



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.

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Sunday March 2	Lent 4 _ Mothering Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday March 3	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Friday March 7	Women's World Day of Prayer	2.30pm St. Anne's Church, Fence
Sunday March 9	Lent 5	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday March 16	Palm Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion
Thursday March 20	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Passover Supper, St. Thomas
Friday March 21	Good Friday	10am Dramatic reading of the Easter Passion through the Village
Sunday March 23	Easter Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday March 30	Easter 2	9.30am Morning Prayer

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Dear Friends

The name John O'Donohue didn't mean much to me until recently. He is - or was - an Irish priest, in his own words 'a cosmic druid of the Roman Catholic apostolic church'! Make of that what you will! It was his death that made me sit up and listen to him. He died of cancer in January, just 52 years of age. And then I discovered that other people's deaths had made him sit up and listen. Morbid or what? We belong to a culture which is extremely ambivalent about death.

One of the secret passions I have is listening to Scott Mills on Radio 1. He belongs to the latest breed of DJ who mix the latest pop music with an outpouring of what's on his mind. One of the things he said struck a chord with me. He'd been to a funeral and he'd been upset by the way in which the MC had tried to wring a laugh out of the whole process. He expressed the wisdom that death was no laughing matter and suspected that the reason we inject humour into funerals is to do with a reluctance to face up to death. On the one hand we have people telling us that death is just part of life - even though when it's my death, it's not part of life: it's the end of it! And on the other hand, people tell us, it's ok; we'll get over it.

Back to John O'Donohue. He tells the story of an encounter as a young priest with a woman he'd got to know who was dying from leukaemia. He spoke of the inadequacy he felt when he had to share with her that she was going to die, of the panic and the terror that she felt. And then in prayer, God gave him the words he was looking for. He told her that she was going home, that there would be a smile on the face of God as she was welcomed because she was so tenderly and intimately known. The woman was delivered from her terror and was able to say goodbye to her family and to die in serenity.

Why am I telling you this? Two reasons. The first is that Biblical wisdom of death being the final enemy is something we should not downplay. All that we value is blown out of the water when we are no longer there to hold it together.

But more importantly, we are coming up to the annual celebration of a victory over death. Easter is about new life. Not just more life, but a life that is so radically different we can't get our heads around it. And a life which I believe is not restricted to someone who lived 2000 years ago but is there for each of us if we want it. Life, in God's terms, is not a quantity of years between birth and death. When God raised Jesus from death to new life, he was setting a standard for enjoying life to the full for all of us, now and in the future.

May you learn to see yourself

With the same delight,

Pride and expectation

With which God sees you in every moment. (John O'Donohue)

God bless you this Easter time with life in all its fullness



ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are well into the New Year and the Spring term seems to be moving on very quickly.

The Fire Service visited school to talk to the children about the 'Child Safe' fire service initiative on January 11th. This was well received by the children who went home to tell their parents all about making a fire exit plan!

A team of year 3 & 4 children went to Park High School to compete in Football/team games on January 17th. We congratulate our team: Daniel, David, Micah, Alan, Bob, Katy, Kizzy and Zoe for their efforts and excellent sporting behaviour.

Education Sunday was lovely! The atmosphere in St. Mary's Church was warm, friendly and spiritual. The children, staff and Governors contributed to the service and thanked God for our school.

Our school joined in the 'Big School Bird Watch' on January 26th which was a great success. Key stage 1 classroom was turned into a hide where children and parents were invited to contribute to the RSPB survey, recording the varieties of birds observed. This was a very happy, sociable event.

A team of year 5 & 6 children took part in the indoor athletics competition at Park High School. We came a respectable 4th position and Mr Archer said the children tried so hard. We are very proud of them.

Mrs Susan Hasler-Cregg

mothers union

Friday March 7th is Women's World Day of Prayer. There will be a service at St.Anne's Church, Fence at 2pm. All are welcome to attend - men, women and young people.

The next Mothers Union meeting will be on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30pm in St.Mary's School. A meditation. Everyone will be welcome. Lady Day is on March 31st. Final details will be given later.

John

BAPTISM

Alfie Jack, son of Wendy and Brian Nutter was baptised in St.Mary's Church on Sunday 10th February

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We have secured funding for extra chairs with armrests for Barley Village Hall from the Yorkshire Bank Community Fund - most comfortable for all villagers and visitors.

Wednesday 4th March the speaker will be Hazel Wilkinson who will relate some of her experiences working in hotels.

On 18th March the Lancashire Federation WI Spring Council Meeting will take place at the Guild Hall in Preston when the main speaker will be Gyles Brandreth. Should be interesting and amusing.

ST.MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The next meetings will be on
Tuesday 4th & 11th March
at the home of
Joan & John Parsons.

COFFEE MORNING & QUIZ ANSWERS

The answers to this year's Quiz will be

Barley Chapel

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

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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: March 12 & April 9

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold, Spen Brook

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Next Meetings: March 11 & April 8

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Roughlee Booth

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Next Meetings: March 3 & April 7

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Barley

Everyone will be aware of the construction activity around the village, you can't miss it!

Lancs C.C. is carrying out repairs to the western wingwall of Barley Bridge because it has developed quite a "lean" to it. Piles have been driven in to the ground in front of the wingwall and a new reinforced concrete wall is currently being erected. The gap between the old wall and the new wall will then be filled with concrete, a matching stone masonry face will be built to hide the concrete, the stone parapet will be re-erected and the road should be re-opened by the end of March hopefully.

At the top of Cross Lane, LCC is realigning the boundary wall and widening the carriageway on the 90° bend which should reduce the risk of vehicles being clipped.

On the car park the Parish Council (PC) is constructing two new stone built raised flower beds with seating and extending the paved walking area. This will improve the appearance of the area outside the toilet block and bring some colour to the area.

