



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 APRIL

Sunday April 6	Easter 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday April 7	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Sunday April 13	Easter 4	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday April 20	Easter 5	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday April 27	Easter 6	9.30am All Age Service



NEW FEATURE ABOVE. Were cameras invented in 1853??? Is that Bill Mayor walking up the hill !!?? Please email similar photos of anywhere in the Parish to james_k.starkie@yahoo.co.uk
Next issue Please have your articles for the next 'News' by Friday April 18.

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

Easter has come and gone, even before we had time to think about Spring. And now we are back to normal with concerns about rising fuel prices, the future of the economy and stability in the banks. It's almost as if the greatest festival in the Christian year has nothing to say about the real world. It all boils down to power. It's what makes our world go round - political power, economic power, the law, control over natural resources.

The funny thing about power is that we can only see its effects - we can't actually see the thing itself. And we have all sorts of fears about it. Which is why conspiracy theories are so terrifyingly fascinating. Who actually makes all those decisions which control our world?

In Jesus' lifetime most people thought of power as invisible forces - they called them demons, but we shouldn't think about the 'demons' of medieval imagination. The demons or spirits that controlled the political and economic world were neither good nor bad. What was dangerous was the authority people invested in them. If you saw them as the most important thing, and worshipped them then that was bad news. You were elevating them to the status of God. Of course people did that, and so power became a way not just of making things happen, but of controlling and exploiting other people.

One of the ways in which St Paul thought about Jesus' resurrection, was God putting these powers in their place. As Jesus said to Pilate, all authority comes from God, and we can only use it because God allows us to. And when we misuse it, God is not impressed.

But God's way of redressing things is not to bang our heads together. It is by giving an example of humble loving service which allows itself to be crushed by misuse of power. By raising Jesus to new life, God shows that earthly power will never have the final word. A life lived in obedience to God will not only do a lot of good. It will be vindicated in the end.

So we need to keep the powers that rule our world in perspective. They are not the most important thing, and they should never have total control over our lives. Whenever we use political, judicial, economic power we should use it for good, and never become enslaved. We will have to give an account some time, and it would be good if we could point to ways we have enriched the lives of other people.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu put it like this: Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary (God's) will for us will prevail: love will prevail over hate; justice over injustice and oppression; peace over exploitation and bitterness.

God bless you

John

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ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again St. Mary's has had a very busy time. We are now surrounded by noise, mud and water as the foundations for our extension are well underway!

It will all be worth it when we have our new classroom and more space for our young children to work and play.

On the 7th March we all celebrated World Book day. Everyone came dressed as a character from a book. Children and staff alike! Congratulations to the winners:

Key Stage 1 - Sarah Gough as The Worst Witch

Key Stage 2 - Micah Beckett as the Rain Princess

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our school's sponsored swim on Wednesday 5th March. A grand total of £718.85 was raised.

The money will go to Friends of Newchurch who provide many resources for our school.

The children have also taken part in a Swimming Gala with Roughlee Primary School. For the first time we held a Fun Infant Gala at the same time, where the children took part in a 'there & back dash' a ball & hoop event and other splashing activities!

In school we have been following the events of 'The Road to Easter Day' and our Easter Service, in church, focused on the events of the first Easter morning. We welcomed parents, friends and their families to our service.

Mrs Susan Hasler-Cregg

mothers union

At our February meeting we had a very pleasant and informative evening when Jude Buksh explained all the different aspects of work done with him and Jack Ingham, visiting most of the schools in Pendle. The aims of the Schools Work in Pendle motto is from Psalm 78, v4, "to tell the next generation the mighty deeds of the Lord". To bring an awareness of God to all children of school age, promoting high moral standards and warning them against the use of harmful drugs and similar substances. To communicate to schools the concern local churches have for them and oversee the work in schools and represent it to churches.

Our April meetings are:

Deanery event on Tuesday April 15th at 7.30pm

at Holy Trinity Church, Colne. A talk by Kath Bill. Bring a book and buy a book.

Mothers Union meeting on 22nd April at 7.30pm at St. Thomas' Church, Barrowford.

