



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 APRIL

Thursday April 1	Passover Seder, St Thomas' Church	7pm
Friday April 2	Reading of the Passion around Newchurch	10am
Sunday April 4	Easter Day	9.30am Easter Communion
Sunday April 11	Easter 2	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday April 18	Easter 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday April 25	Easter 4	9.30am Holy Communion

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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: April 14 & May 12

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: April 13 & May 11

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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: April 12 & May 10

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Dear Friends

Do you remember those children's toys called Transformers?

Maybe they're still around. A great concept – it looks like a model car, but then twist a few bits and wow, it's a robot.

So good a concept, it was borrowed by a car commercial.

Same but different - all the same parts but a total transformation.

Not just in a toy but in the event that Christians know as the resurrection. Jesus the same person as he was at the moment he died on the cross, but now transformed into a totally new life at the resurrection.

It's hard to get your head around, even if you are a believer. It's just so out of the ordinary. Right from the start people tried to find alternative explanations. 'The disciples stole the body' - a good one for the conspiracy theorists. 'Jesus wasn't really a human being' - even some early Christians bought into that one, until someone asked the question, 'In that case what has Jesus got to do with us?' 'There was a switch at the last minute and the wrong person was crucified' - brilliantly captured in the 'Life of Brian' but the Romans were not stupid.

It was so out of the ordinary that even the disciples had difficulty believing that Jesus had risen from the dead. There's a summary of Jesus' resurrection appearances attached to some early manuscripts of Mark's Gospel in which Jesus 'scolded them' because they were too stubborn to believe those who had seen him alive!

And yet the evidence of the eye-witnesses and the transformation in the disciples points to the life-changing event of the resurrection.

But it's not just an event in the past. It's a promise for now. Death transformed into life. The death of selfishness and greed, of hopelessness, and vengeance and fear.

Easter is the celebration of the fact that in raising Jesus from death to life, God underwrites every occasion when we put our lives and ourselves on the line for other people. 'Light is stronger than darkness; love is stronger than hate; life is stronger than death.'

God bless you,

John

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noticeboard

BARLEY

TWO meetings this month!
 Wednesday 7th April
 "Services of the Library" Fiona McIntyre
 Members' competition:
 Most unusual bookmark
 Wednesday 28th April
 Film Night
 Barley Village Hall 7.30pm



INSPIRING WOMEN

ST. GEORGE'S DINNER
 Saturday April 24



7 for 7.30pm £16pp
 3 course meal
 incl. Roast Beef
 & Yorkshire Pudding
 Bring your own drinks
 Tickets from David 613280 or Chris 691850

Irish Night
 Friday April 9
 7 for 7.30pm
 Roughlee Village Centre

- Irish Dancers & Ceilidh Band
- Hot Supper & Dessert
- BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
- Tickets £16 from Pam on 614755

Safe Lanes in Pendleside
 7.30pm Wednesday April 28 at
 Roughlee Village Centre.

mothers union
 Members celebrated Lady Day at St Thomas.
 April 18 Commissioning Service in Blackburn
 Cathedral at 4pm.
 April 27 our next meeting is at Newchurch
 7 30 pm Meditation.

National Road Race Championships
 June 27, 2010
Public Meeting
 in May
 Details next month
 Any concerns or issues
 to Cllr. James Starkie,
 Tel. 699262
 james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk



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

Diary Date:
Roughlee Village
Fayre

Local History Group
 Wed 21st April 7.30pm
 Barley Village Hall "Discussion of
 Water Meetings Survey Day."

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

Spring has finally made an appearance in the village to remind us what a beautiful place we live in and more of us are venturing outdoors. The grass is starting to turn a healthier shade of green after losing its gloss under the snow and daffodils getting ready to flower. I took a hike over Spencer Moor last weekend (to blow away the football blues) and I had forgotten what great views it offers, particularly down Ogden Valley, we really could do with a path along the ridge.

During the last couple of weeks the Council has been involved in repairing the bridleway outside Riverside Cottages in Whitehough which will benefit both residents and visitors who pass that way. We have also entered the Best Kept village competition again and we hope we can add to the successes of the last two years.

The Council has also been active raising objections to proposals to put car parking bays at the top of Cross Lane, on the straight flat section just before we get to Newchurch, as part of wider proposals to ease parking problems in Newchurch.

We put numerous points forward including our view that it would probably not ease problems in Newchurch, the additional congestion likely to be caused where there is currently none and the blighting of one of the best vistas in the Pendle area. I am sure we would all wish to see a solution to the parking problems in Newchurch and I hope they can find a solution that satisfies all who live and pass through that picturesque village.

Derek Heap **Village Hall**

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

YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday
 contact Charlotte Hargreaves.
 Tel. 603682 or Bev. 604634

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

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2ND & 4TH
 Tuesday 1 to 5 pm. 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. Jean
 615089

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 14th at
 10am to 12 noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday
 10-12 noon. No meetings during school
 holidays. Tracy
 Tel. 07811 114865

LINE DANCING: Contact Ruth
 Tel. 867438

PILATES every Thursday morning. 10 –
 11am. Tracy 07773 785904.

BADMINTON: contact John for avail-
 ability Tel.611517.

Audrey Weatherill

Goldshaw Booth

I finished my last epistle by making comment on the buses of Pendleside: "What is this that roareth thus? Can it be a Motor Bus?" was written around 1920 and the plague is still with us. Am I alone in feeling that our buses are too noisy? And driven too aggressively? After all, this is the countryside, where peace and quiet should prevail, and our roads are tortuous and narrow, where courtesy should rule. There are no tight schedules to meet so why can't the buses be driven more sensitively? A short note to the bus operator from our PC's could help. Any support?