Further down The Avenue, the development of the fishing ponds with lodges at Boothman Wood is progressing. The developer, Frank Wren, addressed the last meeting of the PC and informed that the woods would be substantially thinned to remove old and damaged trees and then landscaped with up to 1500 new trees planted to produce a woodland fishery. Undertakings were given to keep Barley New Road clear of debris and improve drainage on Heys Lane. Finally, United Utilities have cleaned out drainage channels on Ogden Access road to stop flooding outside the Village Hall.

The PC has appointed Fiona Sharples as the Clerk to the Council. She is new to the role but is quickly learning the ropes. She lives in Nelson and works at a local Estate Agent and so she has good local knowledge of the area, her contact details are opposite. DH

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 3rd & 17th March. 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 11th March - 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 every Thursday morning. Booking essential – All Welcome – for details contact Tracy on 07773785904 AW

Local History

Pendle Forest History Group will meet on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall.

Our speaker will be Mrs Dorothy Watkinson and her subject will be 'Life in Roughlee'

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 hope that, by the time you read this, the work at the junction of Jinny Lane and Cross Lane in Newchurch has been completed and that what the Parish Council have done is acceptable to everyone. It's quite hard to decide what to do with projects like these because no one seems to care until the job is done, no matter how hard we try to involve people, and, of course, it's very easy to criticise afterwards. Please, if you have a view on what – if anything – should be done in the village or, indeed, in the parish as a whole, tell us and we promise that your views will be taken into account. Whatever is done should, and we hope, does, reflect the wishes of the community as a whole. And it may be that you think that we should leave well alone; if so – tell us!

These things are not done by a power-hungry clique intent on the profligate spending of public funds, but by a few – too few – people who genuinely want the area to look better.

We are now considering what to do during the next financial year, if that great and unnecessary sponge which is called the Olympic Games – which, in my view, seems to be solely for the benefit an obscure part of East London, the construction industry and the purveyors of illicit drugs, and will be of no benefit whatsoever to any one else other than to provide an excellent target for terrorists - doesn't soak up all the funds which have supported us in the past. We hear that money is going to be short next year, so if anyone has any plans or ideas of what the Parish Council should consider, would you please let us have them soon? The nature of the drawing, estimating, costing, begging process is such that we end up doing the actual work in the

coldest part of the year, so an early start would be a good thing.

Ruth White's Victorian Day, to be held on the 24th of June in Newchurch, is taking shape and the co-operation of all villagers will be greatly appreciated. There will be exhibitions in the church and in the school and at the Old Vicarage; we hope to have stalls in the village centre and maybe some traditional games on the playing fields. We hope that villagers will dress in Victorian clothes and consider adding some Victorian decoration to their homes. Once again, Ruth and her team seek helpers, assistants and enthusiasts to be involved in this exciting and unusual project.

The Parish Council has received support from Pendle Borough towards the cost of installing new road signs for Spen Brook, Sabden Fold, and Newchurch. The existing signs are old, some are missing, some battered and rusty, and we'd like to do something similar to Roughlee and Barley. The grant will provide for at least one but we promise that the rest will follow.

The weather has been glorious of late and the sun sets magnificent; it's great to wake up in the morning and look down on the industry of the next valley, hiding under its mists, and then to look up at old Pendle, clear and clean, bright and crisp and, somehow, benevolent. We live in a beautiful and unique area which richly deserves our appreciation and all our efforts to preserve and care for it.

BM

ROUGHLEE

The theme this month seems to be very much centred around the new - and the opposite of that small word.

Pictured right is Florence Duerden who celebrated her 100th birthday last month and she is seen here with Chairman of Roughlee Parish Council, Brian Nelson who presented her with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the whole village. Don't we all wish to look so well and sprightly when we reach that magnificent milestone!?!

News that affects not only Roughlee-ers but our neighbours and indeed the wider community are the changes that will take place at the end of March to our local bus service. For a couple of years now, the Pendle Wayfarer has provided a regular service around the villages to and from Nelson. It was, however, a heavily subsidised route with funding from central government: that funding is due to cease soon and its replacement is a bold attempt to sustain it as a viable service for years to come. Consequently, from March 31 a new route comes into being with an hourly headway between Nelson, and for the first time in over 40 years, Clitheroe - and then back again. From Nelson it takes in Blacko and Roughlee, then goes up Jinny Lane to Newchurch and down to Spen Brook where it turns round and goes back up to Newchurch and over to Barley where it continues to Downham & Chatburn.

It is timed to connect with train services to Manchester and also to local Ribble Valley bus services. Doubtless it will be inconvenient to some but perhaps useful to others. A casualty, however is the demise of the Demand Response aspect which took in the hospital and evening journeys, including the popular Cask Ale Trail.

This brings us neatly onto the other major news of the month which has seen the temporary closure of the Bay Horse.



Whilst respecting the medium of this publication, the local hostelry is an important part of village life and we welcome Laura and Gavin who have arrived from a pub in Halifax. Re-opening a week or so back, they are keen to make a go of their first permanent position and are promising a new chef with a new menu, yet retaining the popular Sunday carvery.

Villagers were sad to see Nicola, Geoff & 'boys' leave, together with Anita who had immersed herself into village life by helping out at the Luncheon Club and being a member of the Centre committee. We wish them all well in their new ventures.

Another, equally sad departure, is that of Ken Bolton who has stepped down after four years as a Parish Councillor. Ken has done sterling work as our 'Responsible Finance Officer' as well as the more dubious title of 'bus shelter monitor' ! Thanks Ken, and again, good luck for the future.

Finally, details of the next events in the Village Centre will be posted on the noticeboards.

JKS