A talk on Women's Refuge.

Safari Supper

Saturday 19th April
Phone 691850 for tickets
£12.50 each

Local History Group

Pendle Forest History Group will meet on
Wednesday 16th April 7.30pm in Barley
Village Hall.

Barley Chapel

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

WI

Wednesday 2nd April - speaker from
Rossendale and Pendle Search and Rescue
Service. 7th May discussing National
Federation Resolutions from the NFWI.
Annual meeting in June, we will have stalls
for books and mags etc so bring something
to sell.

All at Barley Village Hall

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: April 9 & May 14 (AGM)

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: April 8 & May 13 (AGM)

Parish Council Chairman: Kathleen Wilkinson Tel. 617971 brianwilco@tiscali.co.uk

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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. *except Bank holidays

Next Meetings: April 7 & May 12 (AGM)

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Barley

Over the Easter weekend it snowed overnight then we had two days of clear skies and the area looked magnificent in a blanket of snow. It ought to do so as it is formally recognised as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

All three villages are in the Forest of Bowland AONB, one of 35 areas in England whose precious landscape, distinctive character and natural beauty are so outstanding that it is in the nation's best interest to safeguard them. We have meadow, woodland, hedgerows, heath, streams and rivers and hills of all sizes within our valley plus an abundance of wildlife.

The purpose of an AONB designation is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape promoting quiet enjoyment of the countryside with due regard to the interests of the community who live and work there. To achieve these aims there are special planning controls and countryside management policies to assist local authorities and local communities. The role of the local community in maintaining and enhancing our 3 villages is critical, we cannot just rely on others who do not live here. Roughlee and Newchurch are winners of Lancashire's "Best Kept Village" competition through community effort.

I joined the Parish Council because I believed it had an important responsibility of care for the village. It has not disappointed me and I am proud of its achievements in landscaping the village and improving roadways and parkland over the last year. I have also been encouraged by many individuals who have put their extra effort in – the mass of daffodils you see around the village are courtesy of Rod Statham who sourced them and led a small group of volunteers who planted them. Bluebells planted last year should also appear soon. There are many others who look after the village in their own way and I encourage you all to make Barley outstanding in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. DH

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 7th & 21st April. 1 – 3pm. A small group making cards for all occasions or you can try your hand at Patchwork or bring along your own craftwork or just come and enjoy the company. Tea, coffee & biscuits available

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 9th April - join us 10am to 12noon.

PILATES every Thursday morning. Booking essential – All Welcome – for details contact Tracy on 07773785904

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

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm – Contact Ruth 696834 AW

ST. GEORGE'S DINNER
Saturday April 26
 7.30pm - 3 course meal
 includes
 Roast Beef of
 Old England

£16pp Bring your own drinks
 Tickets from Chris Tel. 691850 or Audrey Tel. 613280.

MODEL EXHIBITION – 3rd, 4th & 5th May, offers of models and help welcome, stewards and kitchen staff required – contact David 613280 or Chris 691580.

Goldshaw Booth

Bill is away at the time of writing so I have been asked to pen this month's column. At this stage it looks rather daunting, a long expanse of white ahead of me. However, here goes. Firstly let's start with last month's oops – mistake in the date of the Victorian Celebration. Please make sure that the date in your diaries is correct- the main day is Saturday 24th May. The event and exhibitions will be opened by the Mayor, Mrs Shelagh Derwent at 2pm. The church exhibition will also be open during the day of Sunday 25th May.

The events in the afternoon include:-

IN THE SCHOOL:

Punch and Judy, Magic show
Victorian school experience

THE CHURCH:

Displays related to Victorian life
THE OLD PARSONAGE:
Displays of weaving, carding,
spinning, lace making and
Victorian plumbing

To augment exhibits by local people we will have some items on loan from the Preston Museums Service and hope to have support from staff from Queen Street Mill. Refreshments will be served in the school during the afternoon with high tea available in the late afternoon. There will also be stalls selling cakes (including the good old Victoria sponge), sweets, cards and bits and pieces. Please let us know if you have any further ideas or wish to contribute in any way. It would be lovely to have people around the village willing to talk about village history and some activities in the middle of the village. Any ideas or offers of help gratefully received. Please come and take part, it will be more fun if everyone joins in (especially if you can look

the part as well).

