



# 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 5	Palm Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
Thursday April 9	Maundy Thursday Seder Supper 7.30pm St Thomas' Church, Barrowford
Friday April 10	Good Friday 9.30am Reading of the Passion around Newchurch
Sunday April 12	Easter Day 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday April 19	Easter 2 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday April 26	Easter 3 9.30am All Age Service

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### 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

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

Rev'd A Turner. Tel 614500

### Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Wed April 15 at Roughlee Village  
Centre.

### mothers union

Next meeting April 28th at 7-30  
Homing in on our links with Africa

Next issue Please have your articles for the May 'News' by Friday April 17.

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## Dear Friends

I wonder whether the vicarage garden might qualify as arable land.

In the past few years I've had a small crop of wheat. Blue tits throw seed from the feeders, which germinate and grow in my badly weeded flower beds. That's the wonder of plants - provided the seed gets into the soil, nature does the rest. The seed breaks down and new life begins.

Something Jesus once said picked up on this process. 'A grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains.' Jesus was talking on a number of levels. His insight into rural life of the time; anticipation of his own death; and a truth deep within human life.

We often think that human life is about hanging on - to people, to things, even to life itself. Sadly for us, the last eludes us in the final moment. And we also know that holding on too tightly can take away the wonder of having. A relationship that does not let the other person be themselves will be short lived. Fear of losing an object precious to us may take away the enjoyment of it.

Shortly we will be celebrating the drama of Good Friday and Easter. It is the story of Jesus laying down his life in order to take it up again. It involves becoming a victim to hatred and violence in order to establish a kingdom of love and reconciliation. It means risking everything in order to gain everything.

The triumph of Easter morning is God's way of showing that it works. It is also a guarantee that we don't need to be bystanders, but can risk what we hang on to, to find it again in full measure. Archbishop Desmond Tutu encouraged people to risk themselves in the face of apartheid - not violently, but peacefully. His faith was vindicated in the non-violent transition to majority rule. He put his finger on the truth that enables us to risk all - 'Love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.'

Happy Easter and God bless you,



*John*

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Education Sunday, on the 8th February, followed the theme of Creation. The children presented their ideas on what we need to do to look after the world that God created for us. This was a very thought provoking service where the school and the community joined together in worship.

Friends of Newchurch organised a Valentines Ball on Saturday 14th February. This was a very enjoyable event raising an amazing £1128 for school funds. We appreciate all the hard work that they put into raising funds for our school.

This month the children watched an exceptional play by Venture Productions of 'The Golden Key'. This was based on the theme of self development and encourages the children to appreciate the values of healthy eating and exercise.

On World Book Day - 5th March - the children were asked to bring their favourite book to school and to design a book cover. The children worked so hard that they all received a notebook and pen.

We held a non-uniform day on Friday 13th March to raise funds for Comic Relief.

The children will be involved in a taster session of circus skills this month. We are hoping to run this as an after school club next term.

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FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST MARYS

March 15 Vivian Raymond Derwent

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Our New Library Van will be round our 3  
villages on the 8th & 22nd April  
Bay Horse Roughlee 1.45pm;  
Thorneyholme 2.15pm;  
Narrowgates 2.30pm; Barley 2.50pm;  
Newchurch 3.10pm; Spenbrook 3.30pm.  
Come and see this new van with its many  
new books, low rise stairs,  
passenger lift and loop system. AW

### A LITTLE SNIP OF LIVING HISTORY

What a great pleasure to attend the opening of the new extension at St Mary's school on 27th February. It is good to know that it is such a happy school where children can progress along their journey of learning. It also brought back memories to me of forty-six years ago.

I arrived at Newchurch as Head of school in January 1963, unaware that extensions on the North side were about to begin. Due to heavy blizzards, the school was closed for days. Building didn't start until March. Lockwoods of Nelson and Holgates of Fence were the builders and Lockwoods were so pleased with the way the children behaved towards the workmen and equipment and materials that they donated a silver cup to be presented each year to the child most helpful and polite to all throughout that year.

