



# 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 MARCH

Sunday March 1 Lent 1

9.30am Holy Communion

Monday March 2 PCC Meeting 7.30pm School

Sunday March 8 Lent 2

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday March 15 Lent 3

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday March 22 Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

9.30am All age Service

Sunday March 29 Lent 5

9.30am Service & Annual Parish Meeting

### SOCIALS

Saturday March 7

Coffee Morning & Quiz answers  
5 Osborne Terrace

Monday March 9, 7.30pm

Social & fund raising meeting  
Spennbrook

### FUNERAL SERVICES

AT ST MARYS

January 29

Mrs Mary Broughton

February 4

Mr Harold Lightbown

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# Parish NEWS

## MARCH 2009

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## Dear Friends

The so-called atheist buses have provoked an underwhelming reaction in London and other cities - buses with a slogan on the side: 'There is probably no God. So stop worrying and enjoy your life.' Some reactions have been predictable - others more thoughtful.

Like, did you know that a Christian think-tank contributed to paying for the adverts? They thought that it was an important issue that needed discussing. I think the slogan is nicely balanced, although as you might guess I think the probability lies in the other direction. But it does underline the fact that a key issue is not whether God exists or not, but the difference belief in God makes to how you live your life. At bottom, belief in God is not worth having if it stays at a theoretical level. It has to translate into action. Not just any action - but actions which reflect the goodness, justice and compassion of the God Christians, Jews and Muslims say they believe in. That's why the second part of the slogan needs examining. Not worrying is important - Jesus tells us not to worry on lots of occasions. Easier said than done. In the current economic situation, there is lots to worry about. But the antidote to worry is realism. We might have to curb our expenditure or revise our plans based on the equity of property or pension funds. But are we really going to be destitute? People in the West have come to expect increasing material wealth. Maybe it's time now to think more about how we find contentment.

We all want to enjoy our life, but it's funny that recent surveys show that the British are one of the least happy nations in the world. What's that about?

Perhaps enjoyment is elusive. Joy is part of the Spirit's fruit according to St. Paul. We find it not through what we have, but who we are. And perhaps it also requires us to look outwards. My enjoyment needs to include other people.

I'm writing this just on Shrove Tuesday. I always look forward to Lent. It is a time when I cut my consumption. It is also a time when I can share what I save with other people. Most importantly it is a time when I engage with the God I believe in - a God who is at the heart of a story of generosity, transformation and hope. The God I know in Jesus.

So have a joy-full Lent!

God bless you

*John*

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After weeks of excitement and busy preparations we had the official opening of our newly extended school on 27th February in the company of the Worshipful the Mayor of Pendle, Councillor Shelagh Derwent, Guests & Parents.



Michael Duerden who is now settled into his new position.

Friends of Newchurch organised a Beetle Drive on Sat 10th January. Children and parents enjoyed this event and we are grateful for the money raised.

KS1 children have enjoyed their Multi-skills after school club, unfortunately the 5 week course was reduced to 3 as 2 sessions were cancelled due to the snow!

We were visited by the Life Education Bus on 26th January. All our children had the opportunity to take part in the programme, which is specifically designed for their age group. The aim is to encourage the children to think about all aspects of health and make positive decisions about themselves. The specially equipped mobile classroom provided them with an unforgettable experience and assists our school in our health education work.

Following on from our last, very successful, Cheerleading after school club we are hoping to commence another 5 week course after the half term holiday. The children will learn new routines and perform these for parents at the end of the course. SH-C

## WI

"The Natural History of the Pennines" with Gordon Yates.  
We look forward to an enjoyable evening without snow  
Wednesday March 4 at 7.30pm at  
Barley Village Hall.  
Visitors are most welcome.

## Local History Group

Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm  
Barley Village Hall  
Our speaker will be Edward Padgett  
his subject will be:  
"A history of plumbing and the WC  
by another name"

## mothers union

Our next meeting is March 24 at 2pm in  
St Thomas - the Rev A Turner will  
be the speaker.  
March 25 Lady Day Communion will be held at  
10-30 am at St Thomas.

Womens World Day of Prayer.  
The service will take place at St Marys  
Newchurch, at 2pm Friday March 6  
All are most welcome to come and join in.