At 7p.m. on the Saturday evening there will be a concert of Victorian Music in the Church.

As this is a fund raising event for the School and Church there will be a small entrance fee and tickets for the concert, including cheese and wine, will be £5. However, I hope that this will be a fun way to get to know more about our local heritage.

It is also the time of year again to think about the Best Kept Village Competition. We hope to have tidy up days in Newchurch (weather permitting) on Saturday 26th April, Saturday 17th May and Saturday 31st May- meet on the playing fields at 2pm. If you have not taken part before, please join in, they are a great way to get to know your neighbours - and it's not all work; juice, beer and a good chat all featured last year!

Now to the saga of the "now you see it now you don't" light in the centre of Newchurch. Unfortunately the recent high winds damaged the light fitment and this will have to be replaced. Comment has also been made about the height of the lamp stand. We are investigating if this can be altered.

The Parish Council is planning to purchase village and parish boundary signs - starting with Sabden Fold. These will be black with gold lettering and will be positioned at the entries to the village, from the bypass and from Newchurch. Further signs will be bought when funds are available.

Ruth White

ROUGHLEE

A rather quiet month to report this time with few changes to the infrastructure of the Village, however odd jobs continue to get done. However, as soon as the weather improves, our FORa supremo, Alastair McGeorge, will be out and about sprucing up our planted areas to bring them back to their glory. The entry forms have gone in for this year's 'Best Kept' competition and it will be a really tough call for Roughlee to win for the third year running - but we're going to give it our best shot!

Reading the columns of our neighbours on this page shows how much it means to be successful and we hope to attract more floral displays in and around residents' homes this year. Whilst on the subject of a tidy village but on a slightly more mundane front, the appearance of a dog bin on our, lower end, of Pasture Lane brought some consternation - both with its positioning and the need for it in the first place. Happily the problem of dog fouling seems to have ceased and the bin has now gone.

The Second Friday season for 2008 kicked off in excellent fashion with a preview of Roughlee resident Andrew Forrest's latest dvd showing walks around Pendleside. Eloquently compared by Michelle Harvey we enjoyed a pie & peas supper in the company of over 20 locals. Our thanks go to Andrew, Elaine & Michelle. The next one is on April 11 at 8pm when we present "Musical Bingo" - a fun dvd game based on musicals and the like, kindly bought by Clarice Holmes.

Kicking off our Socials Season is a re-run of our popular Irish Night which takes place on April 19. Tickets are limited to just sixty so you're advised to book early! Advance notice too of the following event which is the Race Night on Saturday May 10.

The team has been working hard over the last few months preparing for the annual Village Fayre which is on Sunday June 15. Plants are

Irish Night

Sat. April 19 at 7.15pm
A Fantastic Night out!!

rIrish Dancers rPiper
r4pce Ceilidh Band "Beer for
Breakfast", with Caller
rClassic Cuisine Hot Supper

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

rTickets £16 from Pam 614755

being grown and stalls being organised - BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP. We have a 'second core' of residents who help out on this most enjoyable day, so these, plus anyone else, are invited to our Village Centre meetings which take place on the first Tuesday of every month - the next being April 1 at 8pm - so please come along.

Here's a snippet that may make you smile. During a conversation with Warrington-based UU over a disputed water bill, the call centre operator seemed to have a slight American twang. When asked where she based; guess what;-Manchester? Milnrow? or Macclesfield? Try Manilla in the Philippines!

We send our congratulations to Rennie and Freda Martin who celebrate 65 years of marriage on April 3. They were married in St.Mary's Church, Newchurch and have lived in the same house at Thorneyholme all their married life.

Finally, it with great sadness that we report the passing of Amy Slater. It is just a year ago that we celebrated her 100th birthday. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.

JKS