



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 AUGUST

Sunday August 2 Trinity 8

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday August 9 Rushbearing Communion 9.30am

Sunday August 16 Trinity 10

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday August 23 Trinity 11

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday August 30 Trinity 12

9.30am Holy Communion

RUSHBEARING Saturday August 8

Procession starts at 2.30pm from School, process up the village for the crowning of Miss Emily Pickup by the Bishop of Lancasters wife, followed by a service in Church when the Bishop will preach. Refreshments available afterwards.

SUNDAY RUSHBEARING SERVICE AT 9.30AM

followed by bacon butties and Treasure hunt for the children.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL September 5 & 6

Our theme is the history of the Parish, we hope to have items on display from the Records office in Preston, also from any one who may have any items of historical interest of the area, to loan us for the weekend.

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Next issue Please have your articles for the September 'News' by Friday August 14.

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

Friday, 6.30pm is a bad time to ring me. I'm usually giving my full attention to the Now Show on Radio 4. If you don't know it, it's a satirical take on the week's news.

Last show we had Marcus Brigstocke lampooning the Bible - sending up laws like not eating rock badgers. If, like me, you'd been to a school where Bible reading and Bible lessons were part of the school worship as well as the curriculum, you'd probably think there was so much more material he could have used and his research was a bit shallow.

But underneath it he was making a serious point - the Bible, and other religious scriptures, do seem to sanction violence against unbelievers. And Christians can't wish it away. It is there in the text. And there is a lot else that is objectionable in the early books of the Bible. Taking bits of it, as Marcus did, is to miss the point, though. For believers, the Bible is a story of an evolving awareness of what God is like. Like any good therapist, God begins where people are in a culture in which genocide is the norm, and brings them through historical setbacks, and a string of prophets, to a point where peace, justice and care for the needy is the new norm. For Christians, this culminates in Jesus who teaches love of enemies, and the ultimate ideal of giving your life for others.

Not many jokes in that, but it does help us in addressing the needs of a world where foreign and domestic policy is dictated by insecurity coming out of them-and-us divisions - divisions like Christian West versus Muslim East or religious versus secularist worldviews.

Instead we need to look for what is good and positive in other people's beliefs, whether Christian, Muslim or secularist, and work together for the peace and harmony we need both at home and abroad. And even enjoy each other's lampooning, as long as it comes from a generous heart!

God bless you,

John

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REUBEN BURTON TRUST FUND

Former pupils of Roughlee and Newchurch Schools who are undertaking a course of study at University or other Higher Education Centre, are invited to apply for a small grant from the Reuben Burton Trust Fund on sending details of their intended course and past academic career to: Mrs. D.A.Watkinson, 5, Queensgate, Nelson BB9 0AT

before Friday August 28th. The grant is payable at the end of the year's study subject to confirmation of successful completion, and candidates may apply for each year of the course's duration.

SCHOOL: We say goodbye to Mrs Riley who has had a long association with St. Mary's School. We thank her for helping so many children to progress and develop. She will be missed by all of us and we wish her well in the future.

At our Leavers' service in church on Friday 17th July we said goodbye to our year 6 pupils: Devon Mousley, Ashleigh Cotton, Alice Whittaker, Jake Sanderson, Frances Barnes, Richard Gough, Samuel Fishwick and Brittany Martin. We wish them well in their new High schools.

Some children reflected on activities they have most enjoyed this year.

Alice Year 6 I really enjoyed the Cinibowl Munch. Our year 6 treat was fun and different from other years. A really good way to spend time with friends and teachers. A nice way to end the year.

Alan Year 5 My best thing about this year was when we went as a school to the Salt Museum. We pretended to be sailors and we learned about the Mary Rose. It was interesting and fun.

Katy Hargreaves Year 4 SHINE week was a special week for me because I love poetry and I performed my own poem in front of everybody. It was fun and an opportunity to share what we are good at.

Albert Year 3 Global Renewables came to school to show us how to look after the world by Reusing, Recycling and Reducing. It was good.

Eve Year 1 The best thing about school this year has been all my work learning about shapes.