## Barley Chapel

is a family friendly church that meets every Sunday  
at 10.30am for Worship, and Sunday Friends of  
God Club for children. 10.30-11.30

Preachers: March 1; Revd A Turner. March 8; B  
Dickinson 10.30 / Revd A Turner 6pm  
March 15; W Fryer. March 22; M Clegg  
March 29; Revd A Turner

The weekly FoG Club for ages 7-16 also meets on  
Thursdays from 6.30 - 7.45pm

The team led by Lorraine Goldsborough has just  
returned from Sierra Leone - more details next  
month.

Revd A Turner. Tel 614500

# Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

## Barley with Wheatley Booth [www.barleyvillagehall.org](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org)

Parish Council meetings take place on 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: March 11 & April 8

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## Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: March 10 & April 14

Parish Council Chairman: Kathleen Wilkinson Tel. 617971 [brianwilco@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:brianwilco@tiscali.co.uk)

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## Roughlee Booth [www.roughlee.org.uk](http://www.roughlee.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on 1st Monday of every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: March 2 & April 6

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# BARLEY

Bootham Wood - Any parishioner driving along Barley Road or walking Heys Lane will have noticed the scale of the works undertaken in Boothman Wood. There are now four ponds on the site, a large earth mound has been constructed from imported material and roadways have been constructed in the woodland to enable further tree felling operations. The site is now a major scar on our landscape and this has been brought to the attention of Pendle Borough Council (PBC) who have confirmed that some of the development has been done without planning permission. A retrospective planning application is now expected from the developer and we will be encouraging PBC to take action to restore the site to be in keeping with the planning permissions granted to date – a woodland fishery with three log cabins. Go and take a look and give us, or the Borough Council who is the planning authority, your views.

Clayton Harriers are holding a national race event in the village on 7th March between 10am and 2pm with over 400 runners expected, it will be quite a spectacle. Pendle Hill has put our village at the centre of this prestigious event and the only downside will be the inevitable parking problems. The Parish Council is working with the organisers and the police to minimise disruption but the village will be very busy. Clayton Harriers have a long association with Barley and will be generating income for local businesses, the Village Hall and the Parish Council.

Footway Improvements – Lancashire County Council has consulted the Parish Council on its plans to gradually upgrade village footpaths by replacing tarmac with stone tile effect blockwork. We want to maintain the rural heritage of the village and want the footways to suit our rural setting. A decision on the type and colour of blockwork has been put back to the next Council meeting to give residents a second chance to come see and comment upon these plans

Foot House Gate Farm Barn (next to Upper Black Moss reservoir) has again been refused planning permission. This property had planning permission to convert to a residential property but was severely damaged by strong winds last winter before

works started. The issue is now a technical argument over whether it is a “repair” or “new build” with the latter view taken by the planners and so planning has now been refused.

Finally I want to report the theft of a trailer from the Bullion and two ornamental stone dogs from Barley Green. Not major crime but none the less most annoying to the owners and so I just want to remind you to be vigilant, thieves are around  
DH

## Village Hall Regular Events

CRAFT GROUP 1st/3rd Mondays 1-3pm

YOUNG FARMERS Mondays. 7.30pm

KEEP FIT Mondays 8pm

WHIST Every Tuesday at 7.30pm and the last Sunday in the month.

PENDLE PATCHERS 2nd/4th Tuesdays 1-5pm.

COFFEE & CHAT 2nd We'sday 10am-12.

PENDLE PUMPKINS Th'sdays 10am-12.

LINE DANCING Thursdays 7.45pm.

PILATES Thursday mornings.

BADMINTON Tuesday & Thursday evenings.

## ST. GEORGE'S DINNER Saturday April 25

7.30pm 3 course meal includes

Ye Old Roast Beef  
£16pp

Bring your own drinks

Tickets from David 613280 or Chris 691850



# Goldshaw Booth

The snows of the last few weeks reminded me of some old photographs which I took on Pendle in, I think, 1974 when a frozen cornice extended two or three metres out over the Barley slopes like a wave of icing sugar and we spent a couple of happy hours cutting through it and getting thoroughly frozen. And another time when the A5 under Tryfan in Snowdonia had walls of snow two metres high and an abandoned double decker bus got covered completely. I spent the night in a tent high up in the Glyders and had to dig out in the morning into a glorious golden dawn. Those were the days! And now we fuss about 5cm of the white stuff which lasts a day or two; we're getting soft! Although we did get out a bit to enjoy walking on the frozen ground under those clear skies which are so welcome. But, again, it depends where you walk; my heart sinks as I negotiate the devastation surrounding Heys Lane where Boothman Wood has been so ruthlessly destroyed and where the Plantation is now suffering a similar fate - to what purpose? So much good work is being done in our beautiful countryside by landowners and the Countryside officers - like in Aitken wood where the ravens sail by giving that harsh croak which evokes wilderness and reminds me of Snowdonia - that it emphasises the tragedy taking place above Whitehough. I cannot comment on individual planning matters which are considered at Parish Council meetings but I can say that it always helps when the applicants attend and listen to the arguments and show some understanding of the PC's concerns which are, I hope, never personal, but which try to represent the feelings of the community. Communication is the key to understanding; unnecessary resentment can grow where views are not shared and ideas not explained. Surely it's better to come and argue your case rather than sit at home grumbling?