The work was completed in September but the opening was the following year and with what pomp and circumstance! It began with a service in church then the opening ceremony in school which was performed by the Bishop of Blackburn for whom a special platform had been constructed. Dignitaries from the Diocese and the Local Education Authority were present. Mrs Quinn, the school cook, provided a splendid buffet.

The second phase on the South side was to follow within 5 years.

Forty years later it happened again and what a contrast was the opening. Architects, builders, staff, children, parents, governors and friends were present and our Mayor cut the ribbon. The atmosphere was joyous and happy and relaxed. The presentation and children's performance were excellent and faith in education, for me, was restored. Long may it continue and may God's blessing be always with us.

Mrs E.E.Procter

# 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 the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: April 8 & May 13

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

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: April 14 & May 12

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 the 1st Monday of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: April 6 & May 11

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# BARLEY

Spring has finally made an appearance in the village to remind us what a beautiful place we live in and more of us are venturing outdoors.

The 'Half Tour of Pendle' fell race, held on March 7th, was a great success and raised several hundred pounds for village funds. Traffic was managed by the police, with 'No Parking' cones keeping cars away from the pinch points on the roads. The car park was staffed by volunteers from the village to fit in as many cars as possible and many thanks go to Clayton Harriers' marshals who provided excellent organisation and support throughout the whole event.

From over 400 entries, 384 runners completed the 9 mile course with the fastest taking a mere 1 hour 3 minutes! Anyone watching the event could not fail to be impressed by the runners' descent of the hill affectionately termed 'Geronimo' into Ogden Clough. This now appears on 'You Tube', set to music - type in 'half tour of Pendle' to view.

As the village comes into bloom, thoughts turn to Lancashire's Best Kept Village competition and we will be defending our title as winner of the Hamlet class. As last year's champion, we are entered into the competition for the next 4 years and this year have selected the Village Hall, the Barley Mow, Pendle Inn and the War Memorial & Turning Circle, the latter a winning feature last year, as Certificate of Merit entries. More details of how you can get involved and judging dates to follow.

The Council continues to exchange correspondence with Pendle Borough Council on the development in Boothman Wood. We received a prompt response to the concerns we raised (as detailed in the last newsletter) and we are advised that no further work will take place until a planning application is submitted. Although another month has passed, we still understand from PBC that the application is imminent and it will appear on the Barley Council meeting agenda once submitted - please come along and let us know your views. The next Council meeting is on April 8th at 7.30pm.VT

## 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.

WI 1st Wednesday

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

LOCAL HISTORY 3rd Wed. Speaker Paul Kabma of Pendle/Craven Geo. Society

PENDLE PUMPKINS Th'sdays 10am-12.

LINE DANCING Thursdays 7.45pm.

PILATES Thursday mornings.

BADMINTON Tues & Thursday evenings.

**ST. GEORGE'S DINNER**  
**Saturday April 25**

7.30pm 3 course meal includes  
 Ye Old Roast Beef £16pp

Bring your own drinks  
 this ticket is valid for all children from 6 to 12 years.

Call in and see some excellent craftsmen at work and  
 look at the top class models they have made.

Homemade food will be available all day.

AGM Tuesday 12th May at 8pm - this is an open meeting where we welcome members of the village to air their views & suggest new ideas for the good of the Village Hall. Cheese & wine for all from 7.30pm. We hope to have a representative from all the groups who regularly use the hall. AW

# Goldshaw Booth

I would like to record the success of the Goldshaw Booth PC social on 20th March. At least, I think it was a success and a lot of the 65 who were there thought so too, so it must have been: we certainly managed to drink all the wine and all the beer so that must mean something! We must thank Ann Norris for the idea, Debbie Mousley for the excellent buffet and our clerk, Carol Donohoe for her splendid photo-presentation and all the others who, fuelled by wine, planned the event. Many of those who came talked about the villages and shared their hopes and fears for the parish and I think that the councillors listened and learned. It may be that, at long last, the old era of secrecy and inflexibility in Goldshaw is coming to an end. And Goldshaw will be the better for it. Today the PC must be aware and accountable and the fiefdoms of the past swept aside by democracy. And, of course, competence. Incompetence and a lack of imagination can no longer be hidden from the public gaze. It may be that last Friday saw the birth of a new spirit of openness and co-operation. I hope so. We already have plans for further social events again so watch our (new) noticeboards.

