



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 OCTOBER

Sunday Oct 4	Harvest 9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Choral Evensong
Monday Oct 5	Social & Fundraising Meeting 7.30pm School
Sunday Oct 11	Trinity 18 9.30am All Age Service
Sunday Oct 18	Trinity 19 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Oct 25	Trinity 20 9.30am Holy Communion
Saturday Oct 31	Gift Day 10am - 3pm

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Sunday November 1 at 2.30pm

Please contact the Vicar or either of the churchwardens if you would like the names of anyone deceased to be included in the list of names to be read out during this service.

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Next issue Please have your articles for the October 'News' by Friday October 23.

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

Do you remember when autumn was when fresh apples appeared in the shops - or even when you picked your own apples and laid the rest down for consumption over the winter months? If you do, you are a certain age.

I was reminded of this when I bought some russets that had just come in from Kent. Now we just go to the supermarket and buy fruit from all over the world, and have lost the sense of seasons.

It's the same with all our food. John Bell of the Iona community told a story about a group of kids from a deprived part of Glasgow on a holiday on a farm in Ayrshire. One child brought a freshly laid egg into the kitchen. Her wonder was quickly put into perspective by one of the lads who said, That's nothing. There are plenty in boxes in our supermarket.

There is a lot to wonder at in the way our land and our livestock give up their produce. However we have turned it into production - we are amazed at our capacity to package and market. The danger is that we lose a sense of gratitude for the gifts of creation.

Just this week we heard the news of the downward course of soil quality in this country. The message is that we can't just continue taking from the earth. We need to put something back. The old practice of field rotation was an acknowledgement that the earth needed to be treated with respect and allowed to rest. Now agriculturalists are talking about gentle ploughing and harrowing to preserve the soil. Perhaps we also need to build in a sense of awe and gratitude for what the earth gives us.

Psalm 24 begins, The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. All we have is what we receive from God. It reminds us to treat the environment with respect, but also to recapture that sense of gratitude for all we have.

Gratitude is a quality which goes beyond agriculture. Gratitude rather than greed would heal our banking system. Gratitude would also heal relationships when we understand that giving is more blessed than receiving. It would also heal any anxiety about ourselves when we realise that who we are is a gift from God and from all who love us.



God bless you,

John

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ST. MARY'S GIFT DAY, SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

An opportunity to show your appreciation of the Church and its Ministry. Open from 10am to 3pm for a short visit, to give thanks to God for his blessings and to make a gift to the Church for its work. (A separate flyer is included in this issue)

SCHOOL

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to a new term and a new school year at St. Mary's. A special welcome was given to our new children: Grace, Lee, Sadie, Louie, Ryan, Abigayle, Luke, Sophie and their parents. We also welcomed a new member of staff, Miss Sarah Franco who will be working mornings primarily with Key Stage 2 children.

We said goodbye to our Year 6 children at the end of last term: Devon; Ashleigh; Alice; Jake; Frances; Richard; Samuel and Brittany who will now have started at their new High Schools. We wish them Good Luck and the very best for the future.

The children enjoyed many extra curricular activities last year and we are hoping to continue with these. If anyone has a particular skill they would like to share with our children and are able to come into school to help, please let us know.

We are pleased to be inviting the Bethany children to visit our school on the morning of the 12th October. The Bethany Family is a small team of Christians working together to help the most vulnerable people, especially orphaned children, in a rural area of Tanzania.

We look forward to another happy and active year.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

BIRTH

29th August, Lorna Faye a daughter for Mick & Rosie Hudson, and little sister for Lee.

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

WI

Annual General Meeting followed by
"Bag-packing for the Hospice"
Talk by Peter Hughes
Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm

'LANKY NEET'

Friends of St.Mary's present
a Lancashire Night on
Saturday 17th October,
Barley Village Hall.
7 for 7.30pm Tickets
£15ea.
Traditional Lancashire Fare

MESSY CHURCH 5

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL
20th OCTOBER @ 3.30-3.45 TILL 6
COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN,
GAMES, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Local History Group

Barley Village Hall
Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm
Maps, documents and other
information

mothers union

Our evening trip to the Antarctic was thoroughly enjoyed by us all. The pictures of the bird life, the different kinds of penguin, seals large and small the ice bergs were really spectacular. Our thanks to Chris and Valerie. Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 27 at St Thomas. 7.30pm when Mrs Pam Saville will be in attendance with all the literature.

