



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

Monday June 1	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Sunday June 7	Trinity Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday June 14	Trinity 1	9.30am All Age Service
Sunday June 21	Trinity 2	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday June 28	Trinity 3	9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday May 31st
4pm Songs of Praise at
Roughlee Village Centre
All Welcome

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends



What's your reaction been to the details of MPs' expenses leaked in the press? Cynicism, lack of surprise, shock, anger? Our lack of indifference is because it hits right at the heart of a relationship of trust between us and our elected representatives. Some people are arguing we should punish the major parties in the forthcoming elections, but I would advise caution. Not to vote, or to vote for a minority party might leave us with elected representatives whose track record and ideology we would not wish to be identified with.

One of the things that struck me about the MPs' reactions to revelations of their expense claims was how many talked about keeping to the rules. And the reaction of party leaders has been about changing the rules. The great thing is that most of have seen through the spin. It's not about keeping the rules. It's about not abusing the system.

I think the problem goes deeper - and it is precisely to do with rules. Because rules give us a challenge - how far can I go before I break the rules?

The Bible is full of rules, and some people think Christianity is all about keeping the rules. Jesus had a lot to say about rules, and basically it was that rules are not good enough if we are in the business of goodness. Take murder, for example. The rule is Don't commit murder. Few of us break that one. But Jesus challenges us to look at the causes of murder, the anger, the resentment, and disrespect for life that comes out of a human heart and can't be legislated for. Jesus said being angry with another human being is as bad as murder, because that's where it all starts. Jesus also reduced law to love. Put God at the centre of your life, and seek each other's welfare as earnestly as you would seek your own - that's the law of love.

The Apostle Paul was tuned into Jesus' mindset. He contrasted Law with the inner conversion which God is waiting to effect in each one of us, what Paul refers as the Spirit. The danger with Law is that you see things simply in terms of what you can't do. Whereas inner conversion, a desire for goodness, is a question of what you can do. And when it boils down to it, goodness is not about thinking what do I have to do in order to keep my nose clean. It is thinking, What should I do in order that goodness and justice and integrity abound.

God bless you,

John

Now the light nights are here we are endeavouring to keep the churchyard looking respectable. There are working parties on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 6.30pm until 8pm after which there are refreshments. We have a good selection of mowers available so the more there are of us the more we can get cut. There are also flower beds that need looking after (weeding etc) and paths to be swept. Any help at all is much appreciated and we do get many very positive comments from the many visitors to our church. If you can help at all please come along on Thursday evenings (Or at any other time by arrangement with either of the churchwardens (For access to the huts for mowers etc).

CHRISTIAN AID

A very sincere thankyou to everyone who helped with this year's collection. The total amount raised was £307.

Chris Widdas

BAPTISMS IN MAY

Richard Redvers

son of Richard and Jayne Elizabeth.

Millie Jayne

daughter of Suzanne Jayne & Matthew David.

Ray Frankie

son of Claire and Clark Nutter

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Charlotte Parker and Stephen Cole

Local History Group

Wednesday 17th June 7.30pm at
St. Mary's Church, Newchurch in
Pendle (not Barley Village Hall)
A combined Pendle Forest History
Group and Church event
A talk by Derek Walkden
"Heraldry on the A59"

Advance Notice. In July we will be having our Project Launch, all details for this important meeting will be in next month's magazine

mothers union

We had a very interesting talk all about Emmaus Burnley, by Mike Johnston

Safe Lanes in Pendleside

There has been a good deal of activity in recent months. The Group was grateful to receive grants from both Barley Parish Council and LCC. The monies have been used to print new leaflets (a copy of which is enclosed with this magazine) and for the purchase of new 'boundary' signs which will be erected shortly. The whole idea behind the campaign is to increase awareness of, and for all, users of our lanes to make them safer. Meetings take place regularly and new attendees will be made most welcome. The next is:-
7.30pm Wed Jun 24 at Roughlee Village Centre.

