



# 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 3	Easter 4 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday May 10	Easter 5 9.30am All Age Service
Monday May 11	PCC Meeting 7.30pm School
Sunday May 17	Easter 6 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday May 24	Easter 7 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday May 31	Pentecost 9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Songs of Praise, Roughlee Village Centre

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# Parish NEWS

## MAY 2009

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## Dear Friends



Some words don't go together. 'Fast food'. One example I came across on the radio the other evening - talking about 'Red Tories'. It seemed a contradiction so I listened intently. It was a discussion about some ideas of a lecturer at the University of Cumbria, called Philip Blond. He is promoting a view that there is a gap in politics, and he is encouraging David Cameron to fill it. Now I don't want to talk politics, but he used a word that I am passionate about - 'community'. It's a word that is central to the quality of life in rural England.

One of the contrasts between city living and country living has been how well you know your neighbours. People still think of villages as friendly places. Of course that is under pressure by the increased commuterisation of villages. It is even more important then that those things that promote community are cherished and supported. I don't just mean the churches, but also pubs, parish councils, village halls, schools, and the various social and interest groups we have that bring people together. We are also blessed by the closeness of our farming community, who not only know each other well, but work together as need arises. It's worth celebrating, and making that little bit of effort to be part of.

The month of May is going to be good for celebrating.

There are a few things you might like to put in your dairy and get along to. On May 9th at the Hargreaves' farm in Barley, we'll be celebrating this year's harvest of lambs and calves with a service and tea and cakes. On May 19th there will be an event called 'Messy Church' - another couple of words that don't seem to go together. It will be a time for families to have fun making things, eating, playing and worshipping. And on May 31st at Roughlee Village Centre, Burnley Alliance Silver Band will be leading a Songs of Praise.

When God created the human being in Genesis chapter 2, he said, 'It is not good for man to be alone.' We are made for community. So let's make the most of it.

God bless you,

*John*

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Last term was a very busy and active time. We had two fund raising events - a non uniform day on Friday 13th March which raised £64 for the Children in Need Appeal and the fantastic sum of £137 was raised by the children by taking part in the Marie Curie Cancer Care's Mini Pots of Care planting activity.

On World Book Day, 5th March, the children were asked to design a book cover. They all worked very hard on their designs and each child received a note book, pencil and book tokens to the value of £2.

Burnley Football Club came into school to run a Circus Skills after school club for KS1 & 2 children, commencing on Monday 20th April. The Street Dance after-school club for KS2 children, organised by Pendle Schools Sports Partnership and run by Sandersons Dance & Fitness, commenced on Wednesday 29th April.

Following our Healthy Heart school meals promotion during the week commencing 2nd March, Mrs Greaves cooked and served five of the healthy meals which were designed by William Dakers; Kizzy Lee; Danielle Buksh; Katy Hargreaves and David Pickup. The children were presented with a certificate and a wooden spoon.

Our Easter Service was held in church on Friday 3rd April. We all enjoyed the childrens' performance, along with hymns and prayers. SH-C

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FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST MARYS  
April 23 Andrew Nutter

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Saturday May 9th  
2.30pm Lambing Service,  
Hargreaves Farm, Barley

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Saturday May 9th  
6.30pm Barbecue at 5, Osborne Terrace

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Sunday May 31st  
4pm Songs of Praise at Roughlee

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Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May

Please help with this year's Christian Aid collection. Even just a few houses in your area can make a significant difference.

If you can help please contact Chris Widdas (Tel. 691850 ) as soon as possible. Thank you.

## mothers union

Festival will be held on May 12th at 7-30 pm in St. Michael and All Angels Foulridge  
Next meeting Tuesday May 26th at 7-30 at St Thomas Barrowford.  
Speaker from "Emmaus Burnley Board of Trustees"

## Local History Group

Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm  
Barley Village Hall  
It will be a project planning meeting with Sandra Silk

Safe Lanes in Pendleside  
7.30pm Wed May 20 at Roughlee Village Centre.

## 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

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 the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: May 13 (AGM) & June 10

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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: May 12 (AGM) & June 9

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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: May 11 (AGM) & June 1

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# BARLEY

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held on Wednesday 13th 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. Come and find out what is happening in the Parish and have your say if you want. The proposed Casino in the old water-works will stir emotions - the meeting will last about one hour and then we promise to let you go.

I expect everyone is enjoying the warm and sunny unseasonal weather we had in April, I hope it has taken your mind off the credit crunch and the pain of the budget. On returning from work I asked my son what had been in the budget speech and he said “you’d be sick if you were earning over £150K” so I went to sit in the sunshine to contemplate how distraught I would have been! With the Government talking billions here and there I wonder how MPs sleep. Setting the Parish Council budget in May is a headache but to an MP I suppose it is small beer when compared to their expenses claim! The warm weather also gets us thinking of holidays and the beach and perhaps losing a few of those “winter” pounds. You could try the usual gimmicks or seriously diet and/or you could join some of the locals in some social exercising – there is the circuit training, pilates and badminton in the Village Hall and the cycle club that tours the local area most Thursday nights from May to September. Come and join us!

