



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 FEBRUARY

Sunday Feb 7	2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 14	Sunday next before Lent	9.30am All Age Service
Wednesday Feb 17	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Service
Sunday Feb 21	Lent 1	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 28	Lent 2	9.30am Holy Communion

SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year one and all. It seems a very long time since the new year began! We ended 2009 on a real high after all the Christmas activities and events. Everyone was ready for a well earned rest. Particularly heart-warming news, which demonstrates how generous our parents and friends of the community are, was the amount of money raised for our charities, chosen by the school council: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Star Preparatory School in The Gambia and the Bethany Family, they will each receive £102. This was collected during our Christmas Concerts in church and shows true Christian spirit.

What beautiful weather we had over the last few weeks!! The children have enjoyed the outdoor snow activities and a few extra days off school due to bad conditions.

On Wednesday 13th January all the children visited Colne Municipal Hall to watch Sleeping Beauty. This was enjoyed by all, especially the adults! "It was really good because it was funny" Bethany Duerden. "I liked the Fairy, her name was Fairy Liquid" Eve Culshaw. "Singing Wiggly Worm was the best" Olivia Hargreaves. "I liked saying, 'He's behind you!'" William Dakers.

This half term we are embarking on a project which involves the local history group and the Juniors will welcome Kevin Cale, an archaeologist, to investigate our local area. We are looking forward to this enhancement to our curriculum and would like to thank Joan Parsons for encouraging our involvement. All at St. Mary's School wish you a very happy and peaceful 2010. *Mrs S Hasler-Cregg*

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY The box collection for 2009 raised £251.45. Grateful thanks to all contributors.

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Parish NEWS

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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: February 10 & March 10

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 1st Monday of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: February 1 & March 1

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Dear Friends

Stephen Hester admitted to a parliamentary committee last week that even his parents think that he earns too much money.

His parents are no slouches, a professor and a psychologist.

They are shocked at his basic salary of £1.2m rising to £10m over three years if he turns the Royal Bank of Scotland around.

I'm not really envious, but it led me to wonder what 'too much' money was. Elton John, I think, suggested that if you had more than £8m it was too much, because you just couldn't spend it. Few of us, especially vicars, get anywhere near that amount. But I don't think it is about how much money a person has, but an attitude to wealth.

We need money to provide us with basic needs, security and even comforts. The danger is that we can think we need more and more security and comforts. And then I think we reach a shady line where we slip over into avarice. We are led into the false belief that we need to clutch our wealth close to our chest. Hence the threats of some bankers to decamp to Hong Kong or New York if they are taxed on their bonuses.

When I was teaching in London, I knew someone who was an investment banker, but he changed tack and became a maths teacher. He had in his few short years in the bank made more money than he could in a career of teaching. He had actually heard Jesus' teaching: "What use is it if you earn the whole world's wealth but lose your very self?" The reason why medieval Christianity portrayed avarice as one of the deadly sins is that it really can kill your spirit.

This is a challenge for each of us. The most precious thing we have is the person we are, and we can choke it with preoccupations especially to do with material wealth.

We are coming up to the season known as Lent. Most people think of it as a time of giving up. But I think it is really a time to take stock. What do I really need? Where does my true wealth lie? How can I enrich myself in more than material ways, and more importantly, how can I enrich other people? And if realising that we do in fact need far less than we think, then so much the better.

God bless you,

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John



Goldshaw Booth

Snow had fallen, snow on snow ...four weeks of it and counting. But good snow; cheerful, crisp snow; good for sledging, for photographs, for getting over the tops of your boots. And for snowballs: but why target individual households by dead of night? If you want to throw snowballs – and why not – why cover your faces and slink around in the darkness? Come out and show your faces and we'll pelt you back – but don't taunt people at home on their own, that's cowardly.

