



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 MARCH

Monday March 1	PCC Meeting in School	7.30pm
Sunday March 7	Lent 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday March 14	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday March 21	Lent 5	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday March 28	Palm Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion

SOCIAL

Saturday March 6th Coffee morning and Quiz answers 10am - 12 noon
5, Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook

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Next issue Please have your articles for the April 'News' by Friday March 12.

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Parish NEWS

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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: March 10 & April 14

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: March 9 & April 13

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: March 1 & April 12

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Dear Friends

Always seems to me that sorry seems to be the hardest word. Elton John's lyrics from 1976 may or may not be true today. We've had a number of betrayals by sports personalities recently which have brought them to the point of saying sorry.

Cynics might say that the regret was triggered by being found out

- who are we to judge? And last week we have heard the Prime Minister apologising for the harm done to children transported to Australia after the war. Clearly such an apology is not going to change the past, or even lead to restitution of lives that have been painful. Perhaps it enables the victims to draw a veil over the past and move on. Have we made saying sorry trivial? How hard is it to say sorry?

It takes courage to face ourselves and the fact of our own failure. It involves risk facing the pain in another person which we have caused. It takes humility to accept that there is a massive gap between our aspirations and our achievements. It involves my acceptance that the person wronged is valuable enough to try to make things right. In short, saying sorry doesn't come naturally. It's easier to say it's not my fault, that it's only human, as if being human means low standards. That way leads to individuals and societies which create resentment. What's the alternative?

We're in the middle of Lent, a time when Christians emphasise repentance. At its root repentance means turning: turning away from a pattern of previous behaviour; turning back to the source of our vision of goodness; maybe even turning to the people we have wronged and saying sorry. From a Christian point of view repentance is not easy but it is underwritten by a loving God. The fact of our own failure has to be seen in the light of God's thinking we are worth the gift of Jesus. The risk of facing the pain in the person we have wronged is moderated by the knowledge that we are forgiven ourselves. The humiliation of falling short is compensated by the perfection that God calls us to. And if we see others with God's eyes, then we will think they are worth any amount of discomfort on my part.

Sorry should be the hardest word, if we understand it right. But it is part of the restored human nature God has in mind for us.

God bless you,

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John

NOTICEBOARD

mothers union

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service will be held on **Friday March 5** in Barley Methodist Chapel. All are most welcome.

At our last meeting Rev J Sutcliffe gave us a very interesting account of his last visit to Egypt and the surrounding area, with some lovely pictures. Thankyou John.

Next meeting **Wednesday March 24**
Service in St Thomas at 10.30 am.

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

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wed 17th March
1900-era glass slide show of
Towns in Britain
7.30pm at Barley Village Hall

"Chocolate Making" John Whitaker of Skipton. Members' competition: Best Chocolate Confection
Wednesday 3rd March
Barley Village Hall 7.30pm  **INSPIRING WOMEN**
Visitors warmly welcome.

Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Wednesday
March 17 at Roughlee
Village Centre.

National Road Race Championships June 27, 2010



The Public Meeting held at Barley threw up several challenges and residents were able to vent their concerns - some quite vocally. The organisers left the meeting with several new issues to contend with and are now working towards resolving them.

One outcome is that anyone **who registers before the event** will be able to move a vehicle across the course with an escort. There is much left to finalise but the top priority is to help minimise any problems residents have. More details will be given in next month's issue.

Any concerns or issues to Cllr. James Starkie, Laund Head Barn, Noggarth Road, Roughlee, Burnley BB12 9PR. Tel. 699262
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BARLEY

The public meeting to discuss the hosting of the national cycling race event attracted a full house at the Village Hall. The organisers gave an overview of their plans and reported they had consulted with Lancashire and Pendle Councils and the Emergency Services and had received support for the event. They received a mixed reception with some parishioners vociferously against the event and others in favour, it was always going to be so.

What we know is that the main race will take place on Sunday 27th June and the circuit, which goes through Barley, Annal Cross, top of Blacko Bar Road, Roughlee and finishes in Barley, will be closed to traffic from 7am till about 6pm. Over the weekend the area will be very busy with fun cyclists, spectators, press and the professional cycling teams etc. Parishioners will have to tolerate access restrictions and we should all make our plans for the day in advance. The organisers invited local people to raise their personal issues directly with them and promised to accommodate where they can. My view is that they have a big challenge ahead if the attraction to the event meets its potential.

The Parish Council is currently considering improvement projects for the village. We are looking at the car park surface and gardens, landscaping around the electricity substation, replacing the key clamp facing at Whitehough, street lighting and any other nominated project.....if you have a suggestion tell us. Clearly funds are limited and so we cannot do all the works; we will be considering the

merits of each project. Right now we are committed to footway repairs at Whitehough and repairing the village green river bank wall once the weather improves.

The Council has about £9 to 10k of funds after current commitments are met and so the Council has agreed to set the tax precept on the parish at zero for 2010.

