



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 MAY

Sunday May 4	Easter 7	9.30am Holy Communion
Saturday May 10	Lambing Thanksgiving Service	2.30pm Mountain Farm, Black Moss Rd, Barley/Roughlee
Sunday May 11	Pentecost	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday May 12	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Sunday May 18	Trinity Sunday	9.30am All Age Service
Sunday May 25	Trinity 2	9.30am Holy Communion



Norman Nutter 1944-2008

The local community was shocked to hear of the untimely passing of Norman whilst out on his milk round. St Mary's Church was packed with family, friends and acquaintances at his funeral on Monday April 28, such was the depth of affection that Norman had with the very many people who had known him. Sympathies go out to Ruth, children & great children, together with the wider family, of which Norman was the middle one of sister Kathleen and brothers Arthur, Eric, Colin, Geoffrey & Malcolm.

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Dear Friends

I've just had a few days in Hawes, getting some walking in the Dales. Remarkably for April some of the walks were in snowstorms. And it contrasts with this time last year, when I was again walking in Swaledale, because then I was lying on the grass above Muker enjoying the warm spring sunshine.

The wet and cold spring we've had so far has put a bit of pressure on lambing - insufficient cover, insufficient grass for ewes out of doors, the soaring cost of feed due to world grain markets. And yet going round the farms, there has been the usual commitment and getting on with it - and of course the long hours.

In spite of the weather, it seems to be a good lambing time, and as usual we shall be gathering on one of the farms in May for our thanksgiving service. Make a note in your diaries for Saturday, May 10th at 2.30pm, on Mountain Farm, Black Moss Road.

It is an important moment in our rural life. Not only is it a good get-together, where people meet up, chat and seem reluctant to leave. It helps us reflect and celebrate the mystery and joy of life all around us. Out of the cold and barrenness of winter, new life springs up. Just as in the celebration of Easter, we are reminded that new life springs up out of death.

And in this process, human beings are important players, although we can claim only part of the credit. Our efforts, whether it is planting our gardens or breeding our livestock, are simply harnessing the vitality of creation.

One of the Psalms begins, 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it' (Psalm 24)

It is a reminder that all the creativity we claim as our own goes back to the source of all life. Because of that, we can look at ourselves and our efforts in a new perspective - all that we have is a gift for our livelihood and for our enjoyment. We have only a limited claim over it. And because the earth is the Lord's, we have a few responsibilities as well. To use it wisely, for good, and for posterity.

Do join us if you are able on May 10th. If you are not, do enjoy the beauty of our countryside, the sight of young lambs, the blessings we take for granted all around us. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

God bless you



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ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulation to Mrs Susan Hasler-Cregg following her appointment, on the 1st April, to Head Teacher at our school. We are all delighted, and wish her well.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. 11th-18th May.

With this Parish News you should receive a Christian Aid envelope. Please put your donation (if you wish) in the envelope and it will be collected during Christian Aid Week. If anyone can help with the collection (even just a few houses is a big help) please contact Chris Widdas (Tel 691850). All help will be much appreciated.

GRASSCUTTING

Once again the grass in the churchyard is growing and we need to keep it trimmed. If anyone can help with this please come along at 6.30pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month (or any other time by arrangement with either of the churchwardens). We generally mow until about 8pm. There will be refreshments afterwards.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be on Tuesday 27th May at 7.30pm at No.1 Gorrell Close, Spenbrook.

mothers union

The Deanery event on 15th March was really well attended. The talk on Multifaiths with artefacts was most interesting, given by Mrs Kath Bill.

Our March meeting, a talk about the East Lancashire Women's Refuge Centre was most informative.

The Annual Pendle Deanery Festival will be on Tuesday 13th May at St.Thomas' Church, Barrowford at 7.30pm.

The next monthly meeting will be at St.Mary's School, Newchurch, on Tuesday 27th May at 7.30pm. The speaker will give a talk about the NHS Patient Advice Service.

Anyone is most welcome to come along. You don't have to be a member of the Mothers Union to join in any of our meetings.

VICTORIAN
WEEKEND
SATURDAY/SUNDAY
MAY 24/25
NEWCHURCH SCHOOL,

AUCTION OF
PROMISES
Pendle Inn 7th June
7.30pm
To raise money to purchase
a wheelchair for Chloe
Holgate
£10 per head including supper
Tickets from
Bev Lancaster 07973 443426

Barley Chapel

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

Local History Group

Pendle Forest History Group will meet on Wednesday 21st May at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. The speaker will be Mr Michael Buamber. His subject will be the "The effect of the Scottish Border and Civil Wars in our area"

WI

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.
at Barley Village Hall

Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Barley with Wheatley Booth

www.barleyvillagehall.org

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

Next Meetings: May 21 (AGM) & June 11

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

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

Next Meetings: May 6 (AGM) & June 10

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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

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

Next Meetings: May 12 (AGM) & June 2

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Barley

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held on Wednesday 21st May at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall – it is not a council meeting but a meeting of the parishioners and local organisations usually called by the Chairman of the Parish Council. Its purpose is to celebrate local achievements, review the year and debate any current issues in the community. Everyone is welcome including the Village Hall Committee, Young Farmers, WI, Church groups and local businesses. The Annual Council meeting follows when the Council has to elect officers such as the Chairman and Vice Chairman etc and then set about its routine business – you can stay on if you wish or you can leave in the short break between the meetings.

In the village, spring is making an appearance and the Parish Council is striving to complete the Car Park planters with bedding plants on order and the new finger posts signs are nearing completion. Work is required to improve the car park, the buses are damaging the surface creating potholes and the landscaped areas are in need of maintenance and improvement. A new car parking sign has been erected and I hope you find it attractive.