In a recent article in the Times, Matthew Parris argued that since WW2 our political leaders have been managers rather than leaders, reacting to events rather than planning strategies. There is merit in this argument although maybe the pace of events in the modern world is such that reacting is all that can be done and that any attempt at direction is doomed to be swept aside by events like 9/11 and economic crises - and snow! But the point remains: it is easier to let others set an agenda for us rather than to try set it for ourselves. This is not only true of the national leadership, but of parish councils; we might pretend that we set an agenda, but that is merely a list of things that have happened and to which we think we should respond. Rather we should, together, try to plan our future as neighbours - even if we are occasionally blown off course, it will be worthwhile and satisfying. (Note to Editor

: can I go now, please?) We're off now to swop the dusty concrete of Nelson for the wind-blown plains of the Western Desert and the economic depression of UK for the depression of Qattara - and this is supposed to be a holiday!

As the present financial year comes to an end the PC appear to have failed to carry out any of our big projects for the villages - not through lack of trying, but because we have run up against unforeseen problems with landowners and planning officers - but funds are in place to complete the plans for the toilet block in Newchurch early in the next year. The fingerpost in the village is now finished and bears the (accurate) height above sea level - and indicates our status above our neighbouring villages which I trust, will be confirmed by our further success this summer in winning the "Best Kept" competition. As spring comes after a long winter we can now start to concentrate on smartening the villages up and planning for what we hope will be a good summer and lots more successful social gatherings.

I might even set an example to the BKV committee and wash my car. If I survive the hardships of the deserts . . .

I have been grateful for the friendship and guidance of Cllr Shelagh Derwent for over thirty years and have respected her service to the community in so many different fields. In all these activities she was strongly supported by her husband Vivian who died on the 6th of March and who will be greatly missed. I hope that Shelagh and her family will accept my sympathy and the condolences of the parish.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 14th April. BM

# ROUGHLEE

Q? Do you recognise this lady?

A frequent topic at Parish Council meetings is that of speeding cars through the Village. Enforcement is of course a police issue but several of our neighbours have the use of a SPID -SPeed Indicator Device - that flashes up the driver's speed. Well Roughlee has now been offered a joint share in a SPID BUT we need a couple of 'likely lads' who would put it up (and down) on a regular basis. If you could help please contact the PC Chairman.



Talking of the Parish Council, all future meetings will commence at 7.30pm. JKS

ROUGHLEE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thankyou to Mr Archer for organising the swimming gala between Roughlee and St Mary's, we always enjoy the occasion. It is a credit to both schools that although the competition is keen, it is entered into with such

warmth and enthusiasm.

Over the recent weeks Mr Goulding, our site supervisor, has been working hard to complete the improvements to the school garden. The planters which he has fitted to the fence have added some wonderful spring colour to the front of school and the raised bed for vegetable growing is ready to receive the plants which the children are raising from seed. The work is a part of our development as a healthy school, encouraging our children to understand some of what is involved in producing the foods we eat.

The children have been busy making recycled paper seed pots for the garden, using origami techniques. In the summer term the gardening club will meet from 3.30-4.40pm on Thursday afternoons.

In the last two weeks of the spring term we will be holding a number of events to raise money for UNICEF's work in Papua, New Guinea. The money raised will support the provision of measles vaccines and extra health facilities for the more remote communities. CP

A: The Right Hon Ann Widdecombe MP after a quick drink at the Bay Horse, following a recent tour of the area.

## Irish Night

Sat. April 4 - 7.30 for 8pm

A Fantastic Night out!! Irish Dancers & Ceilidh Band

Classic Cuisine Hot Supper

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Tickets £16 from Pam on 614755