As reported last month, the Council decided to defend its Best Kept Village title.

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 success.

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 damaged the surface, creating potholes and the landscaped areas are in need of maintenance and improvement. A new car park sign has been erected and I hope you find it attractive. DH

## Village Hall

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. The Village Hall Committee has invited representatives of all regular user Groups so that they can be updated on matters affecting the running of the Hall e.g. new insurance policy etc.

We hope to have a representative from all the groups who regularly use the hall.

Village events: the usual regular Hall events will be running as normal in May:- Keep fit, Pilates, Whist, Pendle Pumpkins, Young Farmers, Pendle Patchers, History Group and Paper Craft Class.

The Mobile Library telephone No. 07774 813458, Paul the driver/librarian should answer. AW

16th MODEL EXHIBITION 2nd, 3rd and 4th May, this is a great event for all children from 5 to 95 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.

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# Goldshaw Booth

If you could wave a wand to change our parish for the better, what would you choose to do? Stop parking on roads? Clear all litter? Ban tourists? Build a village hall? Stop dandelions growing? Take the whole parish to a Caribbean island where beautiful men or girls drop grapes into your mouth and obsequious waiters glide pina colodas to your side - and you never have to wash up again? Or just to be in Pendleside on a glorious Sunday morning? After our two weeks crossing the Libyan desert, there could be nothing better than the soft sunlight and the gentle greens of England; what a splendid start to what I promise will be a hot summer in which England will win the Ashes 5-0. Perchance to dream. And, perchance, you will all come to the Annual General Meeting on 12th May, laden with ideas and plans for your villages and potent with the energy to make them happen. I hope so.

If you have walked through Sparable Wood lately you will have seen how the land is changing, the rough grasses and reeds being replaced by softer growths and a whole new spectrum of wild flowers. There are now voles aplenty under the trees and the kestrels who live in Faughs quarry hunt from on high; crows bathe in the pond where someone has planted marigolds and a heron has sought fish or frogs. I hope that the paths and the playing and recreation fields will have been mowed by the time you read this; we will miss the care with which Brian Wilkinson has kept the fields tidy for so many years. Some time this summer we hope to be able to improve the children's facilities on the upper field; I, personally, want to take the whole lot down and start afresh with an enclosed area with modern equipment but others - and budgets - may not agree. What do you think?

The use of the football field is currently under discussion and will be thrashed out at the AGM; your views on this would be appreciated so that we can avoid last year's altercations.

I missed most of the last Council meeting so

cannot report in detail on what was discussed apart from the football usage and a planning application; Pendle BC are giving us little time these days to comment on planning and it is so much more important now that you make your views on any planning matter known to the council as soon as you can, either through a Councillor or by coming to a meeting.

Work on the fencing of the Cross Lane garden, opposite the church gates, will begin soon and then we will want help with the planting of bushes and groundcover plants on the slope which should look much tidier. It is good to see how villagers have tended to and added plants in the Newchurch centre garden which is now looking delightful; maybe others could get involved in the Cross Lane area? And, of course, the BKV's competition will demand its usual dedication from both Spen Brook and Newchurch residents.

The project to reface the toilet block in Newchurch in stone now involves Pendle BC who own the building and is proceeding slowly but we hope that it can be done in early summer so that the intended redesign of the garden in front can go ahead. The intention is to reduce some of the heavy undergrowth and to provide a seating area and to bring the forest of ill-matched signs together into one tidy group. There is always something in hand .....and then there is, of course, are we going to have a summer social to build on the success of the last one? Where? When? Who's going to arrange it?

The Parish Council joins with the whole area in sending our condolences to the Nutter family of Sabden Fold following the sad death of Andrew at the early age of 40 and so soon after the death of his father Norman. He will be greatly missed. BM

# ROUGHLEE OPEN Night

An Invitation to ALL Roughlee Residents to celebrate Village Life  
**FRIDAY MAY 8**

at the Village Centre

Find out our plans for 2009

Meet the 'Teams'

Question & Answer Session  
on any aspect of Village Life

Future events ~ Past events ~ Planning rules ~ Dog fouling  
~ How to join in ~ How to help ~ Who does what, etc etc

FREE plants given out

to help our chances in the 'Best Kept' Competition

....and MUCH more!



**ROUGHLEE**  
Parish Council

7.30PM

**FREE**  
Cheese  
& Wine

No admission  
Price

**ROUGHLEE**  
VILLAGE  
CENTRE

Diary Date: Village Fayre Sunday June