



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 JUNE

Sunday June 1	Trinity 2	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday June 2	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Sunday June 8	Trinity 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday June 15	Trinity 4	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday June 22	Trinity 5	9.30am All Age Service
Sunday June 29	Trinity 6	9.30am Holy Communion

JULY

Sunday July 6	Trinity 7	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday July 13	Trinity 8	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday July 20	Trinity 9	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday July 27	Trinity 10	9.30am Holy Communion

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

In the current edition of Private Eye is a cartoon - husband and wife sitting at the breakfast table; wife is reading the newspaper (I won't say which) with the headline 'House Prices Fall by 1%'. The wife says to her husband, "I feel so silly. Only a week ago I was sitting right here worrying about climate change."

It seems to be a jibe at our priorities. We worry about this and that in a detached way, until something affects us closer to home. Maybe Private Eye is also raising questions about our attitudes to wealth. After all for many of us, our house is our most valuable asset.

It does make for interesting comparisons. The cyclone in Burma is close to me. For fifteen years I have been sponsoring a child there. Her village is not far from Rangoon. We have watched her grow up, and kept in touch. Her photos are on one of my kitchen cupboards. We are still waiting to hear from World Vision if she and her family are ok. The latest we have heard is that her area has been severely affected. Photos from Burma illustrate that the threat to the housing market there is not about falling house prices, but houses levelled by tidal waves.

It must be overwhelming to lose everything you own. To be totally dependent on other people. We are used to safety nets in the western world, and the losses we face may just be a percentage of house values or investments. But our small losses can occupy a disproportionate amount of our concerns. Possibly because we measure our security in terms of material possessions. And yet nothing we possess can give us ultimate security.

Jesus taught people to have a true perspective on these issues. "Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, robbers cannot break in and steal. For your heart will always be where your riches are." (Matthew 6.19-21)

God bless you

John

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BAPTISM

May 16th Jacob Harold Evans

MOTHERS UNION

The Annual Festival held on 13th May was most enjoyable. Canon Paul Biltons talk made us think just how fortunate we are. Tuesday 24th June is an outing.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

There will be meetings of the Prayer Group on Thursday 26th June and 24th July, 7.30pm at 1 Gorrell Close, Spenbrook. All welcome.

ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for the numerous good wishes given to me on my appointment as Head at St Mary's School. I am very pleased to be officially a part of the community!

School life has continued as normal with lots of activities and events. The children are currently working very hard with their SAT's and various other tests, but still seem to manage to have smiles on their faces! I am confident that they will do their very best.

The School hosted a Punch & Judy show, Victorian Photograph shoot and an authentic Victorian lesson during the Victorian event over the Bank Holiday weekend.

We shall be welcoming our new September intake children for 5 visits to School during June. We hope that this will help then to become familiar with their new learning environment.

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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

April 25th Emma Birtwistle - Anthony Whitwell

April 26th Fiona Nutter - Gary Robinson
May 16th Sarah Brown - Paul Evans

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 443436

Barley Chapel

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

Local History Group

Wednesday 18th June

Project evening

Wednesday 16th July

Speaker will be Isobel Stirk giving a talk
about "the Brontes"

Both at 7.30pm
in Barley Village Hall.

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Wednesday 4th June – Illustrated talk by
Norma Kendal about her Travels in Tibet
at Barley Village Hall

Wednesday 2nd July – Afternoon visit to
Queen St Mill for a guided tour (Marlene)

The Annual "In Pendle's Shadow" walk needs your help!