Which brings me to the Spring Social which is being held at the School on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm

when we hope that many parishioners will come and have a drink and a chat, meet new neighbours and renew old acquaintances. All households in the Parish will receive an invitation and posters are being prepared to remind you  
- do please try to come.

The lively PC meeting on 10th February discussed a wide range of topics, ranging from planning consents to sheep on the playing fields and included new boundary signs for the villages, new notice boards, use of the football pitch, and the mowing of the playground and woodland paths. - although if the sheep continue their good work, the fields won't need human attention! The Best Kept Village competition comes round regularly and we hope that both Spen Brook and Newchurch will participate, although the village on the hill will require a lot of work if its success in 2007 is to be repeated. To further this, we hope that the Cross Lane garden will be newly fenced and planted in early spring - help with the planting and tidying would be very valuable. And the project of improving the toilet block and garden in Newchurch is still being discussed. We hope also to be able to replace the 'baby' swings on the playground during the spring and to finish the work around the pond and wetlands. All these things take time and effort and thought, and most of the PC have proper jobs to attend to as well, so if you can help and you want to make a contribution to the villages we live in, or to the way in which they are run, come and join us. A very welcome visitor to the meetings recently remarked that "she hadn't realised that there was so much to do" - there is! Participate - and communicate!

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 10th March. BM

# ROUGHLEE

Its been another quiet month in our Village and apart from the untimely and sad loss of Maurice, the only major news has seen the ownership of the Bay Horse change hands again.

We welcome Ralph & Ryan and their partners to Roughlee, and if the opening weekend says anything, we're in for a treat! Good food and a warm welcome were very much in abundance. Their team has already

impressed many and we wish them well in the rebuilding of the reputation & patronage of an important part of village life - it deserves our support.

The regular Village events for our Seniors continue nicely, although we are told that a few more attendees at their fortnightly Tuesday afternoon club would be welcomed - Barley-ers, Newchurch-ers as well as Roughlee-ers are welcome! JKS

## Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Wednesday March 4 at Roughlee

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Our New Library Van will be round our 3 villages on the 11th & 25th Mar:

Bay Horse Roughlee 1.45pm;

Thorneyholme 2.15pm;

Narrowgates 2.30pm;

Barley Centre 2.50pm;

Newchurch 3.10pm; Spenbrook 3.30pm.

There are additional stops to the above.

Come and see this new van with its many new books, low rise stairs, passenger lift and loop system.

USE THE MOBILE LIBRARY OR  
LOSE IT! AW

### Maurice Waine

It was with deep shock that villagers received the news of Maurice's passing. It was back in the autumn that he received the news that his illness was terminal and he fought his final months privately, and with great dignity.

Maurice was born in Roughlee in 1929 and had lived here all his life. His parents owned the now-demolished mill and surrounding pleasure gardens - a business he went on to inherit, with that of the two sites that became the caravan parks. A former Parish Councillor, Maurice was instrumental in the conversion of the then café into what is now our Village Centre. He was deeply involved in village matters and was regularly to be seen tending his immaculate garden at his home in the

centre of the Village. The cortege from Roughlee was headed by his re-conditioned tractor, which he would have thoroughly approved of. The funeral service was held in a packed Barley Chapel, where his God-daughter & Grandson shared several stories of some of Maurice's more mischievous moments.

Our thoughts & sympathies go out to Sue & John and their families. JKS

## The Chamber Pot

An occasional feature by the Borough Councillor with news from the Town Hall that affect us The Council decided at its Budget meeting that the PBC share of the council tax would stay the same, ie a 0% increase. It's not all good news though as there will be increases from the County Council, the Police and the Fire service. Secondly, it was also decided that the collection of recycling materials will be changed during the summer. The intention is to replace the small green bins with a larger one for glass & plastic etc. Whilst many people will be happy with this, some residents will face problems with the positioning of two bins. When the final details are made public I will be more than happy to deal with individual cases. James