



# 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 MAY

Sunday May 2	Easter 5	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday May 9	Easter 6	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday May 10	PCC Meeting	7.30pm
Sunday May 16	Easter 7	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday May 23	Pentecost	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday May 30	Trinity	9.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 8th May 2.30pm  
Thanksgiving for Lambing  
Service.  
Hartley's Farm, Roughlee

Sunday 23rd May 3pm  
Pentecost  
"Outdoor Songs of Praise"  
Roughlee Village Centre



Christian Aid Week 9th – 15th May 2010  
You will find a Christian Aid envelope included with  
your magazine this month. We will be collecting them  
during the week. If you can help with the collection please contact  
Joan Parsons on 699580. Thank you.

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# Parish NEWS

## MAY 2010

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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](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org)

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: 7.15pm May 12 (APM & AGM) & 7.30pm June 9.

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## Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: May 11 (AGM) & June 8

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## Roughlee Booth [www.roughlee.org.uk](http://www.roughlee.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: May 10 (AGM) & June 7

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## Dear Friends

The French philosopher, Jean-Jacques Rousseau wrote, 'The English people fancy they are free; it is only during the election of Members of Parliament that they are so. As soon as these are elected the people are slaves.' He went on to say that the way the English habitually voted showed they did not deserve their freedom. He was writing before the French revolution and before the right to vote was available to all adults in this country. But he did have a point. The general election is a moment in time when we can make real choices which have long-lasting consequences.

So do use your vote. It is easy to be cynical. But remember a low turn-out in the recent elections for the European Parliament meant the North West is represented by someone from the far right who doesn't reflect the values of the majority of its people.

And vote well and wisely – it may mean listening carefully to politicians so that we can make an informed choice rather than voting by habit. What impact will policies have, not just on me, but others, especially the vulnerable? What sort of Britain do we want Parliament to build in the next five years?

And even pray about it!

Loving God

Thank you for caring about how our country is run, and that we have the right to vote for our politicians and government.

But in the run-up to this general election there are so many policies to understand, and so many different points of view to consider -sometimes I wonder whether there's any point in voting, whether anyone cares what I think.

As I choose who I am going to vote for, help me not to be cynical about politics and politicians, help me to remember that my vote can make a difference, and help me vote for those people who will serve the whole community, including the poor and vulnerable, and do all they can to make our nation a place of fairness and peace.

Because you call us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

God bless you,

*John*

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# Goldshaw Booth

I have just been talking to the first swallow to make it back to this country after the raising of the 'no-fly' restrictions brought on by the destruction of Iceland. As he removed his goggles and wiped the ash from his beak he recounted the final, terrible, "end of days" which he and other birds watched as the island sank into the Atlantic in a plume of smoke and a flurry of bubbles, taking its debts with it. It was, he said, a dramatic moment which will change the face of the world for ever, depriving it of small frozen prawns on sticks and bijou spring rolls. He had talked, he said, to a white-tailed eagle who had soared – as eagles do – who ever heard of an eagle just flying? – soared over the great cloud of hot air and ash, and who had found himself over Westminster. As he circled, he had seen the Mother of Parliaments sink into the Thames, to be replaced, he recounted in amazement, by a small rainbow of red, green and blue which spun damply for a day or two before being replaced by a giant vacuum cleaner. The swallow shook dust from his wings: "Maybe it will be better," he said; "Always look on the bright side. I certainly don't miss the con-tales." And, raising his cap, he flew off in pursuit of a female who had just come in by easyJet from Malaga and was wearing a peculiarly attractive shade of orange suntan.

Changes all round, in Westminster and locally, may be for the better, maybe not, maybe we will miss Iceland - although many won't – maybe the new government will bring a bright, new tomorrow.

But it's better than stagnation.

From the irrelevance of the above remarks you will realise that I haven't much to say this month, and my editor has severely restricted my output to a paltry number of words after allowing me to fill some blank space in April, so I confine myself to two topics only: Car-parking in Newchurch: a success? Most people think so and most have been happy to comply with the constraints which we are

proposing in Cllr. James Starkie's scheme. If approved, the white markings will be done 'properly'. They may take some getting used to but how else can you do it? The traffic flow seems simultaneously to be smoother and slower and visitors have been very complimentary. The proposals will be discussed again, and decided upon, at our PC meeting in May; do please come along and tell us your thoughts.

It was good to see the residents of Spen Brook taking the problem of the driving over the verges at the end of Gorrell Close into their own hands by installing white painted stones on the grass and I hope that we will get similarly effective action from other parts of the Parish when we come to the Best Kept Village competition. There are many projects in hand at the moment: replanting the church gates garden, rebuilding the stone wall and planting a hedge above the toilets, repainting the benches in the church yard – all in addition to keeping the villages tidy and clean. We've got our hands full – please help!

Bill Mayor

## NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

As part of our creative curriculum the key stage 2 children visited Jodrell Bank on the 11th March. The children have been learning about the Earth and Beyond and this was an ideal opportunity for them to visit an establishment concerned with the sky above us.

We ended the Spring Term with our Easter service in church. The children performed the Easter story through songs, readings, poems & prayers. Following the service we said 'goodbye' to Mrs Greaves who has been making and serving dinners at St. Mary's for the past 10 years. She leaves us for pastures new and we wish her the best of luck for the future.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

# ROUGHLEE

All villagers are cordially invited to attend our Annual Parish Meeting, details below. All aspects of village life will be covered and an opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions concerning any issue of life within Roughlee. We will be able to update on the forthcoming Cycle race, and discuss fully how villagers can make the most of the day. We'll also discuss the Village Fayre, Duck Race, Best Kept Village competition, Luncheon Club and many other aspects. The Village Centre Committee has kindly agreed to provide light refreshments and a glass of wine after the meeting which will be no later than 9pm so we hope to see as many residents as possible.