We need more helpers to make sure this important outreach work happens safely and successfully. Can you please spare some time on the 20th September 2008? We need people to help from anywhere between 1 hour and the duration of the walk. Please reply, with contact details to

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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: June 11 & July 9

Parish Council Chairman / Parish News Co-ordinator:

Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

Parish Council Clerk: c/o contact details above

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 audrey@stanglathie.fsnet.co.uk

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: June 10 & July 8

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

Parish Council Clerk: Carol Donahue, c/o contact details above

Parish News Co-ordinator: Chris Widdas Tel. 691850 cwiddas@beeb.net

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

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

Next Meetings: June 2 & July 7

Parish Council Chairman: Brian Nelson Tel. 697220 brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com

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Barley

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held on Thursday 22nd May in the Village Hall and was attended by over thirty villagers. I must thank them all for attending; there was a point when I thought only a handful would attend and I was delighted that so many people gave up time to contribute and offer support to what is happening in the Parish. For those who could not attend there was an update on developments in the Village Hall from David Weatherill followed by a short presentation of the Parish Council's Annual Report. This focused on the activities and achievements during 2007-08 and looked forward to the next 12 months, the key elements of the presentation included:-

The Chairman's Overview reported on progress in modernising the Council, representing the parish in planning matters, financially supporting the extension of wireless internet broadband and gaining a 'slot' in this prestigious magazine. The Best Kept Village (BKV) had been a focus for improving the fabric of the village improving how Barley village looked and was maintained. It had also encouraged parishioners to contribute in their own way and a runners up position in the hamlet class was well deserved.

An Achievements Report was supported by a slideshow of images using the new IT system which showed images of improvements completed including the new playground fence, finger post signs, road surfacing outside the village hall, landscaping including the natural stone planters on the car park and the new memorial stone at the bus terminal etc.

The Finance Report highlighted a record income of £22k with £9k raised through successful grant applications. The Council expended almost £21k on improvement projects, repairs to the village hall, the lengthsman scheme, donations to others and fixed costs. A zero tax precept had been set against parishioners.

Proposals for 2008/09 were debated and they included improvements to the car park, fencing and boundary walls, landscaping around Barley Bridge once the construction works are completed and Best Kept Village initiatives such as controlling dog fouling. Good suggestions to increase income came from villagers attending.

Judging for the BKV competition starts in June and efforts are underway to spring clean the village and I would encourage everyone who lives in the judging

area, between Ings End Corner and the passing place on Cross Lane, to help keep the village tidy. Winning would be nice but maintaining a beautiful place for us all to live is the real prize. As I said last time, living in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty 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.

Many villagers will be aware that Sarah Leach, a well known young lady born in Barley, had been fighting cancer. Sadly she has died and St. Thomas's Church was packed to celebrate her life. She will be missed by so many and our condolences go to her parents, Chris and Ruth, her partner Glenn and all her family and friends. ^{DH}

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 2nd & 16th June and 7th & 21st July 1 – 3pm. Come and make 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 and biscuits available

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

YOUNG FARMERS: Every Monday

– Contact Charlotte 07732 148576

WHIST: Every Tuesday & last Sunday of each month

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 11th June & 9th July -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

Ruth White and the team from St.Mary's school are to be congratulated on the great success of the Victorian Days held recently in Newchurch. The event was blessed by the weather and honoured by a visit from our new Mayor, Cllr Shelagh Derwent. All who came enjoyed the exhibits which ranged from a display of old church papers going back to 1831 to a school class which showed children how exacting and disciplined teaching was back in the 19th century. It was a great weekend which must surely be repeated, even if only to see how well Victorian clothes suit so many – it was great to see the top hats of the gents and the crinolines of the ladies, and we had some delicious looking serving wenches and some marvellously mischievous children.

Judging for the BKVC (Best Kept, etc) starts early in June and Newchurch is already looking tidy and neat through the efforts of a number of villagers; let's keep up the good work during the next few weeks.

The case of the flying bench has intrigued those who wander through Sparable Wood and the playing fields; a wooden seat and table of considerable weight appears to have levitated and flown some 200 yards uphill and landed in the wood. This may be the work of a modern Alice Nutter but there may be a more plausible explanation. Any ideas? And, talking of benches, does anyone know of where the bench mark, shown on the 1864 OS map in the centre of Newchurch, actually is?

Which brings us to a topic which will dominate the next PC meeting on the 10th June – the future of the playing fields which stretch over 8 acres between Spen Brook and Newchurch. A number of parishioners have petitioned the PC to stop the use of fields for football because of disruption in Spen Brook caused by visitors. What do you think? If you have any views on the matter, please come to the meeting.

As the only bit of dry(ish) and flat(ish) land around the village the fields were used for recreation and games between the wars when the local population was much higher – and with a greater proportion of young people – than it is today. In 1966 the then owners, Massey's Brewery, sold the fields for £350 to the Goldshaw Booth Playing Fields Association which was a Trust, with local Trustees, formed "to provide playing fields and recreation areas". In 2003 the Trustees decided to sell the land (for £1!) to Goldshaw Booth PC who assumed the responsibilities of the former Trust. The only constraints on the new owners were those expressed in the original Trust, to provide and maintain playing fields etc, and to prohibit the erection of any building other than a sports pavilion. Legally the fields are defined as an open space; there are two footpaths across the land and a right of access from Gorrell Close in addition to the accesses from Osborne Terrace and from St Mary's and Newchurch.

Should we hold a referendum?

The new tea shop at Witches Galore – called the Cauldron – is now open and looks good; try it some time.

Currently being re-surfaced, Jinny Lane and the Sabden Fold road will be a great improvement and we are told that the drainage problems which have plagued us over the last few years should be alleviated. However, the new speed limit through Newchurch and Spen Brook has had no effect whatsoever on traffic which still whizzes impatiently through the villages. Can we ask those who drive up and down the hill to recognise the hazards of the narrow roads and the children at the school?

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 10th June when the playing fields matter will be discussed.

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JUDGING for this
year STARTS
JUNE 1

ROUGHLEE
Best Kept
Village
2007/08
CHAMPIONS CLASS

Let's make
it three in
a row!

In civic circles there is no greater honour than that of being First Citizen. We can't quite claim that - but we can have the Second! Councillor Shelagh Derwent from Blacko and Roughlee's very own Ann McGeorge were recently elected as Mayor & Mayoress of Pendle. Many villagers took great pride in witnessing the Mayor-making ceremonies. Shelagh & Ann have already been busy in and out of the Borough with their duties. In addition Ann has been working away for a year on the Mayor's Charity Appeal and this committee includes several ladies from Roughlee - another feather in the cap of the little village in which we live.

Whilst on the subject of the McGeorges, husband Alistair has, temporarily, had to step down from his duties of tending the village. This is of course bad timing for our efforts in the 'Best Kept' competition and we have reluctantly granted him 'gardening leave!' What it does mean though is that we have a gap in our maintenance schedules and we urgently require another volunteer/s to tend the planting areas at Happy Valley; the School; the Centre and at North Farm. It doesn't have to be just one person - 2, 3 or 4 would be fine!

Further to this the Parish Council is organising a Tidy Weekend on June 7/8 - a separate leaflet with details is being delivered to houses

in the Village.

Our next major event is the annual Village Fayre which takes place at the Centre (see below). Newly-appointed Vice Chairman Michelle Harvey & Joyce O'Sullivan are now co-ordinating this and all is going to plan, but as always we encourage participation - both before, and on the day. We are currently short of some bakery items so contributions will be welcomed. Please contact Michelle or Joyce on 693500.

If you would like to help you are also invited to our next meeting; -Tuesday June 3 at 7.30pm in the VC.

We are hoping that Bertie Bee will be able to come to the Duck Race & Village BBQ again and we are just awaiting his availability before we commit to the date, which will be either August 10 or 17.

News just in is that BT wish to remove the public payphone box at Crowtrees. Pendle BC is likely to object to this, but residents' views will be needed to back this up. Please contact your Councillor as soon as possible.

The anticipated 'festival' due to be held at Noggarth Top at the beginning of August is now likely to take place in Blacko, so hopefully our residents can sleep easier (and quieter) in their beds at this news.

SECOND FRIDAYS Every month at 8pm June 13 & July 11

Village Fayre

Sunday Jun 15

