



# 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 3rd	Trinity 18	9.30am	Harvest Festival
Monday 4th	PCC meeting in School	7.30pm	
Sunday 10th	Trinity 19	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th	Trinity 20	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st	All Saints Sunday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
2.30pm All Souls Service. If anyone would like to submit names of deceased family and friends to be read out at this Service please contact the either of the Churchwardens or the Vicar.			

#### NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

A special welcome was given to our new children: Zoe, Harry, Matthew, Joseph, Leah, Jacob, Charlie, Morgan and their parents. It was lovely to see all the children back at school, resplendent in their school uniform with freshly cut hair and shining shoes! We said goodbye to our Year 6 children at the end of last term: Molly, Micah, Alan, David, Tom and Sarah who will now have started at their new High Schools. We wish them Good Luck and the very best for the future.

Admissions 2011/12: The timetable for the admission to Lancashire Primary schools 2011/12 has begun. Where possible the booklets will be given to those parents who have shown an interest in their child attending St. Mary's School. The booklets for any one who is interested, but does not already have their name down at St. Mary's, will be available from the School Office after the October half term holiday. On-line applications are open from September 2010. The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2011. Our KS2 children have enjoyed a week of 'Bikeability' run by Go Velo. They carried out cycle training on the roads in Spen Brook and despite the adverse weather conditions enjoyed the experience.

*Mrs S Hasler-Cregg*

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next 'News' by Friday October 22.

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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](http://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 13 & November 10

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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: October 12 & November 9

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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: October 4 & November 1

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## Dear Friends

September gave us some good 'religious' news stories. There was Stephen Hawking's book which the BBC with its customary ability to really understand a metaphysical issue summarised as science removing God's last refuge. And of course the other one was the pope's visit - again the BBC picked up the attack on militant atheism perhaps hoping for a fight.

I suspect most people are a bit tired of the popular polarising of religion vs. science. Even the comedian, Jeremy Hardy, who hasn't much time for religion said some rude things about Professor Dawkins.

Which leaves the real issues facing us - how to rescue the world's economy; the threats to the world's security by religious and political ideologies; the fact that the majority of the world's population face poverty, illness, a lack of clean water, and a lack of opportunity to pull themselves out of the mire.

Jesus once said that his followers would be judged by the fruit they produced. What he meant was that real religion is not theoretical but practical. If you are part of a story which centres on unstinting generosity and selflessness, the willingness to challenge a lack of compassion wherever it is found, and the triumph of life over death, then hope means action.

St Mary's Church and School will be joining to celebrate Harvest Festival on October 3rd. It is one of the ways we try to do our bit tackling some of the world's problems. We will be collecting dried and tinned foodstuffs, and toiletries for local charities. We will also have a special collection for the Leprosy Mission which works in Africa and South Asia not just combating illness but providing economic opportunities for sufferers. Most importantly we will be praising God for the good things he gives us, and celebrating our common humanity with people in need. It is a time of blessing as St Paul said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

You will be more than welcome to join us at the 9.30am service.

God bless you,

*John*

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# Family Art Event



Join the Forest of Bowland AONB as we continue to explore history and heritage. Archaeological jewellery finds can tell us a lot about ancient peoples and how they lived. Come and work with jewellery maker, Samantha Taylor, to create a beautiful, Anglo-Saxon inspired necklace or ear-rings using copper wire, beads, glass and shells.

## Saturday 9th October at Roughlee Village Centre

### 10am - 12 noon or 1 - 3pm

Booking necessary. Children 8 years and over welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.



## Charity Auction - Friday October 29

The local TV celebrity presenter of Antiques Roadshow, Eric Knowles will act as Auctioneer at this year's event. It is being held at the Pendle Inn commencing at 7pm. Organised by the Barley-run charity, supporting Kids in the Kailahun district of Sierra Leone, there will be a wide range of lots varying from a lorry load of logs, to half a lamb to a holiday for 2 in Nepal & Bangkok! Andrew Stephenson MP hopes to be present to oversee his donation of a tour of Parliament. Tickets £5 strictly limited to 80 from Barley Tea Room.