Brian Nelson

Our Village Fayre will be on Sunday 13th

June, starting at 1pm. As well as children's events, there will be the usual stalls selling plants, books, cakes, jams and chutneys. The Burnley Alliance Silver Band will also be entertaining us again. This year's added attraction is Barn Owl Bill and his Owls, a registered charity focusing on rescuing and rehabilitating owls. The cake stand is organised by the senior ladies in our village and is always incredibly popular. I know the ladies would welcome any support from the bakers amongst you.



Michelle Mackay

## An Invitation to ALL Roughlee Residents to celebrate Village Life

# FRIDAY MAY 7

at the Village Centre

Find out our plans for 2010

Meet the 'Teams'

Question & Answer Session on any aspect of Village Life

including how Roughlee villagers can plan for, and participate in, the Cycle Race Sunday.

Future events ~ Past events ~ Planning rules ~ Dog fouling ~ How to join in ~ How to help ~ Who does what, etc etc

....and MUCH more!

7.30PM

**FREE**  
**Cheese**  
**& Wine**

**No admission**  
**Price**



**ROUGHLEE**  
Parish Council



Wednesday 5th May "Pat in Patagonia"  
 Pat Ascroft returns with her  
 entertaining tales. Plus,  
 Members Plant Stall  
 Barley Village Hall 7.30pm  
 Visitors warmly welcome.



## Local History Group

Wed 19th May 7.30pm  
 Barley Village Hall  
 Kevin Cale, the Community  
 Archaeologist, who has been  
 working with local schools,  
 will give a talk.

## GENERAL ELECTION

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Voting will take place in Barley  
 Village Hall, Newchurch School  
 & Roughlee Village Centre on  
 Thursday May 6 from 7am to 10pm.

## Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Wednesday

### P.A.C.T. - POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

meetings are held on the last Thursday of each  
 month at 7pm in the  
 Barrowford Parish Council offices at  
 55 Gisburn Road. Anyone from the Pendleside  
 Villages will be most welcome to attend if you

## mothers union

Our evening of inspiration was most enjoyable.  
 May 11 Mothers Union Festival at St Pauls Nelson  
 at 7.30pm..  
 May 25 Poetry of Flowers at 7.30pm.

## MESSY CHURCH

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL  
 Tuesday, 18th May @ 3.30-3.45 TIL 6  
 COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN,  
 GAMES, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

## 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

National Road Race Championships June 27, 2010

## Public Meeting Wednesday May 19 Roughlee Village Centre, 7pm

Most of the arrangements are now in place, including  
 parking areas as well as liaison with residents requiring  
 special access. Organisers will be on hand to present the  
 latest information and answer any further questions.

Cllr. James Starkie, Tel. 699262 james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk



The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM)  
 will be held on Wednesday 12th May at 7.15 pm  
 in the Village Hall. It is not a council meeting  
 but a meeting of the parishioners and local  
 organisations called by the Chairman of the  
 Parish Council. Its purpose is to celebrate local  
 achievements, review the year and debate any  
 current issues in the community.  
 Everyone is welcome including the Village  
 Hall Committee, Young Farmers, WI, Church  
 groups and local businesses etc. Come and find  
 out what is happening in the Parish and have  
 your say. We are hoping to attract a good crowd  
 and so we are providing food and drink to sustain  
 you for about an hour and then we promise to let  
 you go!

The APM gives you the opportunity to express  
 your views on how the village should develop  
 and to discuss future events that will affect us  
 all, such as the cycle road race and our celebrity  
 corporate hospitality plans for the day, plus the  
 special Halloween events planned this year,  
 including a new ducking stool at the pond  
 behind the Goodger homestead.

The Parish Council has just completed mainte-  
 nance works to the bridleway outside  
 Riverside Fold Cottages at Whitehough which I  
 trust will please those who live there and those  
 who regularly walk that way. The Council is  
 considering what projects to invest in this year  
 and this will feature at the APM.

I expect everyone enjoyed the warm and sunny  
 unseasonal weather we have had in April which  
 gets us thinking of holidays and the beach  
 and perhaps losing a few of those "winter"  
 pounds. You could try the usual gimmicks or  
 seriously diet and /or you could join some of the  
 locals in some social exercising – there  
 is the circuit training, pilates and badminton in  
 the Village Hall and the cycle club that tours the  
 local area most Thursday nights from May to  
 September. Come and join us!

On a sunny evening last week the developer  
 at Boothman Wood gave Councillors a guided  
 tour of the site. As readers of this column will  
 know the Parish Council has previously been  
 critical of this development and has raised  
 several issues with the planning authority,  
 Pendle BC. The first of the three fishing lodges  
 has been erected and looks well. Some land-  
 scaping, mainly willow, has been completed  
 and we left the site optimistic that the devel-  
 opment has turned the corner and is moving in  
 the right direction. There is still a long way to go  
 before we see a woodland fishing facility which  
 is sympathetic to the local area and we will  
 continue to watch with interest.

Congratulations to Michael and Natalie  
 Lowcock following their wedding last week and  
 we wish them all the best for the future.

Derek Heap

## Village Hall

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 12th May at  
 8pm – this is an open meeting where we wel-  
 come members of the  
 village to air their views & suggest new ideas  
 for the good of the Village Hall. Cheese &  
 wine for all from 7.30pm. We hope to have a  
 representative from all the groups who regular-  
 ly use the hall.

REGULAR EVENTS are as normal.  
 Audrey Weatherill