



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 SEPTEMBER

Monday Sept 1	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Sunday Sept 7	Trinity 16	9.30am Holy Communion
	11am - 4pm Craft Exhibition	4pm Songs of Praise
Sunday Sept 14	Trinity 17	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Sept 21	Trinity 18	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Sept 28	Trinity 19	9.30am All Age Service

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Church will be open from 10am - 6pm on Saturday 6th and from 10.30am (after the service) until the "Songs of Praise" service at 4pm on Sunday 7th September. Admission to the exhibition is by donation and there will be refreshments available. Everyone will be welcome to any of the services and the exhibition. If anyone would like to either display their craft work or to demonstrate a craft they will be most welcome. Please contact Valerie Widdas (tel. 691850)

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

It was hard not to get caught up in the 'gold fever' of the Olympic Games. Even while I was cut off from the outside world in annual camp with army cadets, I couldn't escape noticing that the final week of the Games brought more and more gold medals.

There was almost the danger of us turning into Australians - anything less than gold was not good enough!

Commentators talked about the dedication and the planning that had gone into every gold medal. Critics noticed that each gold medal had cost millions of pounds in training top athletes.

What you can't get away from is that winning is not just about talent or good fortune. It requires a lot of hard work. The down side is that in any Olympic competition only one person wins gold. It's the same with gold as a metal. It is not a simple matter of digging it out of the ground. It has to be refined, and this involves high temperatures in order to remove the impurities so that it becomes a truly precious metal. Refining gold and silver is a popular image in the Bible to make sense of the testing times we go through in our lives.

It is an important lesson. We would all like to get the best results with the least effort, which perhaps explains the popularity of talent shows. But God in his wisdom spares us such a conceit - the things that are really precious come at a cost to ourselves, whether it is sport, work, or relationships. To give up because we think we are not good enough to achieve them is the one sure way to miss out.

The same is true of our spiritual lives too. Whether we are seeking God, or aspire to goodness and truth, we have to be prepared to put in some hard work.

St. Paul must have been a keen sports fan, because he uses athletics and boxing to illustrate how Christians should live their lives. He advises not to run without a goal, or to waste our punches on thin air. Instead he says we are to run to win a trophy that will last forever. The prize is life with God forever, and the good news is that there is not just one winner. All of us can win first place and receive the gold medal of eternal life.

God bless you

John

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Victoria Megan Riley was baptised at St.Mary's on August 3rd.

RUSHBEARING

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Pendle, Cllr. Shelagh Derwent, to St.Mary's to crown our Rushbearing Queen, Hannah Duerden. Sadly the weather was so wet that the whole event had to take place in the church but this did not mar the enjoyment of the day. We are indebted to Burnley Alliance Silver Band who came to play at very short notice.

The Annual "In Pendle's Shadow" walk needs your help! Saturday September 20

We once again need help with the marshalling of this walk, manning the checkpoints and helping to prepare the food for the walkers on their return to Barley Village Hall. All help will be much appreciated and if you can help at all, even only for an hour or two please contact

either:
Chris Widdas (tel. 691850)
or Kathleen Wilkinson (tel. 617971).

Local History Group

The speaker at the next meeting on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall will be Duncan Armstrong who will be talking about maps and map making.



The Chamber Pot

A new and occasional feature illustrating the close workings of the Borough Councillor and the Parish Councils.

Further to this month's pieces from both Barley & Goldshaw Booth on the roles of the Parish Councils here is a typical example of how things work in the background. Here was the scene in the centre of Newchurch on August 7, minutes after a cement mixer inadvertently dumped part of its load - then promptly drove off! Councillor Bill Mayor was quickly on hand to assess the problem and called James Starkie. Within two hours, the rapid response highways team had cleaned it all up and most people were none the wiser. [until now!]

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: September 10 & October 8

Parish Council Chairman / Parish News Co-ordinator:

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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: September 9 & October 14

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

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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: September 1 & October 6

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

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Barley

With a shorter deadline than normal, I am lacking inspiration and can think no further than the wet weather and the Best Kept Village competition - of which enough has been said about both.

As Chairman of the Parish Council I am asked some questions frequently, so I will answer them for all those interested.

Does the Parish Council run the Village Hall?

No, it is the Trustee but the management and maintenance of the hall is undertaken by a separate body, the Village Hall Committee.

Where does the Council get its income? Grants from Pendle BC and others, plus car parking charges. We don't precept our residents so get the smallest grant of all parishes but the car park makes up the difference. How much is typically available to spend on the village?

About £12-15k this year, the Financial Officer keeps everything in order following Audit guidance.

Why would anyone be a Councillor? Various motives from virtuous to scandalous, I can sincerely testify my view that our Councillors are in it to improve the fabric of the village and support other local groups.

I bet the Council is just a talking shop - It is for about 2 hours each month and then the hard work is in implementing Council decisions.

What has the Council ever done for us? Last year it improved fences, roadway surfaces, finger-post signs and landscaped areas around the village and helped maintain the Village Hall - not bad on limited funds. And the Lengthsman helps keep the village tidy.

Do Councillors get paid? No.

Bet there is a good expenses package? Not really a package, just wrapping paper. Do you have to wear a chain and gown? Not for the Council.

There must be some perk to the job? Yes, I get to sleep with the Financial Officer! [Editor's note: The Financial Officer, Caroline, is married to Derek!]

Finally, I can report that the Council is financially supporting two new sporting clubs in the village. They are a table tennis club which now meets in the Chapel Hall every Tuesday evening and a badminton club, which will form once equipment

is available and will play in the Village Hall. More information to follow as the clubs become established. The Council has also made a £300 contribution towards extending the scope of wireless broadband across the village. DH

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 1st & 15th Sept, 1 - 3pm. This is a small group who make cards for all occasions or you can try your hand at Patchwork, or bring along your own work.

YOUNG FARMERS: Every Monday 7.30pm - Contact Charlotte 603682

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm

WHIST: Every Tuesday & last Sunday of each month

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 10th Sept -10am to 12noon.

PILATES every Thursday 10-11am. Booking essential - All Welcome - for details contact Tracy on 07773785904

PENDLE PUMPKINS: 4th September, for information contact Jan tel. 613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm

FUTURE EVENTS:

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER: 10am to 3pm TABLE TOP SALE contact Margaret 690420 for details. £7 per table

SAT/SUNDAY 18/9TH OCTOBER

QUILT SHOW All proceeds from this event are for the chosen charities of the Mayoress of Pendle.

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER~QUIZ AW

Goldshaw Booth

Now is the summer of our discontent . . . whatever I write in these short articles seems to stir up some comment. Comment which is rarely complimentary; not that I mind – it's better to be criticised than ignored - but, please, do regard what I say as my personal opinion (can you have an impersonal opinion? Or is that just waffle, like saying "meeting with" or "at this point in time", the use of unnecessary words to conceal lack of clear thought?) and not the policy of the Parish Council. Sometimes I do report fact, and if I do it is usually accurate, but if I express an opinion or view, it is mine. So shout at me if you like, but don't always blame the PC!

The PC met on what used to be called the glorious twelfth, although in this awful summer it should be inglorious – unless of course you are a grouse – we seem to have many hereabouts – in which case the rain may have saved your life, to discuss the usual range of topics and some new ones. Do you, for example, think that we should have a SPID in the parish? A speed indicator device? Would it have the desired effect of slowing traffic through Spen Brook and Newchurch? Do let the PC know.

Do you think that the function of the PC would be improved by calling it a 'Community Council', or a 'Neighbourhood Council', or something similar? Would the change of name make it more approachable, more open, more inclusive?

Another topic was how to improve communication in the Parish. Do people look at notice boards, read the local paper? Would a website be used? Do people read the Parish Magazine? Or is that an oxymoron?

The PC does hope that anyone with views on these matters lets them know; we need your help.