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"A Peep Behind the Scenes" by Hazel Wilkinson. Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall
Visitors most welcome

Selling tomatoes for Africa

Volunteers from the Pendle-based charity KIK are selling tomato plants to raise money for the building of an African orphanage.

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

COMMUNITY NOTIce

A toe nail cutting service is available for seniors in all our villages. Tel 615757

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

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: June 10 & July 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 the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: June 9 & July 14

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

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Roughlee Booth

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: June 1 & July 6

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

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BARLEY

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held on 13th May in the Village Hall and was attended by over twenty villagers. I thank them all for attending and giving up some time to contribute and offer support to what is happening in the Parish, but I had hoped more would attend. For those who could not attend there was an update on developments in the Village Hall from David Weatherill, a revue of what the Young Farmers have been doing by Charlotte Hargreaves, followed by a short presentation of the Parish Council's Annual Report. This focused on the activities and achievements during 2008-09 and looked forward to the next twelve months, the key elements of the presentation included:-

The Chairman's Overview focused upon two key events in the year. Winning the Best Kept Village (BKV) competition was the highlight as it had encouraged parishioners to contribute in their own way and whilst the winner's trophy was well deserved we all benefited from the effort put in. The disappointment of the year was to witness the damage caused to Boothman Wood. The Council has brought matters to the attention of the Borough Council and will be doing everything it can to protect our environment, aiming to get the best from a bad job.

An Achievements Report was supported by a slide show of images using the IT system which showed images of improvements completed including new signage, landscaping and maintenance works. The Finance Report highlighted income of £21k with car park receipts again increasing. The Council expended almost £13k on improvement projects and this will catch up with income once the outstanding projects are completed. The Council donated £800 supporting local groups and charities. A zero precept tax had been set. Proposals for 09/10 were debated and they included improvements to the car park, fencings and boundary walls, footways and the village green river embankment.

Judging for the Best Kept Village 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.
Derek Heap

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday, never buy a card again, new ideas from Valerie every time they meet.

YOUNG FARMERS: Meet every Monday 7.30pm, contact Charlotte Hargreaves. Tel. 603682

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training, Contact John Tel. 611517 for information.

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2ND & 4TH Tuesday every month – we regularly have 10 ladies sewing away. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280 or Dorothy 709780

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

COFFEE & CHAT: 2nd Wednesday at 10am to 12 noon, have an early morning walk UP Pendle then call for coffee.

4th Wed. PACT at 7pm please support this Police & Community Together Meeting when our local Police will be present. We complain we never see police in Barley – now is your chance to meet them!

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10am to 12 noon for information contact Jan. Tel.613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm, PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability 4TH JUNE; County Council & MEP elections.

The Barley Model Exhibition was the most successful we have ever had, with a record number of visitors over the three days. Thank you to the many local people for their help and support Audrey Weatherill

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.

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.

Derek

AW

Goldshaw Booth

My dispatch this month comes from the van-strewn building site which Newchurch has become; the clatter of my typewriter is masked by the roar of machinery and the rasp of saws competing with the inanities of Radio 1 blared from innumerable workman's radios. The cheerful chirp of sparrows as they flap grey dust from their wings can be barely heard under the staccato bleep of reversing lorries delivering endless loads of stone and cement; cats dig in damp sand heaps and sawdust drifts gently over the countryside in a light snow. It's a bit like Baghdad, although you don't get shot at so often; the troops are pulling out, but our builders are here for ever. Maybe the UN will come to our aid and Tony Blair will call and grin in support. Maybe Gordon Brown will pay us a visit, clad in flak jacket and platitudes, with Speaker Martin writing the cheques. In the meantime, such correspondents as I, embedded in the native population, will continue to bring you tales of life as it is lived, here on the front line.

