS: Every Monday
 – Contact Charlotte 07732 148576

WHIST: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 12th February join us 10am to 12noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10am – 12noon. Contact Jan. Tel. 613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm
 – Contact Ruth 696834

PILATES has proved popular with 14 ladies on the first course. It is ideal for easing back pain and improving flexibility, posture, muscle strength and tone – see below. Booking essential – All Welcome – for details contact Tracy on 07773785904.

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PILATES COURSE

Ideal for beginners
 Next 5 week course starts Thursday
 21st February 10am-11am £32.50

Local History Group

Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm.
 The evening will begin with the AGM followed by a talk on the historical information available to tourists by Martin Charlesworth, Countryside Officer for the Forest of Bowland.

ST. GEORGE'S DINNER Saturday April 26

7.30pm 3 course meal includes
 Roast Beef of Old England
 £16pp Bring your own drinks



Goldshaw Booth

I wish all my readers, critics included, a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008.

And there have been critics, notably those who suggest that I am encouraging rivalry between the villages, particularly in the context of the Best Kept Village competition. It was even suggested that "this is how wars start". Well, if there ever is a war between any of the three villages of Pendleside, then I will accept the blame, although I do fail completely to see how a little friendly banter could possibly encourage such an outcome. I have a great respect for what Barley and Roughlee have achieved and I want our village to do as well as they have: is this so reprehensible? At least I put my head on the line and suffer the nay-sayers and critics of what I have tried to do; which is a lot more than those who sit on the sidelines and carp! I do not seek to be divisive, but I do want to encourage those who live in Spen Brook, Sabden Fold and Newchurch to do their best to care for the splendid area in which we live - and I would dearly like Newchurch to win the BKV competition again!

The Parish Council held on Tuesday the 8th of January considered its usual mixture of matters, with the support of one parishioner who has now attended more meetings during the last 12 months than some of the Councillors! A Precept for the year 08/09 was agreed at the same level as last year and it was noted that all the work undertaken in Newchurch during the year had been funded separately. Councillors deplored the increasing amount of chewing gum deposit which has been found in certain areas and hoped that this nasty habit could be deterred. Consideration to the problems of water on the roads at Highertown and on Jinny Lane was given and concern expressed at the two recent accidents which have occurred through freezing at these points. Regret was expressed also at the recent theft of two

vehicles from Newchurch and the Council hoped that villagers would be vigilant in watching for any unusual activity.

Councillor Dr Ruth White is hoping to arrange a Victorian Day in Newchurch on 24th May to raise funds for the extension work at St Mary's School; there will be events in the Church, the School, the Old Parsonage and Witches Galore and an evening of Victorian music. Anyone who has items to display, or has a history of where they live, or who wishes to participate in any way should contact Ruth.

The matter of car parking in Newchurch has received a lot of attention recently, particularly as the Mayor has sought to encourage tourism in Pendle. This has put pressure on residents' parking and to this end it is hoped to extend provision for vehicles in the area opposite the church gate on Cross Lane. Parking has also been extended in the nearly-completed improvements to the junction of Cross Lane and Jinny Lane. Low-maintenance shrubs and plants will be planted in this area over the next few weeks and will be cared for by the village lengthsman.

If anyone in the Parish has any ideas as to how their locality could be improved, please let any Councillor know, and can I remind everyone that the post of Clerk to the Parish is still vacant? Let us know if you could help: you might enjoy it!

The next Parish Council meeting is on the 12th of February; please come along and let us hear your views. We promise you a warm welcome.

BM

ROUGHLEE

All the talk last year, and quite rightly, centred around the best kept Village, but how about the "best preserved residents?" What's he on about now, you may ask. Well, for the second time in twelve months we are celebrating the 100th birthday of another Roughlee resident - Florence Duerden of Higher Croft House Farm. Born in Pateley Bridge, she later married James and moved into the village in 1958. Although not as active as she was, she is cared for by her son Edward and her memory & mind are still in perfect order! Sincere congratulations and best wishes from all of us.

The annual lunch for our Seniors was another successful and enjoyable event. This time the entertainment was provided by Trawden Ladies Choir who sang songs and narrated old Lancashire tales. The School also gave a delightful rendition of carols. Turnout was around the same as in previous years although we missed those who couldn't come due to illness, and we also missed several who we can never seem to attract to this event - it really is a "good do" and we urge all those who qualify to think about coming this year - the date is Tuesday December 16. The stigma of the 'old folks lunch' just isn't true anymore!

Also on the festive front, last year was the first time we had received some decorations from the council pot. Everyone seemed to think they were most attractive and this year we may even get another section to light the entire elevation of the pub!

Last month saw a mass 'protest' by many villagers at the prospect of another music festival being held at Noggarth Top. Despite putting up a strong fight against the proposal, it was passed for another weekend event at the end of July. It seems that licensing laws are very strict as to what can be refused.

The major cause of concern was that of noise and it was felt that levels could be monitored and reduced if and when necessary. It was a most disappointing outcome. At the time of writing the organisers also had another site in mind so we don't as yet whether or not it will be held in our patch, but we will continue to press for all safe-

guards to be in place beforehand if it is to happen.

On a brighter note, environment works continue in the village. Just prior to Christmas the walling project opposite the school was completed. Representatives from the funders, UU & KMI-Plus, were present to hand over the scheme and many photographs were taken of the children who had produced the hand carved stone tiles that are a feature of the wall. Sadly, the project ran about six months behind schedule, and a lot of the soil that had been put down was washed away in the heavy rains that we have had over the last month or so. That said, even if it had been done last August, it would still have washed away, as we had major 'floods' then too. However we are now indebted to Mark Hartley who has just supplied (and laid) a whole area of turf which has converted the area between the bus stop and the stream into a most pleasant sitting area, reached by the regulation 1:12 ramp for prams & push chairs. Thanks Mark, and thanks too to Alastair for planting it up.

At the other end of the village, on the Blacko boundary, another section of dry stone walling has just been re-built. It's only 40 years since it was washed away!

Some 'new money' has just been released and it is now the intention to start on the wall at the lower end of Jinny Lane.

As we know, much has been done this century and whilst we are not running out of projects they are becoming harder to identify. Consequently we are more than happy for suggestions as to where we should look at next.

The next meeting of the Village Centre Committee will decide on the events for this year. All the favourites will be repeated so we will report back next month with the full list. The Second Friday meetings will continue every month - light hearted fun when we open up the Centre at 8pm for games, films or quizzes - popular with the regulars, why not pop in on February 8th?

JKS