## mothers union

Tuesday October 26 at St Thomas  
The speaker will be Mrs Margaret Taylor  
Christmas in Rwanda.

Wednesday 6th October  
Hot supper followed by  
Annual General Meeting.  
Competition:  
Best good clean joke!



## Barley Chapel

will be celebrating 100 years of worship in November 2010. More details next month. We are a family friendly church that meets every Sunday at 10.30am for Worship, and 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

## Safe Lanes in Pendleside

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the Safe Lanes mirrors that were sited at the top of Harpers Lane on Noggarth Road, - last seen in the road on Wednesday September 1 - please contact Sheila Clegg on 01282 695795 or Janet Myers on 07990 508003.

The Group would like to put the mirrors back in

## 'LANKY NEET'

Friends of St.Mary's present a Lancashire Night on Saturday 16th October at Barley Village Hall. Traditional Lancashire Fare and Entertainment. Everyone welcome. For fur-

# BARLEY

Once again I have great pleasure in announcing that Barley has won first prize in the hamlet class of the Best Kept Village in Lancashire. competition. Thanks must go to those people who made such a valiant effort to tidy up the village and keep it tidy for the summer. The bus turning circle and the phone box are a credit to those residents who give up their time to keep them looking immaculate. Hanging baskets brightened up the village and Linda's (whatever she did to it) was incredibly impressive and colourful!

The whole village has looked outstanding in spite of the consistently high number of visitors. One of the projects planned by the Parish Council is now well under way and should be completed in the next few days. This is the repair to the embankment on the picnic area. The excessive rainfall over the last few days will certainly test the robustness of the repair!

A planning application has been received which has sparked some controversy within the community. The plans involve the build of a new residential property within the village (settlement area). The plans are currently with Pendle Council who are planning a site visit in the near future.

The local police have informed us that there will be a minimum police presence in the village at Halloween due to the present economic climate. All roads will be allowed through access as normal with no one way system as in previous years. Hopefully there should be fewer visitors this year as Halloween falls on a Sunday.

Lastly just to say to our neighbours in the villages of Newchurch and Spennock that we love your new signs and we can tell that Duncan has been very busy in your area!

John Connor

## Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: 1 - 3pm. 3rd Monday, check with Valarie 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 6th at 10am to 12 noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10-12 noon. COME & JOIN THIS GROUP there seems to be a shortage of young children in the district. Our numbers have reduced with the new school this term.

Contact Tracy tel. 07811 114865

LINE DANCING: contact Ruth 867438

PILATES every Thursday morning.

Tracy 07773785904. 10 - 11am.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel. 611517

Audrey Weatherill

# Goldshaw Booth

So, the equinox has passed and we slide slowly into winter; I think that the summer wasn't too bad but I seem to be in a minority: I mean, who expects summers in Pendleside to be wall-to-wall sunshine? And who expected such a hard winter as last year? You take what comes and enjoy it – the glass should always be half full, shouldn't it?

Be positive! We can win the BKV next year! Many congratulations to Barley on their success, again; they deserve it and we can only hope that they run out of wall space for their plaques and give us a chance! But both NiP and Spen Brook tried hard and the PC thanks all who turned out and helped. At least we tried and that's the main thing because every time we do a job we meet more people and form stronger friendships, and build a stronger sense of community. And I think that's the way forward; as Big Government runs short of cash, the more we will have to do for ourselves if we want our communities to survive. It may be through projects like the successful Lengthsmen scheme where the PC employs local people to do local jobs thus ensuring accountability and care. If LCC send chaps to cut grass, they come and go as quickly as possible, sometimes without adequate care; if Fred, next door, was responsible for trimming hedges, cleaning roads, and didn't do a good job, you could shout at him and, besides that, Fred would have to look at his work every day. Possibly this is what Big Society is all about, and it's not a bad idea. Power to the people!

We have had some success in our projects this year and we hope that everyone approves of the new village signs – the tops of the poles will be trimmed soon – and the PC wishes to thank Neil McCormack and Cllr Barry Starkie for their help in installing them. Other projects creep along, far too slowly for my liking; sometimes it's bureaucracy sometimes it's slow con-

tractors, but everything takes much longer than it ought. But the new notice boards for NiP and Sabden Fold should be ready soon as will the plaque commemorating the late Cllr Jack Cooke's service to the PC.