The Rushbearing service suffered in the rain but the children put up a brave show in the church and the new Queen looked lovely; we wish her a successful year.

John Heyworth and Keith Blamire have finished painting the railings on the bends on Spen Brook road; the metalwork looks much better and the PC is grateful for their efforts. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for Newchurch's efforts in the BKV competition which have been somewhat lukewarm this year despite the example of one or two, and by the time this is printed judging will be over for this year. Aw, well, there's always next year . . .

The scrape was dug on the playing field during a relatively dry spell and awaits further work when the elements permit. This is a project funded by the Green Partnership and carried out under the guidance of the Countryside Officer to create an area of wetlands which, it is hoped, will attract a diverse range of wildlife and plants. It looks a mess at the moment, but – give it time, and your involvement if you can; we need experts and enthusiasts. And, in the autumn and winter, we will need lumberjacks, plaid shirt and all, hard men and tough women, to work under Chris Binney, the Pendle Borough woodlands manager, to start the thinning of Sparable wood.

It looks like the work on the toilet block and garden will not be done this year due to a shortage of funds, but the proposed alteration to the area leased from Martin Lee, opposite the church gates, will probably go ahead. If anyone is unsure of what this entails, the PC has plans which are also on display in the Cauldron teashop. Please have a look at them.

Has this communication been successful?
Thanks for reading!

Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

The attendees of the Roughlee Luncheon Club were dealt a cruel and unexpected blow when they received letters from Pendle Council informing them that their weekly gathering was being amalgamated with the one at Barrowford - effectively closing it down. On hearing the news, members of the Club, the Parish Council and Village Centre mounted a strong campaign to have the decision reversed, but to no avail.



level and Officers of PBC have promised a meeting "soon" with the Parish Council to listen to our 'proposals'.

In the meantime Elaine Todd has made a welcome return from 'retirement' to head a sub-committee that will oversee the Parish Council's decision to take over the provision of meals every Thursday from September 4.

Roughlee has had a luncheon club for over 12 years and over the last few years numbers have grown to an acceptable 14 or so. It is not just for Roughlee-ers though, there are regulars who come from Barley, Blacko and Fence as well. All aged over 50 are welcome and now that there is a regular bus service from Barley & Newchurch we would be more than happy to accommodate more of our next door neighbours too. To keep it running though we may well need some extra community-spirited volunteers who could spare a couple of hours on Thursday mornings - all details from Elaine on 618430.

The miserable weather of late failed to hamper the fun of the Duck Race & BBQ. A recent item on the PC agenda has been that of Risk assessments / health & safety. Little did we know that within just two weeks we would have to make the relatively simple decision to call the

race off. The speed and depth of the stream meant that the ducks would have been in Barrowford or beyond in no time, but more importantly, to have duck catchers in the water and children on the banks was just too dangerous. An innovative numbering solution was devised and the winning tickets were bought by Roughlee's Stuart Fraser & Alwyn Taylor, with Blacko's Peter Hesketh coming in with a bronze. [Let's hope that this isn't the only time that Roughlee prevails over Blacko - the results of the Best Kept Competition will be known by the middle of the month!]

We continued the evening with the family BBQ at the Centre and another good night was had by all. Thanks to all who bought tickets, and attended. Thanks too for all who helped with the cooking and with the supply & erection of dry areas for both events - you know who you are! Our next event is a repeat of the successful 'Last Night of the Proms' on Saturday September 13. This is a great night for lovers of the more popular pieces of classical music and also features a big screen presentation of the Royal Albert Hall. Bring your own drinks, and picnic. Cover charge is just £2 but no tickets are being issued, just be there at 7.30 to reserve your table.

Two more dates for your Diary:
The return of the Race Night on October 25 and of course the Ball on November 29.

Finally, The Parish Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the duties undertaken over the last three years by our retiring Clerk, Gill Fawcett. Gill has been a diligent worker and a calming influence - we wish her well on her PC 'retirement'.

In her place we welcome Carol Donahue, who took on a similar role for Goldshaw Booth earlier in the summer.

JKS