At the AGM of Goldshaw Booth, held on 12th May, Cllr Kathleen Wilkinson was reappointed to the Chair on which she has sat for so many years. In her remarks on the past year she noted that no major projects had been completed in the parish but that there were plenty of ideas in the pipeline. Newchurch had come 3rd in the Hamlet section of the BKV; Margaret Sainter had resigned as a Councillor after twelve years of service and had been replaced by Barry Starkie and the interests of the parish had been well served by Pendle Boro Cllr James Starkie. The primary achievement of the Council during the year had been an improvement in its relations with the public and increased accountability. It was to be hoped that there would be further improvement in these respects in the year to come and that all parishioners would accept that the Council would strive diligently to represent everyone and every view. (For those who object to split infinitives, please see Fowler for clarification)

In the Council meeting which followed it was agreed to purchase new seats for the swings and to explore ideas for the complete regeneration of the children's playground. Pendle Forest Junior football team are to practice and play the occasional match and will make a contribution to Council funds for use of the pitch.

After the success of the Social in March, we would like to hold a summer event and wish to form a social committee to take responsibility out of the Council's hands; if you would like to help please let us know.

Preparations for the BKV started on Saturday 23rd May; so please come out and help by making a small part of the villages your personal responsibility to keep tidy and clean. Both Spen Brook and Newchurch will be visited by the judges in June.

Kathleen and I recently attended a conference in Barley arranged by the Pendle Community Network on "supporting rural communities" which was blessed by a splendid lunch to which the remainder of the day didn't live up to. We were two of six unpaid delegates; the remaining fifty, dark-suited and intense, highly salaried and heavily pensioned, bore a series of titles derived from the works of Kafka and used words which were fashioned from a well-meaning mist. One of the delegates remarked that he didn't want the day to become a "yawnfest", but, rather, he said, a "factfest". (Yes! Honest!). He was, as I was, disappointed; at the end of the day I felt like an African villager on whom World Vision had descended, its members throwing baubles from the windows of a Land Cruiser. Like World Vision, good intentioned, but, essentially, totally self-justifying. But a good lunch – and I did meet a couple of useful people.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 8th June.

Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

The Village held its Open Night parish meeting on May 8 and it was well attended with over 40 present. Several topics were aired and a lively debate ensued. Some good suggestions and ideas did come out and these may well see fruition in the future. We also received pledges for potential new recruits and volunteers. Wine & nibbles were provided, courtesy of the Village Centre, whose new Chairman, Michelle Harvey, was introduced to the meeting. Michelle replaces James Starkie.

At the May Parish Council meeting a small group of residents again raised the possibility of further children's facilities, ie. an enclosed play area within the grounds of the village centre. This would involve using a portion of the grassed area. The Parish Council would appreciate any comments other residents have regarding this development. It is still in its early planning stages and will require quite a lot of work and grant assistance etc.

Would you be in favour of such a devel-

opment or would you prefer the retention of the full grassed area?

Any comments about this or any other village issue would be gratefully received and taken into consideration. Please contact Brian Nelson on 697220 or any Parish Councillor or even attend our next meeting at the Village Centre Monday 1st June @ 7.30pm.

Our Village Fayre is on Sunday 14th June, details below. For those green fingered folk or bakers amongst you, or if you just wish to help out, all contributions would be greatly received on the day. And, we are delighted that the children's events are being organised by Pendle Young Farmers. New attractions include the Lancashire Hawks and Owls, which will be a unique opportunity to get up close to these beautiful creatures. The Burnley Alliance Brass Band will also be performing. I hope you will be able to join us to make this a most memorable day.

James Starkie / Brian Nelson / Michelle Harvey

The Parish Council invites you to participate in a Tidy Village Weekend

congregating at the Village Centre on Saturday June 6 at 10am

Weather permitting, if not then on Sunday June 7 at 11am.

Rather than 'buy in' these services, which adds to your precept tax, here's the opportunity for Villagers to do their bit. It's not just litter picking, it's a range of tasks that need doing to preserve the upkeep of our Village:-

1 Weeding & sprucing of planted areas at Happy Valley; School; Centre & North Farm
1 Repainting black sign poles
1 Cleaning of road name signs
1 Touching up white railings at school
1 Weeding
1 Touching up of walls at Village Centre
1 Cutting back of overgrowing grass
1 Litter picking

Village Fayre

Sunday June 14