After some debate the Council decided to enter the Best Kept Village competition again. The area to be judged extends from Ings End Corner and the bottom of Black Moss road to Barley Green Farmhouse, the passing place on Cross Lane and down to the start of Narrowgates road. Judging starts in June and includes the overall tidiness of the village, the general maintenance of private properties, communal buildings and businesses as viewed from public land and the condition of recreational areas and facilities. Whilst we live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty it is not a consideration of the judges, they will specifically look at the degree of effort applied to maintaining the village in a satisfactory state. So, like last year, it needs a big effort by locals to achieve any suc-

cess.

Finally, I am pleased to report that good progress has been reported in bringing wireless internet broadband to the village. With over twenty households signed up to this initiative, regular Monday evening meetings are taking place in the Pendle Inn to monitor progress. If you are interested you are welcome to the next meeting, to be held about 7 o'clock on Monday 12th May, where you can get more details on accessibility and costs.

DH

Village Hall

AGM: Tuesday 6th May. 8pm. All welcome

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 19th May. 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 & Sunday 24th May at 7.30pm .

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 14th May - 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

Goldshaw Booth

My grateful thanks are due to Ruth White who so ably contributed this article last month. Now to the saga of the lamp post in Newchurch village centre, destroyed by a gale within days of its erection and now looking ridiculous with a modern amber fitting perched on top of its ludicrously tall pole. It was erected to a LCC spec but I hope that, within days, it will be reinstated at a sensible height and with a white light and will complete the reformation of the junction.

Plans are also afoot to create a lay-by outside the toilets and to landscape the garden in front with a new seating area and a more attractive layout. It is hoped that we will be able to reface the toilet building in stone as part of this plan, to make the structure a little more fitting to its environment, and to regroup the signage. Any views or suggestions on this plan would be very useful: it's far better to make these before work starts, rather than to shout at the workmen later! The plans have been considered by the Parish Council and received nearly universal approval and funds and tenders will now be sought.

I am sure that all parishioners will be glad to hear that Chloe Holgate has been moved back to Burnley after her horrific accident last year and is intending to resume her studies at Nelson & Colne College. Bev Lancaster and Debbie Mousley have arranged an auction at the Pendle Inn on June 7th to raise funds for a special wheelchair which will enable Chloe to carry out her studies and to be much more mobile. Anyone who can help or contribute auction items would be very welcome and should contact Bev and Debbie directly, or Maureen at Witches Galore.

It's Best Kept Village time again! Competition, particularly from our neighbours in Barley, will be strong and we hope that all villagers in Newchurch and Spen Brook will do their best to make sure that last year's success can be repeated. If every villager made him or herself responsible for 20 yards of roadside, we could keep the whole area spotless! And, of course, any bits of sprucing or painting of your own property will always help. The AGM of Goldshaw Booth PC takes place on the 6th May - moved from the 13th - and Councillors hope that many villagers will come and tell us what they think of our efforts during the last year and our plans for the next. This is the best opportunity for you to let us know how we stand in your eyes: are we doing our job? Are we unrepresentative, unresponsive? Do we reflect adequately the hopes and concerns of the community? Please come and tell us!

The PC welcomed their new Clerk, Carol Donohoe from Roughlee, to their last meeting with all good wishes and with the fond hope that she will be able to make some sense out of the somewhat chaotic meetings. Not an easy task!

The PC made a presentation to their previous Clerk, Val Blamire, with many thanks for her dedicated service and advice over the last three years.

I personally will miss her enthusiasm and guidance - and her unfailing correction of my words, which I must make it clear are my opinions and not necessarily the views of the Parish Council!

BM



The Village Centre was packed at the recent Irish Night where all concerned enjoyed the dancing, singing and fine food on offer.

The planned Race Night has been put on hold for the time being.

The Parish Council welcomes the appointment of Martin Schofield. Martin brings with him a wealth of experience in accounting - ideal for his new role as Finance Officer and we wish him well.

The Village Centre Committee send their thanks and appreciation to Elaine Todd who has stood down after fifteen years. Elaine's is a sad loss and it's important that we keep looking out for new blood. If you've considered joining us in the past, NOW is the time to come forward!

The Annual General Meetings of both our organisations take place shortly:-

Village Centre Committee - Tuesday May 6.

Parish Council - Monday May 12,
both at 8pm in the VC.

As always, residents are invited to attend.

Reports are now coming in about our new bus service. Although not attracting a great number of passengers at the moment, those that have had used it tell us on arriving at Clitheroe the same bus continues on a circular loop up to Slaidburn and back. So if you have a few hours to spare, why not try it? JKS

ROUGHLEE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The joint Roughlee and St Mary's tag rugby team were very much looking forward to the finals of the Pendle Schools' tournament held at Hodge House playing fields on Thursday April 24th. The children have been practising enthusiastically and no doubt had already worked out their team tactics!

Burnley Football Club have been providing after-school coaching sessions in cheerleading and football. On 19th May the final football coaching session will include a Speedball fundraiser. The proceeds will be shared between BFC's Youth and Community group and the school.

A group of key stage 2 children attended training in podcasting at St Philip's School in Nelson. At the end of the day they had produced a short podcast which was presented to the parents, staff and other pupils in the school during a good work assembly. The podcast can be heard on the school's website at www.roughlee.lancsngfl.ac.uk.

Video conferencing equipment has now been installed in school. Two projects have already been booked for this term through the Lancashire Museum Service. The children in Key Stage 2 will be able to take part in a conference about the Tudor period and the younger children about washday in the Victorian era.

CP

Village Fayre