William, Reception I like to learn my numbers. I can count up to 100

Daisy, Reception I like school because I like doing work.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

Local History Group

Wed 19th August 7.30pm
Barley Village Hall
"Project Planning, Maps and ideas"
News about our visit to Preston
Records Office and the date we go.

MESSY CHURCH 3

"SUMMER HOLIDAY SPECIAL"
ON BARLEY VILLAGE GREEN
11TH AUGUST @ 3.30-3.45 TILL 6
COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN,
GAMES, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

mothers union

AUGUST 11 Quiet Evening at Christ Church
Colne at 7-30pm
AUG 18 Indoor Members Tea Party at 2pm at St
Thomas starting with Holy Communion.

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"Under the Toilet Wall"
Return of Winifred Dawson with
Humerous Experiences as a Teacher
Wednesday 5th August at 7.30pm
Barley Village Hall
Visitors most welcome

In Pendle's Shadow Walk Saturday September 12

Much HELP with marshalling and preparing
food will be required on the day. OFFERS OF
HELP to either of the Church Wardens.

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

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 the month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: August 12 & September 9

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: August 11 & September 8

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: August 3 & Sept. 7

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

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BARLEY

Pendle Borough Councillors have now given direction to the development at Boothman Wood after considering the retrospective planning application submitted by the developer seeking to rectify two breaches of planning law - the importation of a large quantity of earth material onto the site and the construction of an access track. Many of you will have seen the damage caused to the woodland by these operations.

Planning permission has been granted for the imported earth to be spread across the woodland (to increase top soil thickness) and for the access track to remain until the works in Heys Lane plantation are completed - then it is to be removed from the site and reinstated as woodland. The permissions have been granted subject to ten supplementary conditions which essentially require the developer to submit and gain approval for a landscape management plan which will allow mature mixed woodland to be created with the fishing lodges integrated into the landscape.

A key role of the Parish Council is to protect the environment and the culture of our village settlement. The damage was done to Boothman Wood before we could stop it and we have since sought to make the best of a bad job. Our objective has since been to ensure the final outcome is a woodland fishing facility which is sympathetic to the local area and I hope that the developer now complies with the planning consent requirements which he has agreed to and the works progress quickly.

The Parish Council has been able to progress its own projects this last month and I can report major maintenance works to the car park surface and the landscaping of Barley Bridge embankment has been completed. Works to upgrade the footway alongside Pendle Water above the old saw mill have also been completed and the work was jointly funded by LCC and the Parish Council.

Charlotte Hargreaves celebrated her 21st birthday last week completing a run of six 21st celebrations in the village over the last year including Steven Lowcock, Simon Edmundson, Bradley

Heap, Helen Kirk and Helen Fowler that I know of and so we have six new "adults" - best wishes to them all for the future. Whilst they were being carried by Mum the Clarets went from avoiding relegation out of the football league to a Wembley Cup Final, probably a coincidence, but 21 years on the Clarets revival has also come of age and we have a vintage year!

It is the final judging in the Best Kept Village competition in August so please help where you can - if it is simply pulling a few weeds or picking up stray litter it all helps - we hope to retain our championship title.

Derek Heap

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday, check with Valerie for classes Tel. 691850

YOUNG FARMERS: Holiday til 24th Aug Charlotte Hargreaves. Tel. 603682

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

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Tel Audrey 613280 or Dorothy 709780

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

COFFEE & CHAT: 2nd Wed 10am-12 noon

POLICE & COMMUNITY TOGETHER MEETING Last Wednesdays at 7pm.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: holiday until 10th September

LINE DANCING: start again in September,

PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517.

Audrey Weatherill

Goldshaw Booth

How valid is the idea of "Merrie England"? A time when lusty ploughmen clad in smocks quaffed pints of ale, served by rosy-cheeked barmaids in honeysuckle-strewn pubs, before returning to golden fields where laughing children played around stoops of fresh-mown corn and shire horses chomped contentedly on juicy apples? When jesting men agilely threw sheaves onto a wood-wheeled cart before trudging home "as all the air a solemn stillness holds", past the ancient elms of England, tired but contented, to a homely repast of golden-yolked eggs and home-cured bacon? Where fair-haired children played round their feet, buxom wives bustled happily and kindly Grandma sat knitting by the log fire? Not valid; at all.