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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: October 14 & November 11

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: October 13 & November 10

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: October 5 & Nov. 2

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

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BARLEY

Congratulations everyone, Barley has encouragement is needed.

retained its title as the winner of the Lancashire Best Kept Village (Hamlet Class). We fought off 13 competitors, including Wiswell which was runner-up, to become the 2009 winners.

The Village Hall was also the runner up in Public Hall competition receiving a certificate of merit award.

The village has been clean, tidy and looked after all summer and was clearly appreciated by the judges. On occasions I have set off with a carrier bag to stroll the village and car park to pick up any litter and found next to nothing which, given the village might have had 800+ visitors over a weekend, is unbelievable. Clearly other caring and helping hands have beaten me to it. The competition is designed to encourage community effort and involvement in keeping villages and their facilities tidy and well maintained and I believe the competition provides such a focus and in the end we all benefit from looking after our own patch. I am glad that the efforts of many villagers have been recognised in both 2008 and again in 2009.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the villagers and businesses who contributed in all shapes and forms to this success and on a personal note to thank David Goodger who was the lead Councillor on the project this year and Frank Rigg who again tended over the bus turning circle and the car park planters as if it was his own front garden.

At our next Council meeting we will be looking forward to Christmas, specifically considering whether to hold a Carol Service before the 'Barley to Bethlehem' procession - linking the two. We are considering hiring a band and providing refreshments and so taking a chance the locals will turn up. It is about us all keeping in contact and if you think it is a good idea then let us know, your

I can offer little by way of an update on Boothman Wood as little appears to have been done on site until the last few days when earth moving works started again, the Parish Council is expecting an update from PBC soon on progress in relation to the ten planning conditions applied to the site. Planning consent to develop Foot House Gate Barn, which blew down in last year's gales, is now subject to an appeal and the Parish Council is still supporting consent for a development sympathetic to the area.

Around the village, all those who know Simon Halliday will be glad to hear his son, Connor, continues to steadily recover from a serious head injury suffered whilst riding his bicycle. Wearing a safety helmet is a personal choice and in our small community this year I am aware of accidents to Connor and Mary Hargreaves whilst cycling and to Bradley Heap whilst skiing. In all cases the wearing of a helmet has influenced the outcome; accidents happen so think about the risk.

On a lighter note, well done to Alan Herron for completing the Great North Run and raising over £500 for the Alzheimers Society and I am hoping the Clarets can find their "away from home" legs in October, just for one day will do.

Derek Heap

Village Hall

Regular Events are as listed last month.

Goldshaw Booth

One minute it was summer and now, all of a sudden, it's autumn and chill winds blow down our valleys and sweep over our moors; and it's not only the wind: the hand of the villain is once more evident in our land. The calm of the last few months has been blown away by a (trying desperately to keep the metaphor going) a tornado of thefts. Our policeless parishes have suffered the loss of two trailers, a strimmer and a blower thing. One trailer was saved from the storm by the actions of Phil and Jake Sanderson, surely the fastest milkmen in the west, who, without regard to their own safety, recovered one trailer by chasing the villains through Newchurch and Roughlee. Surely these two are the cream of the force and showed a lot of bottle in carrying out this crate deed. But, seriously, they did very well and have shown how vigilance can help in these troubled times when the Brown winds of depression sweep over our quiet valleys. Keep an eye open for any odd action by strangers and report it to – I was going to say the police, but, in their continuing absence – to Phil and Jake – and sleep soundly in your beds. We congratulate our neighbours Barley and Roughlee in their successes in the BKV competition – even Spen Brook came a commendable 7th in the hamlet section – and are saddened by the failure of Newchurch to make any impression at all on the judges. I hope we will do better next year when the building work which plagued the village is over but, does anyone care? I don't think they do – judging by their efforts! Let's all take the task in hand in 2010 and wrest the honours back. The work on the garden opposite St Mary's is now in hand and the looming laurels have gone; replanting will take place over the winter and we welcome any suggestions with the layout or types of plant. We are still considering the proposed