From these remarks you may gather that we've had mixed fortunes in Newchurch and Spen Brook; some silliness, some splendid co-operation between villagers helping each other with snow-clearing and shopping, some downright thievery when newly filled salt-bins are immediately emptied by chaps with tractors and shovels, a lot of good –natured grousing about gritting, a lot of determination to get to work and to make deliveries despite the conditions. The usual mixture, but our villagers have coped pretty well. There are some, inevitably, who just seem to want to complain and will never look on the positive side of anything and who will, in the words of W S Gilbert, "praise, in enthusiastic tones, every century but this and every country but his own" and who if you gave them a £50 note would undoubtedly turn it over, looking for the sell-by date. What do these people want – an enormous pile of salt every fifty yards throughout the countryside, complete with serfs who will spread it for a penny and doff their caps for the privilege?

Talking of crime, can there be any less explicable and totally pointless than the stealing of the grills from the church windows? These were made of light mesh and were of little value other than the protection they gave – is anyone building a chicken coop

next door to you?

At a couple of parties over Christmas the old topic of village halls cropped up – why don't we have a meeting place and so on? This prompted an interesting suggestion – could our splendid church be used for wider purposes? One would not wish its role as the place of worship within the community to be jeopardised in any way but would it not be possible to use it for a wider variety of community interests? Any thoughts?

Our Borough Councillor James Starkie is to be congratulated on persuading Pendle Council to give us a 49% larger grant than previously - an increase of just short of £1000. This has enabled the Parish Council to reduce its precept - its direct charge on our ratepayers – and saves every household in the parish some £2 a year on their council tax. Well done, James!

We have an interesting problem which arises from the newly delivered village signs - lovely things of great craftsmanship by Duncan Armstrong – where should we put them? Are our villages contiguous, or are there areas between them of a sort of no-mans land? Does Newchurch run all the way to Sabden Fold? What is a village, just the cluster of buildings or the whole area surrounding them? Where do you think you live?

Strange things happen: just before Christmas a Councillor's car was struck by – guess what – a Safe Lanes sign; you can't trust anything to behave these days!

Best wishes for health and happiness in 2010 to all in beautiful Pendleside. Bill Mayor

STOP PRESS Our Clerk, John Parsons has recently launched our new Parish website <http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk>

ROUGHLEE

The January Parish Council Meeting saw the setting of the following financial year's budget and this year we can report that the precept charges for residents in the village have been reduced substantially thanks to an increase in our grant from Pendle Borough Council.

Our own Borough Councillor James Starkie has been instrumental in obtaining a "fairer" (in our opinion!!) distribution of the grant available to all Town and Parish Councils so we have been able to pass this benefit on to all Council Tax payers within the village. Whilst this does not represent a huge saving anything in this economic climate is appreciated.

I trust now all have the opportunity to see the SPID -SPeed Indicator Device -which appears spasmodically within the village. Do you think it has any effect?? We would welcome your comments.

Our "new" play equipment which is particularly aimed at younger children should be installed in the early spring and a new walling project at Spen End is due to start imminently. Both these we would have liked to start earlier but the bad weather spell has certainly held us up.

The Seniors Christmas Luncheon was again a great success and we were pleased that we could entertain once again the Mayor & Mayoress of Pendle. The event was organised by Parish Council Vice Chairman Richard Stansfield and his helpers and we are grateful to them. I would also like to thank the Headteacher and Staff of Roughlee School who brought along the children to entertain all who attended with a selection of seasonal songs and carols. Brian Nelson

January was certainly challenging for villagers. As a result the first opportunity for the Village Centre Committee to get together will be on 2nd Feb. so we are a little behind on finalising the calendar of Events for this year.

Our schedule will however include an Irish Night in April, Village Fayre in June, the Duck Race in August and the Village Ball in November. We are also looking at opening up the Centre for the Cycle Race in June. If anyone has any fresh ideas for new events or indeed existing events we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to call or email me directly or alternatively contact any Committee member. Michelle Harvey

ROUGHLEE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
The Christmas production for 2009, "Too Busy for Christmas" was presented at the beginning of December. In recent years the demand for seats in the audience has increased so much that the decision was taken to move the performance to St. John's Church, Colne, where we were able to use the stage and hall. It was really pleasing to see so many of our families and friends there to support the children.

On 15th December, the children visited the Christmas party for the over 60s, held at Roughlee Village Centre, to sing songs from the Christmas production.

The snowy weather forced the school to close on the last day of term. This led to the cancellation of the Christmas party and caused Father Christmas to make other arrangements for the delivery of Christmas presents. Fortunately he knew that the children were visiting the pantomime at Colne Muni and left them to be distributed at the end of the performance.