We have some ideas for next year and would welcome others.

The new parking spaces will soon be marked in NiP; the scheme has by and large worked well, but there are always going to be problems with visitors to the village but we shouldn't resent their coming – not everyone has the privilege of living here!

And, on the subject of visitors, I was amazed by the amount of airtime devoted to the Pope's visit, to what he described as an aggressively atheist society in this "third world country". It can't be as bad as that if so many people turned out to see and hear him, although, personally, I did find his criticism hard to bear. I think, as the PM suggested, that we haven't done too badly for a sceptical nation, and I don't take easily to being lectured on the way we behave. I think that people should be able to make up their own minds and that the recent militancy on both sides of the religious divide is to be regretted. Richard Dawkins sneers too much; Stephen Hawking's well-publicised conclusion that there was no room for God in his calculations was unnecessary, but the Pope should not try to convert us like a bunch of ignorant savages. I would like people to think for themselves: to be able to laugh at Dawkins and be free of the dogma and icons of religion.

Big Society should be big enough to encompass all ideas – that seems democratic to me.

Bill Mayor

# ROUGHLEE

It's that time of the year again when we finalise the plans for our Annual Village Ball. We always try to have a theme, but up until now we have only decided on the colour for the marquee decoration - black, silver and purple. Looking out of the window this morning, my garden looked very much like Venice after all the rain we've had. Then the idea came to me... a Masked Ball. Venice has been famous for its masked balls since the 16th century, so why not Roughlee. So come on with your Blue Peter skills and get your masks made. It's optional on the night, but why not join in the fun. To make your reservation ring Pam on 614755.

Joyce

O'Sullivan

The festive season will soon be upon us and plans are now well under way for yet another highly enjoyable Senior Citizens Christmas party. It will take place on Tuesday December 14th at 12.30pm for 1.00pm and invitations will be despatched nearer the time.

To help us maintain our invitation list and would like to be included, (or otherwise!) please contact Parish Council Chairman, Brian Nelson on 697220.

The Parish Council has recently learned that Alistair McGeorge will be standing down from his role as the FORa (Friends Of Roughlee's Appearance) representative to the Parish Council, and we thank him on behalf of the village for the diligent way he has undertaken his role over the past several years. Our success in the Best Kept Village campaigns has been in no small measure thanks to Alistair. His departure from this role will need to be filled and if you are in any way interested to take over from him, please get in touch with either Alistair or myself for further details of what is involved.

Richard Stansfield

## Local History Group

Pendle Forest History Group was formed in January 2007 by members representing all three of the local villages to explore and investigate the history of the wonderful area in which we live. The witches' story is an important part of our heritage but there is so much more, ranging through the agricultural, social, cultural, industrial, religious as well as pre-historic aspects.

How many Mills have there been in Roughlee? We now know the sites of three. What are the geological influences which have formed the area? What and where is the evidence of farming in medieval times? What is the earliest likely occupation in the area?

Some of the answers to these questions and many more have been discovered from field walks in the company of a professional archaeologist as well as investigations of old maps, photographs and other documents and deeds, many of which have now been collected and are available for viewing and study on the Group's website which was launched recently. Here you will also find more details about who we are, what we do and when we meet.

Please visit our website at [www.pendlefor-esthistorygroup.co.uk](http://www.pendlefor-esthistorygroup.co.uk) and browse the topics of interest to you by selecting the Gazetteer. You may have items of your own that you are prepared to share or there is information which you wish to add to that already published here. Sometimes you may want to 'debate' the veracity of our findings, but hopefully not too often. Either way we will be pleased to hear from you. You will be welcome as a visitor, but we are always open to new members.

The site is also available through links on the Roughlee and Newchurch Parish websites and will soon be available on Barley's website as well.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm 20th October  
Barley Village Hall.  
Review of Water Meetings Field Trip and  
Rigg of England investigation.

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