re-facing in natural stone of the toilet block in Newchurch; the design is in the hands of Liberata on behalf of PBC but funded by the Parish Council supported by Pendle Borough and the LCC Environment directorate. This would be followed by a rearrangement of the garden in front. If the work goes on there will be some disruption and the toilets would be closed for a week or two; please be understanding and take care when parking. A number of alternative designs for the garden are being considered but suggestions again would be welcome. My own view is that the Serbian pine has now got too big and should be replaced and that the other bushes should be cut back; what do you think?

I understand that the constraint to 2016 on building development in Pendle has now been, to all intents, lifted and that we might now expect renewed interest in the Spen Brook Mill site. The PC intends to arrange a meeting, possibly with the developers, at which parishioners views and concerns can be aired.

A strange bubble of wet turf has arisen at the top corner of the football pitch and is being investigated lest we lose walkers within its muddy depths. It's probably caused by a blocked drain but it looks quite alarming. It reminded me of the start of the "Lancashire Witches" when Nicholas Demdike and his black hound confronted Abbott Paslew on Pendle, and Demdike "plunged his staff into the sod (not Paslew) . . . and plucked it forth . . . and a jet of black water sprang into the air and . . . swept away the royalist soldiers and . . . devastated the country far and wide".

Beware Roughlee, beware Dimpenley, beware Spen Brook, the Witches of Newchurch are alive!

Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

Once again Roughlee has been successful in the Best Kept Village competition. In being judged RUNNER UP [to Wrea Green] in the Championship Class I think the whole village can be justifiably proud of their continued efforts in keeping our village in the magnificent condition it is. It is nevertheless pleasing when this is recognised. We thank Alastair McGeorge and his group of volunteers who regularly keep the public areas of the village looking pristine and all the residents who make that little extra effort to maintain their areas. Hopefully next year we will organise some more initiatives, go one better and once again win the prestigious Championship section.

On the matter of tidy village it has been reported to the Parish Council that some fly-tipping of garden rubbish has occurred on the riverbank adjacent to the village centre. As this appears to be localised we respectfully ask all residents to avoid this what can only be described as anti social behaviour. Everyone in the village has the opportunity to dispose of their garden rubbish in the correct manner either within their own land or through the green bins and we request that this happens. Should anyone see fly tipping occurring please do not hesitate to contact myself or any parish councillor.

Our Thursday Luncheon Club is now one year old and goes, we are pleased to say, from strength to strength. We did not know when we took over this service from Pendle Borough Council how successful it would be but we have in that time served in excess of 700 meals, which is quite incredible. Our thanks goes to PBC who furnish us with a small grant to help the club to keep the meal prices reasonable. Also we thank Elaine Todd and her group of volunteers who organise and serve the meals on a weekly basis. On Friday 25th September the ladies of the Luncheon Club and others within the village organised a coffee morning at the Village

Centre for the national coffee morning organised for a fundraiser for Macmillan Nurses and they managed to raise in excess of £200. A marvellous contribution from our village.

Brian Nelson



As autumn creeps upon us, the time has come to 'batening down the hatches' for the long winter months. One of the jobs on many of our lists will be preparing our gardens for spring and planting bulbs. For me there is something wonderfully up-lifting about bulb planting, with all that promise of renewal and growth. Extending this thought to our village, we are holding a bulb planting event on Saturday 17th October starting at 11am at the Village Centre. We would like to share our plans with you and recruit volunteers to carry out the planting in chosen areas at a time convenient to them. Funding for bulbs is limited, so any donations would be gratefully received. Coffee and home-made cakes will also be served.

Michelle Harvey



THE BALL
Roughlee Village centre
Saturday November 28
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
FROM PAM ON 614755
FROM OCTOBER 12