Local crime figures show that burglars and car thieves are operating locally with high value motors and plant being top of their list. One incidence of poaching is being reported per month. Local vigilance is very important to reducing crime and the police are promoting "Rural Watch" in outlying areas and they will be contacting remote properties. Police contact details are PC Dibb, Tel 07903 979015 or Nelson Police Station on 472441.

On local planning issues, the old water treatment works building failed to sell at auction, the reserve price of £475k was not met, and UU do not appear to have any enthusiasm for dedicating the filter beds to the Council for car parking. We watch and wait for improvements to start at Boothman Wood and we have been informed that the 24 wind turbines at Cliviger, clearly visible from parts of the parish, will be replaced by just 8 which will be twice as tall - at 110m, that's about 2/3 height of Blackpool Tower!

Derek Heap

Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS are as normal.

Goldshaw Booth

In John Wyndham's tale "The Midwich Cuckoos" a village is visited by aliens who isolate it for twenty-four hours and then disappear, leaving all the women pregnant. Let's hope that doesn't happen after the visitation from another world which Barley received on the night of the 8th February. Creatures speaking incomprehensible tongues came to tell us, a bit like the Angels visiting Mary, of an event "the like of which ye have not seen" which would come to our villages in the summer of 2010. "Yeah", they said, to the sound of trumpets, flinging their arms wide and with Powerpoint glancing from their naked skulls, "Behold, we show you a great mystery. Two-wheeled beasts in yellow jerseys will visit ye from afar, bringing great blessings and much profit. Hear ye what is written in the ancient writings of the tourism department and will now in the latter days of June come to pass: that there will be much compulsory rejoicing and crowd control. And many pilgrims will join ye in celebration, being carried by flocks of mini-buses into the hills of Pendle from the many corners of the land. And, behold, the Lords of the Council will bring great chaos to your houses so that the cattle will go un milked and the silage uncut and the villages will be drowned in a deluge of cars and television camera and stalls selling coke and burgers."

And the people were amazed. "Why hast thou done this thing to us" they said in awe, "We, miserable ratepayers? We are not worthy of such beneficence as you have foretold." And they bowed in supplication and prostrated themselves. "How can it be", they asked humbly. "That the Lords of the Council and the great archangels of Sky TV have come to bestow such favours on we poor sinners?"

I have no objection to the cycle race, or,

really, to the proposed road closure, but I do resent the way in which PBC officials tell us; where is the democracy in that, where the accountability? Its things like this which reinforce the feeling that those who rule us are no longer public servants but dictators and this showed itself at its widest in Barley in the incredulity indicated by the officials that their decisions should be questioned at all.

The Parish Council have accepted a contract for the first part of the work on the toilet garden and we hope that work will start soon after consultation with the landowners and neighbours and will be completed by Easter. The re-planting of the church gates garden and the re-fencing and hedge-laying beside the toilet footpath will start soon and we will need volunteers to help with the work. Our Countryside Office's team has finished the re-building of the wall in the centre of Sabden Fold which looks well and we hope to be able to erect a newly-refurbished signpost on the bend when we are able to agree its position with the landowners.

We will be setting up the new village signs soon with the help of a villager who has kindly provided poles and fittings and, once again, some help with their erection would be useful.

I cannot comment on planning issues directly but I, for one, do appreciate it when applicants come to our meetings when their application is being discussed. It makes it so much more friendly to be able to talk openly and to show and hear the concerns of both sides.

Finally, background design work has been going on regarding our parking problems. At our next meeting on March 9 there will be the first chance to see the new proposals. Residents are encouraged to come along to have their say.

Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

On Sunday June 27th the National Champions Elite Road Race will be staged around the villages of basically Barley & Roughlee. This will result in Blacko Bar Rd. being closed from Blacko all the way through to Happy Valley and then Barley Rd through to Barley. This will be in place from 7am to approx 6pm. The consequence of this is that all Roughlee residents who live north of Blacko Bar Rd or between Happy Valley and Whitehough will have NO vehicular access to their homes within these hours. Plus, no cars will be allowed to park on the road.

The Parish Council would like to know if this affects you adversely. Do you think/know you will need your car on this day? We need to try to arrange alternative parking that will allow residents if they desire to travel out of the village. Please can you let me or any Parish Councillor and we will make every effort to accommodate. This will of course be discussed at every Parish Council between now and the event so please come along if you require further detail. As most know we meet at 7.30pm the 1st Monday of every month except April when Mon 5th which is Easter Monday so the meeting will be Monday 12th

Brian Nelson



Above: Olympic Gold cyclist Chris Boardman MBE seen in Roughlee at the Launch of the Cycle Race.

Irish Night

Friday April 9 - 7 FOR 7.30pm

A Fantastic Night out!! Irish Dancers & Ceilidh Band



Hot Supper & Dessert

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Tickets £16 FROM PAM ON 614755 FROM MARCH 8