These were myths created by Victorians uneasy at the exploitation of the early industrial revolution and nostalgic for a pastoral past. The reality was different; villages were warrens of vermin-infested and damp, smoky hovels. The workers in the fields slaved from dawn to dusk for pennies and when the harvest was over were workless until summoned by capricious landlords to dig ditches or build stone walls as the sleet drove across the heath. Children were disease-ridden and stunted, with bad teeth and unwashed hair; wives were constantly pregnant, barmaids slept with the landlord or were ejected; mothers-in-law were demanding and capricious. This was no golden age; but an age of exploitation and dire poverty, of homelessness, of the arrogant use of power and privilege.

Those who yearn for a return to those times are ignoring the facts, and ignoring the benefits of industrialised society which produced widespread wealth and social freedom. The fact is that a village is no longer a viable economic unit; that those who wish to work and to be free from erratic family ties are drawn to our towns and, in them, achieve freedom and create personal wealth, ambitions impossible in the countryside. It

may be that those who are successful in an urban environment wish to return to the countryside- we have many of those in our parish- but that is their choice, their reward, and cannot be legislated for nor produced by a yearning for a non-existent past.

The concept of "affordable housing" is illogical and unsustainable; you cannot legislate to reverse natural trends in society. Just look at the definition: housing should be "of adequate standard, cheaper than available in the housing market". How can you do this economically? Those wishing to benefit from "affordable" housing must show that they have a business in the area, are in overcrowded accommodation, or need separate households. These are very difficult needs to demonstrate in our parish. The whole concept is in need of clarification and it may be that our new Borough Council has the courage to do so. The Spen Brook Mill site is presently included in those few sites in the Borough to which the concept of "affordable" is applied and we need to know, urgently, what constraints and permissions will be brought to its development.

The Parish Council sends its wishes for a speedy recovery to its Clerk, Carol, and welcomes John Parsons as her replacement. John will bring an active mind and his experience as a Headmaster to the role and will, we hope, bring discipline and wisdom to the Council's deliberations.

The Goldshaw Events Committee is pressing ahead with the Summer Picnic to be held on 1st August on the Newchurch playing fields and looks for your support on the day and for future events. If you would like to serve on the committee please let Anne Norris, Debbie Mousley or Phil Sanderson know. Sumer is icumen in. Lhude sing cuccu! Have a good one.

Bill Mayor

DUCK RACE

SAT AUGUST 15

Guest appearance by "You buy one, you get 1 free," Jeff Brown

ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE **DUCK RACE**
SAT AUG 15 - 6.30pm opposite the School
 Guest appearance by *"You buy one, you get 1 free," Jeff Brown*
 >>>> 1st Prize; £50 Cash <<<<<
 2nd; Meal for 2 at the Bay Horse, Roughlee
 3rd; £25 HMV Vouchers
Race followed by Steak / Burger BBQ
 Tickets from Pam 614755 Proceeds to Village Centre

& BBQ Tickets

Steak & Salad BBQ
ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE
SAT AUGUST 15
 Start around 7.45pm after the DUCK RACE
(which starts at 6.30pm opposite the School) Proceeds to Village Centre
 Bring your own alcoholic drinks
TICKET PRICE Steak & Salad £6.50
 PLEASE PRESENT YOUR TICKET AT BOTH THE BBQ AND SALAD BAR

Burger BBQ
ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE
SAT AUGUST 15
 Start around 7.45pm after the DUCK RACE
(which starts at 6.30pm opposite the School) Proceeds to Village Centre
TICKET PRICE Burger in a Bun £2.50
 PLEASE PASS ON THIS TICKET AT THE BBQ
 Steak & Salad only available with a full price Ticket

£6.50

£2.50

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Roughlee News & Views will return next month