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 were visited by members of the Fire Service last week and were given a talk about what they should do in the event of a fire. The work included a fire plan which would help them raise the alarm with others and make a safe escape from the fire.

Caroline Potts

noticeboard

Local History Group

Wed 24th February
Annual General Meeting.
New members welcome
Wed 17th March
1900-era glass slide show of
Towns in Britain
7.30pm at Barley Village Hall

Valentines Ball

Saturday Feb 13

3 course Dinner
7.30pm Barley Village Hall
Tickets £27. All proceeds to Newchurch School
Bev(604634 Angie(605090)



mothers union

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 23 February,
2 pm at St Thomas. Rev J Sutcliffe will be speak-
ing to us about his visit to
Egypt. Anyone is welcome to come along.
WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
service will be held on Friday March 5 in
Barley Methodist Chapel. All are most welcome.

From Muck and Music to Stones and
Roses with Raymond Smith,
creator of White Coppice
Gardens
Wednesday 3rd February
Barley Village Hall 7.30pm



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

MESSY CHURCH 5

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL
16th FEBRUARY @ 3.30-3.45 TILL 6
COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN,
GAMES, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

BARLEY

Local planning issues dominate the news again with Planning permission (Pp) granted for the old Waterworks building at Barley Green to be converted to seven private properties once United Utilities (UU) have sold the site to a developer. The Parish Council was able to secure some limited concessions in relation to traffic calming and maintaining the highway from UU but on the important issue of parking they rejected proposals to provide additional parking on the filter beds land. Councillors were again surprised by the crass approach adopted by UU, for example they formally submitted that nobody in Barley really cared since there were only four written objections to the development; working with their neighbours appears not to be on their agenda.

The police arrested two people stealing cable from the Waterworks building in December and one benefit which will come from this development is undesirable that seem to frequent the area will hopefully move on and an old building will be put to good use again.

The Council has supported the granting of Pp to rebuild Foothouse Gate Barn (blown down by gales 2 years ago) and this view has been supported by the Secretary of State Inspector who overturned the Pendle BC decision to reject Pp. The Inspector put significant weighting to our submissions in his report and the development can now progress but as holiday accommodation only. We wish the owners well after a difficult period for them and look forward to the scaffolds eventually disappearing.

The hosting of the National Cycling Race event in June has attracted general support in the village but some have concerns about road closures and access. Up

to now this newsletter and the local press have been the only means of communicating to our residents, and whilst there is a promise of letters being sent out in the future, I would ask all to spread the word, particularly those living in remote farms & houses off Barley Lane, Black Moss Road and Wheathead Lane. Cllr Starkie has arranged a public meeting on February 8 at 7pm in the Village Hall to discuss issues and he has recently secured a place on the organising committee for a Barley Councillor.

We are also indebted to Cllr. Starkie who instigated a review of grants given from Pendle BC. The previous system wasn't kind to the smaller parishes (Barley is the second smallest). This was successful and has increased our annual grant from £1900 to £2888.

On more routine matters the Council has invested in a new road sign to define "The Avenue" on Barley Bridge and has bought two additional 'dogdo' glove dispensers to be located near the playground and at Barley Green. We hope responsible dog owners will now take matters in their own hands.

Best wishes for the new decade to you all.
Derek Heap

Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS are as normal, plus most of the events in the 'Noticeboard'

National Road Race Championships 2010

Public Presentation

Barley Village Hall
Monday February 8
7pm

Work is progressing on the arrangements for the Event which will take place over the weekend of Saturday / Sunday June 26 / 27, 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents of the progress made so far and will cover the following topics:-

- Details of the Saturday event which will take place on open roads;- a 100 mile route leaving Barley in the morning and ONLY returning in the afternoon
- Details of the Sunday event
- Outline Traffic Management Plan
- Residents access issues
- Rights of Way management
- Crowd management plan
- Waste management
- Community involvement / offers of help
- Opportunities for farmers, local businesses and community groups
- Entertainment programme
- Plus any other issues.

Please attend if the Race affects or interests you, or if you can't, please contact me with any concerns or issues.

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