At the March meeting our Borough Councillor James Starkie presented plans for a scheme designed to make parking in Newchurch easier for all. Based on the logic that supermarket car parks (and others) have designated bays to show people where to park, Newchurch is the exact opposite. People can (and do) park anywhere and it frequently leads to unnecessary gaps where extra cars could be parked. I hope that there will be support for it.

Backed by LCC, it involves marking spaces for parking to DoT specifications in certain areas between the school and the top of the village. We hope that, by designating spaces, cars will be parked more carefully and consistently and that congestion will be reduced. The plans will mean that the roadway will be narrowed in places which will also serve to slow traffic through the village. It is not intended to allot specific spaces to specific residents, nor can visitor parking be controlled - and we definitely don't want yellow lines - but we do hope that there will be considerable improvement by the elimination of some of the inconsiderate and random parking presently experienced. Last weekend Borough & Parish Councillors walked through the village with chalk, tape measures and a can of spray paint, provisionally marking out the areas that could be made permanent. There follows a two week period where residents can test the areas for themselves. Initial feedback would suggest that it seems to be working quite well.

The original plan was to encourage

'overspill' parking at both ends of the village; by creating a new area "on the top", above Newchurch. Consultations with Barley PC resulted in an objection to this and it has now been withdrawn from the scheme (qv).

We will now attempt to make better use of the lay-by outside the school.

We hope that the scheme will "go live" on Saturday April 10 at 11am and residents are requested to co-operate with the suggestions. Parish Councillors & Cllr: Starkie will be in the village to show residents the spaces and to discuss localised issues. The matter will then go back to the Parish Council meeting the following Tuesday for any further resident's comments, and if necessary, a vote taken on its implementation.

The parking problems cannot be eradicated overnight; it is, ultimately, a daft place to put a village and a failure of foresight in the 12th century, but these new ideas should make it easier for us all. (Not that the bus drivers will approve, of course . .)

The reconstruction of the Newchurch toilet garden is now all but complete; the next phase will be repainting the building walls and bargeboards and re-siting the signage around a new bench. All this work should be finished before the judging for the Best Kept Village starts later in the spring; the PC are keen to see Newchurch recover from last year's defeat by Barley and to regain the coveted accolade and plaque. And don't forget that Spen Brook did well last year and, with a little more effort, could be amongst this year's finalists.

Quite how the Cycle race planned for the 27th June will impact on our villages is not yet clear; but residents should be considering how they will be affected: it might be sensible to avoid travelling in and out of the area that day and anyone who has carers or regular medical attention should talk to Pendle Council now. Others could consider how they might benefit from the event and the hoards of

free-spending visitors who will flock in, pouring cash into our grubby but willing hands. We might for, example, sell food and drink to the starving masses - fishes and loaves go down very well, I hear - or share our tables and our beds with those who are trapped in the traffic. (This would, of course, be discretionary and only available to certain hand-picked visitors and for a substantial fee.)

Goldshaw Events committee is holding a barbecue on 19th June on Newchurch playing fields and promise a hot and sunny day and lots of fun and games for both old and young - and everyone else, of course. If you would like to join our very active committee, please give me a call; our next meeting is on 6th May and we always open a bottle or two!

It was good to have so many residents at the last PC meeting and to hear their clear and well-expressed arguments. This is what our Parish Council should provide - a forum where all can be involved and where all points of view can be heard.. Your voice and your vote may not be able to influence the Westminster government too greatly but it can change the parish!

Bill Mayor

NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

Thanks to our dedicated team of parents, FON and the local community for supporting the school with such commitment during our recent fund raising events. Please remember that we appreciate everyone's help, which is very much needed, to enable our small school to provide enriched activities for our children and contribute to the wider community.

The Life Education Bus visited school in February. Small groups of children were taken onto the bus to learn about age related life skills. Life Education Centres is committed to providing high quality support for schools in fulfilling the aims of the Government's strategy for the physical and emotional health and well-being of children and young people, supporting the 'Every Child Matters: Change for Children' programme.

Last half term the Mayor, Cllr Marjorie Adams, visited school with the 'Mayoral Roadshow' presentation. She talked with the children about her role and answered questions about her robe and chains. The Mayor wrote in our visitor's book: "I really enjoyed the visit; the children were lovely and had good questions to ask and were really interested in everything".

As part of their study on Sacred Books, KS2 invited Eddie Bobrowski and James Addison to talk to the children about Gideon International. This gave the children insight into facts about the Bible and how widely spread their work is. We have written letters to say thank you to our visitors. These are a few extracts of what the children felt: "I was amazed by the wide range of bibles and how many different people you give them to. I had no idea there were so many Gideons on the planet." David Year 6. "I liked it when you told us about the badge, the end of the trumpet, the jar and the candle light. It was so interesting. I did not know anything at first but now I know absolutely loads." Harry Yr. 3.

Our KS2 children had a very enjoyable trip to Jodrell Bank in March. They went to learn about the way we look at the Universe and to understand more about the Planets and our role in the Solar System.

We have joined LCC's 'Tune into Battery Recycling' scheme. Collect all used batteries from family and friends and bring them into school. They will be collected for recycling at the end of each term. There will be the opportunity for the school to win a prize for being one of the top three performing schools. Start collecting now!

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg